



First Presbyterian
Church of DuPage

**SUNDAY WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 2, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: How can we know the way of God?
People: Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.
Monica: Beloved, let us love one another.
People: We love because God first loved us.
Pastor: This is our new commandment in Christ:
TOGETHER: As Jesus loves us, let us love one another.

OPENING HYMN --“Now Thank We All Our God” (#788 in The Celebration Hymnal, vs. 1 & 2)

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will.
Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes
of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

Amen.

HYMN - - “Now Thank We All Our God” (#788 in The Celebration Hymnal, vs. 3)

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.
Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us
from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

Leader: And the people said
People: Amen.

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

**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;
thought Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Isaiah 60:1-5

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 – Acts 11:1-18

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

SERMON – “An Unexpected Change of Menu” – Pastor David Boumgarden

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERING

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER – The Breaking of the Bread and the Pouring of the Juice

You are invited to come forward and to take a small container with the juice and bread inside, returning to your seats, there awaiting the Pastor’s direction as to when to open the container and participate.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

People: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Let us pray.

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 – “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” (#355 in The Celebration Hymnal)

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea;
There’s a kindness in His justice which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in His blood.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of man’s mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple, we should take Him at His word;
And our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

WELCOME

Thank you for worshiping with us. We are delighted you are here on this Easter Sunday! 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

We will have in-person worship. In keeping with current COVID guidelines we ask for masks, temperature checks, social distancing, and all COVID protocols to be followed. Your health and your presence are both 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/>

VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP HOUR

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

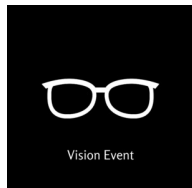
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VISION EVENT



On Saturday, May 22nd, 10:00 a.m. – Noon, we will have a concluding, all-church conversation about the church's strategic direction, and we will have a small celebration together as well. *(Please note that the time was originally announced as 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., but it has been changed to 10:00 a.m. – Noon. Please be sure to make this correction on your calendar!)*

CALENDAR ITEMS

Pastor Nominating Committee – May 6, 7:00 p.m. at the church

Session – May 10, 7:00 p.m. at the church

Appreciation Sunday – May 16 (We will give special thanks to those who have served as First Responders)

Vision Event – Saturday, May 22, 10:00 a.m. - Noon

PRAYER REQUESTS and 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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