



# WORSHIP

*Chapel*

September 8, 2024 – Rally Day

**GATHERING SONG**

*The Spirit of the Lord Is Here*

Kurt Carr

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

**WELCOME**

Rev. Amy Heinrich

**SONG OF PRAISE**

*O How Good It Is*

Kristyn & Keith Getty

**SONG OF PREPARATION**

*Litany of the Word*

Bernadette Farrell

**CONFESSION OF SIN**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**SONG OF RESPONSE**

*Freedom Is Coming*

South African Traditional

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Alex Barnes, M.Div.

*(Children leave with their Sunday School teachers.)*

**SESSION REPORT**

Elder Liz White

## ENCOUNTER WITH THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Vicky Nicholson

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

*Galatians 5:16-21* (The Message)

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING** *Galatians 5:22-26* (The Message with Gal. 5:22-23 CEB)

**MEDITATION**

*Flourishing in the Fruit of the Spirit*

Rev. Amy Heinrich

**SONG OF AFFIRMATION**

*O God in Whom All Life Begins*

Carl P. Daw; tune: RESIGNATION

**OFFERING OUR LIVES AND RESOURCES**

**OFFERTORY SONG**

*Sing Through My Voice*

Abigail Spinner McBride

**DEDICATION PRAYER**

**TABLE TALK**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER**

## THE SENDING

**SONG OF SENDING**

*Sweet Holy Spirit*

Doris Akers

**THE CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

# Community Notes

Learn more in our online *Parish Life* newsletter at [www.firstpreslibertyville.org](http://www.firstpreslibertyville.org)

The flowers in the sanctuary today are placed to the glory of God by the Kowal family with love and in memory of their mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Harriet Donndelinger, on her birthday; and by Deb Tischendorf in celebration of Grandparents Day—"Grandparents, we salute you! You put the 'grand' in grandparenting!"; and in the chapel by LeAnn Malecha in honor of the Chapel Music Team!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Coffee & Conversation with Rev. Maricela Gonzalez (Sept. 15)  
Chicago Presbytery Meeting (Sept. 17)  
Summer Book Discussions (Sept. 15 & 18)  
Christian Nationalism Webinar (Sept. 19)  
Tackle Hunger (Sept. 29)  
Habitat for Humanity (Oct. 4 & 5)  
Women's Fall Retreat (Oct. 19)

**Welcome to Rally Day!** Today marks the start of our fall program year! Children and youth will be dismissed to Sunday School at 10:15 AM this morning. After worship join us in Social Hall and Youth Lounge for fun activities and informational booths. The Deacons will be serving Walking Tacos and other tasty treats!

**PADS Food Collection on Wednesdays:** Drop off on Wednesdays between 4-6 PM in the Sanctuary Narthex. See our website and our Parish Life newsletter for the specific items needed.

**Coffee & Conversation:** Come meet Rev. Maricela Gonzalez from our partner church in San Nicolas de Bari, Cuba. She'll be in worship with us next Sunday, Sept. 15. Following worship, she'll be in the chapel to share more in depth about her congregation and the situation in Cuba.

**Book Discussion on *The Sum of Us*:** Please join First Pres for our all-church summer book read of Heather McGhee's *The Sum of Us*, sponsored by the Committee on Anti-Racism and Equity (CARE). Brian Smith will be leading an in-person book discussion next Sunday, Sept. 15 from 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM in the Dougherty Room. There will also be a discussion on Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 7:00-8:30 PM via Zoom. Please RSVP using the link in Parish Life.

**Presbytery of Chicago Assembly:** We're excited to be hosting the Presbytery of Chicago Assembly on Tuesday, Sept. 17. We expect to have about 100 members of the Chicago Presbytery here that day and another 80 or more members will be attending via Zoom. If you'd like to attend the meeting, please pre-register using the link in Parish Life.

**Confronting White Christian Nationalism Webinar:** Join Rev. Amy Heinrich in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, Sept. 19 at 4:45 PM for a webinar hosted by Christian Century and FaithandReason.org featuring three renowned thought leaders on the current state of Christianity in the United States. Bring your dinner, we will supply the beverages. We'll view the webinar together on the big screen and then have conversation facilitated by Rev. Amy. Please RSVP by Wednesday, Sept. 18 using the link in Parish Life or by calling the church at 847-362-2174.