



First Presbyterian  
Church of DuPage

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
**MAY 9, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.**

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

**People: And also with you.**

Monica: Let us give thanks this day for God's wonderful goodness.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Pastor: Because God first loved us,

**People: let us love one another.**

Monica: Gathered in this community of faith, God invites us to grow in grace and knowledge;

**TOGETHER: we would offer praise and thanksgiving and good works for the glory of God.**

OPENING HYMN --"Great is Thy Faithfulness" (#139 in The Celebration Hymnal, vs. 1 & 2)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not; Thy compassions, they fail not.  
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

(Chorus)

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

(Repeat Chorus)

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God,  
Your love for us and for all people is powerful beyond measure.  
Your love is so vast that nothing will prevail against it.  
We know this love is trustworthy because of Jesus Christ:  
his life of compassion, death on the cross, and resurrection from the dead.  
In life and death we belong to you, Holy Triune God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## HYMN – “Great is Thy Faithfulness” (#139 in The Celebration Hymnal, vs. 3)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow –  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,  
We are like willful children who have turned from you.  
We have closed our hearts to you and disobeyed your law.  
We do not love you with our whole hearts.  
We do not love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves.  
Forgive us.  
Help us to turn back to you and receive forgiveness.

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

**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 1

- <sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one  
who does not walk in step with the wicked  
or stand in the way that sinners take  
or sit in the company of mockers,  
<sup>2</sup> but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and who meditates on his law day and night.  
<sup>3</sup> That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither—  
whatever they do prospers.  
<sup>4</sup> Not so the wicked!  
They are like chaff  
that the wind blows away.  
<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.  
<sup>6</sup> For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE FOR YOUNG (AND YOUNG AT HEART) DISCIPLES

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE – Acts 16:9-15

<sup>9</sup> During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup> After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

<sup>11</sup> From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. <sup>12</sup> From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

<sup>13</sup> On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. <sup>14</sup> One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message. <sup>15</sup> When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. “If you consider me a believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON – “An Amazing Detour” – Pastor David Boumgarden

SPECIAL MUSIC

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 – “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” (#169 in The Celebration Hymnal)

Rejoice, ye pure in heart; Rejoice, give thanks, and sing.  
Your festal banner wave on high – The cross of Christ, your King.  
Rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth,  
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth!  
Rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Yes, on thro' life's long path, still chanting as ye go;  
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.  
Rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Still lift your standard high; still march in firm array;  
As warriors, thro' the darkness toil till dawns the golden day.  
Rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore;  
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost – One God forevermore.  
Rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

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 Eastertide Sunday! If you would like more information regarding our church, please contact the church office at 630.759.8843 or [firstpresdupage@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresdupage@gmail.com). Find us on Facebook and our website is [www.firstpresdupage.org](http://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:

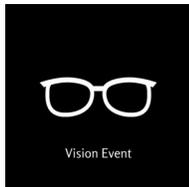
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## VISION EVENT



On Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

## CALENDAR ITEMS

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

Pastor Nominating Committee – May 20, 6:30 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](mailto: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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