



First Presbyterian
Church of DuPage

SUNDAY WORSHIP
MAY 16, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Who are you?

People: I am a child of God.

Bob: Who are we?

People: We are children of God, the family of faith.

Bob: What does it mean to be children of God?

**People: We belong to God who loves us and calls us God's own.
In life and death we belong to God.**

Pastor: Let us worship God together.

OPENING HYMN – “How Great Thou Art” (#147 in The Celebration Hymnal, vs. 1 & 2)

O, Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.

(Chorus)

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When thro- the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

(Repeat Chorus)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: And the people said
People: Amen.

HYMN – “How Great Thou Art” (#147 in The Celebration Hymnal, vs. 3)

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In unison)

Merciful God,
We give you thanks, for you have created us to live together in love and
freedom with you, with one another, and with the world.
You have made us in your image
and endowed us with gifts of reason, imagination, and will.
We have been created in order that your goodness might be reflected in
our lives, but we have fallen short of your glory.

Our relations with others are distorted and confused.
Though we live with neighbors, we have ceased to live for them.
Though we live with you, we have ceased to live for you.
Although we recognize our distinctive human gifts,
we have not used those gifts well.
Our hearts have been set on self – not others,
And certainly not on you, O God.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Leader: And the people said
People: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends: Believe the Good News.
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 together.

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 – Psalm 119:1-8

¹ Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,
who walk according to the law of the LORD.

² Blessed are those who keep his statutes
and seek him with all their heart—

³ they do no wrong
but follow his ways.

⁴ You have laid down precepts
that are to be fully obeyed.

⁵ Oh, that my ways were steadfast
in obeying your decrees!

⁶ Then I would not be put to shame
when I consider all your commands.

⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart
as I learn your righteous laws.

⁸ I will obey your decrees;
do not utterly forsake me.

Bob: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG (AND YOUNG AT HEART) DISCIPLES

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶ Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." ¹⁸ She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.

¹⁹ When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. ²⁰ They brought them before the magistrates and said, "These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar ²¹ by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice."

²² The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. ²³ After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. ²⁴ When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. ²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

³¹ They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. ³⁴ The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

Bob: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON – "An Ironic Escape" – Pastor David Boumgarden

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERING

REMEMBERING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/PRAYERS OF THANKS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

(When prompted, congregation will call out the names of first responders.)

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.

DISASTER RESPONDERS – A TRIBUTE

CLOSING SONG – “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” (#151 in The Celebration Hymnal, vs. 1 & 2)

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe –
His craft and pow'r are great, And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He –
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

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

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:

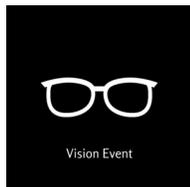
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VISION EVENT



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.

If you have not already done so, please RSVP to firstpresdupage@gmail.com so we can prepare accordingly.

CALENDAR ITEMS

Today is Appreciation Sunday – We will give special thanks to those who have served as First Responders.

Adult Bible Study with Pastor David – Every Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. via Zoom

Pastor Nominating Committee – Thursday, May 20, 6:30 p.m. at the church

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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