



First Presbyterian
Church of DuPage

**SUNDAY WORSHIP -- FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 21, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said: I am the resurrection and the life.
People: **Those who believe in Christ will never die.**
Leader: For the Lord makes a new covenant with us.
People: **We are God's people; the Lord is our God**
Leader: Keep pressing on toward the goal:
All: **the heavenly call of God in Jesus Christ.**

OPENING HYMN - "*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*" (#90 in The Celebration Hymnal, vs. 1 & 2)

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays.
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN - "*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*" (#90 in The Celebration Hymnal, vs. 3 & 4)

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother - All who live in love are Thine.
Teach us how to love each other; Lift us to the joy divine!

Mortals join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us, Leading us with mercy's hand.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends: Hear the Good News of the gospel
People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

PASSING THE PEACE without making physical contact

You: May the peace of Christ be with you
Your Partner: And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leader: Let us pray
People: Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN – “*Be Thou My Vision*” (#562 in The Celebration Hymnal, vs. 1 & 2)

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art –
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON – “What Really Counts: Measuring Success of the Church of God in a Market-Driven Age” – Pastor David Boumgarden

SPECIAL MUSIC – “I Will Praise Him Still” by Fernando Ortega – Jane Boumgarden

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Lord in Your mercy
People: **Hear our prayer**

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 SONG – *“Now Thank We All Our God”* (#788 in The Celebration Hymnal)

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG – *“God be with You”* (#232)

POSTLUDE

WELCOME

Thank you for worshiping with us. We are delighted you are here. If you would like more information regarding our church, please contact the church office at 630.759.8843 or firstpresdupage@gmail.com. Find us on Facebook and our website is www.firstpresdupage.org.

IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

We will have in-person worship. In keeping with current COVID guidelines we will be limited to 40-45 people not counting all staff who lead worship. Masks, temperature checks, social distancing, and all COVID protocols will be followed. Your health and your presence are important to us.

We will also continue to have virtual worship via our Facebook page at 10:00 a.m. Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchOfDuPage/>

To print this week's worship service bulletin, this link will take you to a page on the church's website: <https://www.firstpresdupage.org/sermons-2/>

JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sunday, March 28 – Palm Sunday – 10:00 a.m.

Friday, April 2 – Good Friday – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 4 – Easter Sunday – 10:00 a.m.

THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE BEGINS ITS WORK

We are beginning the process of seeking an installed pastor. The nominating and electing of a Pastor Nominating Committee is complete. The committee includes Sampson Akotuah, Bob Buegel, Michelle Crebo, Danika Manchester, Patt Pilgrim and Monica Reilly.

The committee is currently seeking feedback from you about the leadership competencies the church seeks in a pastor. A survey form has been distributed over the last few weeks, and today is the final collection date. Please place your completed form in the basket on the table in the entryway. Danika Manchester will say more about this launching process in this morning's worship service. Please keep our Pastor Nominating Committee in your prayers.

VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP HOUR

We will have Virtual Fellowship Hour following this Sunday's worship service. Join us on Zoom at the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81261950522?pwd=Wkw5UFJDbnhtM2JxVi9rd2tXTTFPZz09>

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PRAYER REQUESTS & CARD MINISTRY

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office. If you know someone troubled with an illness, a loss, or who could just use an uplifting word please email the church at firstpresdupage@gmail.com and provide the person's name, address, and concern so we can reach out and encourage them in their time of need.

PASTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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