

First Presbyterian Evanston

June 27, 2021 – 10 a.m. *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

FOCUS

Prelude

Holy Holy Holy

(Words and Music: John Bacchus Dykes and Reginard Heber 1826. Public Domain. CCLI Song #1156)

Welcome & Announcements

EXALT

Opening Song I Sing the Mighty Power of God

(Words: Isaac Watts, 1715, alt; Music: "Gesangbuch der Herzogl," 1784, alt. 1868, CCLI Song #29097

I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command,
And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word
And then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed,
Where'er I turn my eyes;
If I survey the ground I tread,
Or gaze upon the skies!

There's not a plant or flower below
But makes Thy glories known;

And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
By order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee
Is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be,
Thou, God, art present there.

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Lord God, you have made us for relationships, both with your son, Jesus Christ, and with others. We thank you for the gift of family members, of friends and of neighbors near and far. Yet there are times when we fail in these relationships. We sometimes forget to check in and care for one another. We occasionally neglect to speak kindly about others and to others, even those we love. And sometimes, we directly hurt those that are closest to us and ignore those who are hurting as if they did not exist. Help us to remember that our opportunities to love and serve one another are a privilege rather than a duty. If we harbor unforgiveness, help us to move forward in a spirit of forgiveness. Forgive us as we learn more about how to be a loyal friend or relative who sticks closer than a brother. Cause us to be the extension of the same kind of mercy and grace that you continually extend to us. We pray this humbly in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Time of silent confession.)

Leader: Hear these words of Peter from Acts: “Everyone who believes in Jesus Christ, receives forgiveness of sins through his name”.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

ENCOUNTER

Children's Moment & Passing the Peace of Christ

Scripture

Luke 13:1-5

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? 3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

John 9:1-12

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” 3 Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. 4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” 6 When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, 7 saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. 8 The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” 9 Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” 10 But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” 11 He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to

me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” 12 They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

Sermon The Sovereignty of God in the Calamity of Man

Rev. Michael Allen

RESPOND

Sharing of Tithes and Offerings

Songs of Response I Shall Not Want

(Words & Music: Audrey Assad & Bryan Brown; CCLI Song # 7004369)

From the love of my own comfort
From the fear of having nothing
From a life of worldly passions
Deliver me O God

From the need to be understood
And from the need to be accepted
From the fear of being lonely
Deliver me O God
Deliver me O God

And I shall not want
No I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness
I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness
I shall not want

From the fear of serving others
From the fear of death or trial
From the fear of humility

Deliver me O God

Deliver me O God

And I shall not want

No I shall not want

When I taste Your goodness

I shall not want

No I shall not want

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Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn In Christ Alone

(Words & Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend, 2001; CCLI Song #3350395)

In Christ alone my hope is found;

He is my light, my strength, my song;

This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ
I'll stand!

No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand;

Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ
I'll stand!

Benediction

Postlude I Need Thee Every Hour

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