



WORSHIP

Sanctuary

MARCH 19, 2023

The really important 'great' things are never center stage of life's dramas; they're always 'in the wings.'
That's why it's so essential for us to be mindful of the humble and the deep rather than the flashy and the superficial.
~ Fred Rogers

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Praise the Lord
Bel Canto Ringers - Judy Brame, director

arr. Nicholas A. Hanson

WELCOME

Ms. Kim Mendoza, M. Div.

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: See God with gladness and rejoicing. Wake up to God's presence and help.
People: From our weariness, we rise to new life. God awakens our ears and opens our eyes.
Leader: Listen for the Word that sustains and delivers us. Recognize the presence who raises and inspires us.
People: From our rebellion, God calls us to come home. God meets us in our hostility, poverty, and need.
Leader: Lay aside all that weighs you down and troubles you. Turn away from contention to a community of friends.
People: God ministers to us in our confusion. The fainthearted find courage and renewed faith.

❖ HYMN #30

O God, In a Mysterious Way

DUNDEE

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Renewing the Call of God's Grace

Rev. Brian Paulson

❖ The Apostle's Creed

Leader: Do you believe in God the Father?
People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
People: I believe in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Ghost?
People: I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Presentation

Elder Kirk Ergang

Commitment and Covenant

Baptism

Welcome and Blessing

Charge to the Congregation and Parents

Song of Blessing #486

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

KINGDOM

*Child of blessing, child of promise,
Baptized with the Spirit's sign.
With this water God has sealed you
Unto love and grace divine.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Deacon Liz Tanner

FIRST READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE *John 13:1-11*

ANTHEM

O Hear the Celebration
Jr./Sr. High Choir - Kitty Snyder, director; Suzanne Jozwiak, piano

Johann Michael Haydn

SECOND READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE *John 13:12-20*

❖ GATHERING SONG – HYMN #401 *Here in This Place*

ENGLAND

*Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;
See in the space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.*

(Children are invited forward to the font before they depart for Kids' Church.)

WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SENDING SONG - HYMN #401 *Here in This Place*

ENGLAND

*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

SERMON *Living Out Love*

Dr. Paulson

THE RESPONSE

❖ SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus said:

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.
This is the greatest and first commandment.**

And a second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

TABLE TALK

MOMENT FOR MISSION - Mosaic House Book Drive

Rob Heinrich

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: We give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

OFFERING

Offertory Anthem: *Ezekiel Saw the Wheel*
Jr./Sr. High Choir - Kitty Snyder, director; Suzanne Jozwiak, piano

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

❖ PRAISE GOD - HYMN #608 (*The Doxology*)

PRAISE GOD

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, DEDICATION, AND 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.**

THE SENDING

❖ CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Morris

Celebration on "Praise to the Lord"

arr. Hart

Bel Canto Ringers - Judy Brame, director

❖ *Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Community Notes

Learn more in our online *Parish Life* newsletter at www.firstpreslibertyville.org

The children presented for baptism today are **Joshua Michael Wagner**, son of Elizabeth and Michael Wagner of Mundelein; and **William (Liam) Michael Rumble**, son of Hannah and Douglas Rumble of Mundelein, IL.

The bell players listed here have faithfully given their time, talent, and energy to playing handbells this year. We thank them for their faithfulness in making music that relies totally on partnership; if someone is missing from their assigned bells, there's a gap in the melody. Everybody is needed to play. These choirs bonded & worked together all year and they have produced beautiful music. Thank you to all of you!

Vesper Bells: Amy Dickinson, Anna Groebe, Becky Nelson, Bonnie Rhodes, Joanne Riss, Sue Ellen Skeens, Kitty Snyder, Carol Turnbull, Elizabeth Wagner

Bel Canto: Amy Dickinson, Kendra Gohr, Kristie Holland, Scott T. Holland, Janet Jesse, Suzanne Jozwiak, Becky Nelson, Joan Parker, Betsey Rehm, Bonnie Rhodes, Kitty Snyder, Carol Turnbull

Sunday, March 19 - Baptism Sunday

9 AM Confirmation (Youth Education Room)

9 AM Follow Me (Social Hall)

10 AM Worship (Sanctuary & Chapel)

10:20 AM Kids' Church (Rooms 204/205)

11 AM Social Hour (Social Hall)

11:15 AM Alpha Chimers (Belfry)

11:15 AM Junior & Senior High Choir

5:30 PM Youth Bells (Belfry)

4 PM JHF & 7 PM SHF (Youth Lounge)

Monday, March 20

2 PM Lent Bible Study (Conference Room)

6 PM Lent Bible Study (Zoom)

Tuesday, March 21

12 PM Lunch Bunch

Sunday, March 26

9 AM Follow Me (Social Hall)

10 AM Worship (Sanctuary & Chapel)

11 AM Social Hour (Social Hall)

5:30 PM Evening Sabbath

UPCOMING EVENTS

Lunch Bunch (March 21)

Evening Sabbath (March 26)

Palm Sunday Worship (April 2)

Maundy Thursday Dinner & Worship (April 6)

Good Friday Tenebrae Service (April 7)

Easter Sunday Services (April 9)

JHF & SHF Coffee House (April 23)

Earth Care Sunday (May 7)

THIS WEEK

Lunch Bunch

Join us on Tuesday, March 21 from 12- 1 p.m. in Social Hall for a Lunch Bunch conversation with Sarah Miller about the global refugee crisis. Learn more and RSVP at www.firstpreslibertyville.org or by calling the church office at 847-362-2174.

Lent Bible Study

Come join our Lent Bible Study! We're be working with the daily devotional "Bless the Lent We Actually Have" by Kate Bowler. Email Rev. Nicole at nchapman-farley@boxp.net or call the church office at 847-362-2174 to let her know you're coming and whether you will be attending the in-person class from 2-3 p.m. in the Conference Room or the online class from 6-7 p.m. on Zoom. You'll find more information and the link to the free daily devotional at www.firstpreslibertyville.org.

UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Plant Dedications

Dedicate an Easter Plant in memory or in honor of a loved one. Your dedication will be included in our worship bulletin on Easter Sunday. The form is available on our website at www.firstpreslibertyville.org or you may call the church office at 847-362-2174.

Greater Love: Lent Devotions

Are you receiving our daily Lent Devotions? The devotions, which include a scripture reading, personal reflection, and a prayer, are written by church members, pastors, and staff. Visit our website to subscribe. Also, if you've subscribed and aren't receiving the emails, please check your junk mail folder. Unfortunately, if you "unsubscribed" from one of our newsletters, Constant Contact will unsubscribe you from ALL of our newsletters. Call the office at 847-362-2174 during the week and we can help sort things out for you!

Book Drive for the Mosaic Hub

Our neighbors in North Chicago at Mosaic House Ministries recently opened a community center called the Hub, and the CARE committee is committed to stocking their library with new middle school and high school books that feature persons of color as well as other Christian resources. You, the congregation, are invited to contribute to this project! Visit www.firstpreslibertyville.org to learn more.

Stewardship Message

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