



WORSHIP

Sanctuary

September 24, 2023

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Voluntary on Slane (Be Though My Vision)
Kendra Gohr, euphonium; Gloria Song, piano

arr. JDH

WELCOME

Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP - *Psalm 105:1-6*

Rev. Amy Heinrich

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord! The Lord hears the cries of the people.

People: **Give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: The works of the Lord are great. Remember what God has done.

People: **Give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: God has done miracles, and the Lord always remembers God's covenant.

All: **Give thanks to the Lord. Glory and praise is due to the Lord!**

❖ HYMN #65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION - *Matthew 20:15b, Psalm 105:42*

Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you, O God.

(Silence for personal confession.)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

❖ GLORIA PATRI (*Glory to God*)

Hymnal #581

❖ PASSING THE PEACE

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Kathy Holland

FIRST READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE *Exodus 16:2-15*

ANTHEM

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Motet Choir - David Edelfelt, director

arr. Thomas L. Durham

SECOND READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE *John 6:25-35*

❖ BLESSING THE CHILDREN

(As the congregation stands to sing, children are greeted and depart for Sunday School)

❖ SONG OF BLESSING - HYMN #611 *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* (v. 1) HYMN TO JOY

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers 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.*

SERMON

Fed by God

Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

THE RESPONSE

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - selected verses from *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*, Omer Westendorf

**You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat;
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.
You give yourself to us, O Lord;
then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in your name in truth and charity.**

TABLE TALK

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY - Stewardship Campaign

Elder Essie Pochron

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

Morning Has Broken
Motet Choir

Gaelic melody, arr. Robert J. Powell

❖ 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

inspired by Osheta Moore's *Reconciliation Soup*

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.

❖ HYMN #734

Hope of the World

DONNE SECOURS

THE SENDING

❖ CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Allegro in E Major
Kendra Gohr, euphonium; Gloria Song, piano

G. F. Handel

❖ *Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Community Notes

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

The flowers in the sanctuary today are placed to the glory of God by Lesley and Phil Judson in celebration of their 67th wedding anniversary!

Sunday, September 24

- 10:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary with Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley
- 10:00 AM Worship in the Chapel with Rev. Dr. Brian R. Paulson
- 10:20 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Social Hour (Social Hall & Courtyard)
- 11:10 AM Junior/Senior High Choir (Choir Room)
- 11:15 AM Confirmation (Youth Education Room)
- 11:15 AM Alpha Omega Chimers (Room 04)
- 5:30 PM Youth Bells (Room 04)
- 6:30 PM Combined JHF/SHF (Youth Lounge)

Thursday, September 28

- 9:00 AM Bel Canto Ringers (Room 04)
- 4:15 PM Cherub Choir (Chapel)
- 4:15 PM Faith Choir (Sanctuary)
- 4:30 PM Joyful Noise Choir (Choir Room)
- 6:00 PM Chapel Music Team (Chapel)
- 6:30 PM Motet Choir (Sanctuary)
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)

Saturday, September 30

- 10:30 AM Fall Clean-up on Maple Ave.

Sunday, October 1 - World Communion & Tackle Hunger Tailgate

- 10:00 AM Combined Communion Worship in the Sanctuary with Rev. Dr. Brian R. Paulson
- 10:20 AM No Sunday School
- 11:15 AM Tackle Hunger Tailgate (Brainerd Field)
- 11:10 AM Junior/Senior High Choir (Choir Room)
- 11:15 AM Alpha Omega Chimers (Room 04)
- 4:00 PM JHF (Youth Lounge)
- 5:30 PM Youth Bells (Room 04)
- 7:00 PM SHF (Youth Lounge)

Upcoming Events

- Tackle Hunger Tailgate (Oct. 1)
- Adult Ed Series: "Doing the Right Thing" (Oct. 6, 13 & 20)
- Inquirers Class for Prospective New Members (Oct. 8 & 15)
- World Mission Conversations with Luciano Kovacs (Oct. 14 & 15)
- Lunch & Learn at Adler Park Lodge (Oct. 17)
- Women's Fall Retreat with Rev. Melanie Hammond Clark (Oct. 21)
- Love Every Neighbor: "Exploring Filipino-American Perspectives" (Oct. 22)
- Coffee & Conversation with Pastors George & Regina Moore (Oct. 29)
- Men's Overnight Retreat with Rev. Dr. Craig Howard (Nov. 10-11)

Congratulations to Kim Mendoza!

Pastoral Resident Kim Mendoza passed her examination by the Presbytery of Chicago on Tuesday and was unanimously approved for ordination to the role of minister of Word and Sacrament. She will be ordained in the coming months (probably in her home Presbytery in Nevada) and then we'll be able to officially call her Rev. Kim! Congratulations, Kim! We're so proud of you!

Welcome Megan Huber to our Church Staff!

Please join us in welcoming church member Megan Huber to our church staff as Administrative Assistant for Faith Formation! Megan will be working closely with Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley and Kim Mendoza to support their work with children and youth. We're so happy to have her on staff in this important role!

Saturday: Volunteers needed for fall clean-up

Join us next Saturday, Sept. 30 at 10:30 a.m. to help with our fall garden clean-up efforts around our Maple Ave. labyrinth! Bring your own garden gloves and tools and help us keep our church grounds beautiful! Questions? Call the church office or email Gini Baker at GBReadLA@hotmail.com

Sunday: Tackle Hunger Tailgate on Oct. 1

Grab your favorite team jersey and join us on Brainerd Field right after worship next Sunday for the Tackle Hunger Tailgate! We'll have games for all ages, hot dogs and other treats and we'll be raising money to help end hunger in Lake County. Donations of canned goods and other non-perishable food items are encouraged!

Doing the Right Thing: What Guides a Christian in Tough Moral Decisions, led by Retired Philosophy Professor Brian Smith - Friday, October 6, 13 & 20 from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Conference Room

Christians face many moral decisions daily, from small ones like "Should I tell this little white lie?" to larger and more consequential ones. Christians ponder, along with others, questions of right and wrong, good and bad, just and unjust. But what goes into the Christian decision-making process? The Bible of course, but what other tools and resources does the modern Christian have in making those decisions? Each session will be stand-alone and open to all. Make a night of it - come to learn with friends and then go out for more conversation after! Sign up at www.firstpreslibertyville.org.

Inquirers Class for Prospective New Members on Oct. 8 & 15

If you've been worshipping with us and are thinking of becoming a member of First Pres Libertyville, we invite you to attend our Inquirers Class to discover more about our church and how we are joined together by God's love. Join us on Sunday, Oct. 8 and Sunday, Oct. 15 from 11:15 a.m. -1:30 p.m. upstairs in the Conference Room. If you choose to formally join the church, you'll meet with our Session on Monday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. and then be recognized in front of the congregation on Sunday, Oct. 22. Please email us at office@boxp.net or call 847-362-2174 for more information!

World Mission Conversation with Luciano Kovacs on Oct. 15

Join us after worship on Sunday, Oct. 15 for a special presentation on World Mission with Luciano Kovacs, Area Director for the Middle East and Europe on behalf of PC(USA) World Mission.

Fall Foliage Walk along the Des Plaines River Trail on Oct. 17

Embrace the beauty of autumn with Rev. Amy Heinrich. Meet us at Adler Park on Tuesday, Oct. 17 from 12-1:30 p.m. and enjoy a delightful picnic inside the Adler Park Lodge, followed by a scenic contemplative walk along the Des Plaines River Trail. Pre-order your box lunch for \$12 and make it a perfect day outdoors. RSVP at www.firstpreslibertyville.org.

Women's Retreat with Rev. Melanie Hammond Clark on Oct. 21

Join us for our Women's Fall Retreat at Ragdale Retreat Center in Lake Forest, where we'll delve into the theme: **"NEXT? When Everything Is Unraveling, What Comes Next? Opening Our Hearts & Listening to God."** In a world marked by change, unpredictability and anxiety, this retreat invites you into practices to help you lean into deeper trust in God. Rev. Melanie Hammond Clark, a spiritual director with a passion for deepening discipleship and igniting spiritual transformation, will guide us on our journey. For more information and to secure your spot, visit our website for a link to the registration page. Questions? Please call the church office at 847-363-2174.