



# WORSHIP

Sanctuary

October 13, 2024

*"Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect."*

~ attributed to Chief Si'ahl, Duwamish (namesake of the City of Seattle)

## THE GATHERING

WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC

Many and Great, O God, Thy Works  
Alpha Chimers—Gloria Song, director

Rev. Brian Paulson  
Dakota Melody

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP Dan Brame

*Resource written by Rev. Anita Phillips, former Executive Secretary of Native American and Indigenous Ministries for the United Methodist Church's General Board of Global Ministries*

Leader: O God, open us to the powerful winds of your Spirit.

**People: Open our eyes to the wonders of your creation.**

Leader: Open our nostrils to the smells of life.

**People: Open our ears to the words of justice and truth.**

Leader: Open our mouths to the taste of freedom and love.

**People: Open our arms to the touch of our siblings.**

Leader: Let us praise the God who formed the mountains and created the wind and gave birth to us in the divine image.

**People: Let us sing to the One who made the stars and turns deep darkness into morning and day into night.**

Leader: Let us turn to God, hating what is evil and loving what is just.

**All: So, may justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amen!**

❖ HYMN #21 *Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works* LACQUIPARLE  
Kelly Meyer, recorder; Carol Turnbull & Scott Holland, hand bells; Martin Frey, shaker

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

PRAYER OF CONFESSION—*(Prayer by Bemwetek (James Thunder))*

Today, we see what the People who have knowledge of coming events, our Elders, were trying to tell us in the past. We were told to respect all living things – those that soar above us in the sky, those that walk or crawl upon the earth, those that belong underwater, all of the roots, trees, shrubs, grasses, and flowers. We were cautioned to take only what we need, for the Creator has set these upon Mother Earth for all our use.

Today, we are abusing our Mother Earth. Our air, water and soil is polluted. We are told not to eat fish out of certain streams and lakes. I pray to our Creator that we look back so that we may see ahead.

Let us examine our lives so that we are respectful to our fellow humans and to nature. Let us respect our children and, above all, let us live our lives in accordance with our beliefs. Let us share our natural resources for the good of our People. Let us work for clean air and water and pray for the courage to stand up to those who would abuse our Mother Earth.

Ttha ge na gom ge (So be it).

*(Silence for personal confession.)*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

❖ HYMN #584

*Glory, Glory, Glory*

CURQUITA

❖ **PASSING THE PEACE**

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Alex Barnes, M.Div.

**FIRST READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE**

*Luke 10:25-37*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**ANTHEM**

*The Fruit of the Spirit*  
Faith Choir—Gloria Song, director; Kitty Snyder, piano

Steve Green

**SECOND READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE**

*Jeremiah 24:1-7*

**SERMON**

*Good and Bad Fruit*

Dr. Paulson

**THE RESPONSE**

**MUSIC FOR REFLECTION**

❖ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—Land Acknowledgement Statement**

Kim Henderson, Leslie Koehler & Carmen Lago

**With this acknowledgment, we seek God's wisdom and guidance as we lament the sins of colonization and the generational harm done to Native Peoples, both in the past and in the present. We work to counteract Indigenous erasure, respect Native sovereignty, and be good stewards of the land. We strive through word and deed to build Beloved Community for all God's children.**

**We speak these words in short form regularly in worship and other activities at First Presbyterian Church of Libertyville as an expression of God's abundant love for all people. By adopting, repeating, and reconsidering these words, we also hope to foster justice and grow Beloved Community now and in the future.**

❖ **HYMN**

*This Path We Walk*

O WALY WALY (GIFT OF LOVE)

(see back page for background info about this hymn)

- 1. This path we walk, through joy and tears,  
a living Way of faith and fears,  
through each step's risk, each sorrow's pain,  
when walked in love, we'll rise again.*
- 2. When life is shared, together, free  
we'll grow to be all we can be:  
a circle wide will call us home,  
when wrapped in love, we're not alone.*
- 3. These gifts we bring, this light we hold,  
our songs of grace, our stories told,  
remain un-done, told just in part,  
till shared in love, and known by heart.*
- 4. When life is shared, together bound,  
God's richest gifts, together found;  
together walk the Spirit's Way  
when love's the guide, we shall not stray.*
- 5. This life we share, a blessing deep;  
a promised gift, now ours to keep.  
God grant our words were spoken true,  
now clothed in life, each day anew.*

**TABLE TALK**

**MOMENT FOR MINISTRY—Stewardship**

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**

*The Fruit of the Spirit*  
Chancel Choir—David H. Edelfelt, director; Gloria Song, piano

Dan Forrest

❖ **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**

❖ **HYMN**

*Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil (see insert - sing twice)*

GOOD SOIL

❖ **THE CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

*Heleluyan (“Hallelujah”)*

Traditional Muskogee (Creek)

Kirk Ergang, Martin Frey, Charles Murphy, John Sahagian, Joel Shepherd, Director, Gloria Song

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❖ *Please stand in body or in spirit, as you are comfortable.*

## **Community Notes**

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

The flowers today are placed to the glory of God by Anna Groebe and Jake Bates in celebration of their 5<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; and by Gloria Song in honor of our faithful and loving First Pres congregation.

**Today: Oct. 13**

- 10:00 AM Combined Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 AM Social Hour (Social Hall)
- 11:15 AM Alpha Chimers (Bell Room)
- 11:15 AM Trinity Choir Junior & Senior High (Choir Room)
- 11:15 AM Session Gathering (Conference Room)
- 11:15 AM Replay of Christian Nationalism Webinar (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:45 AM Confirmation (Youth Lounge)
- 4:00 PM Junior High Fellowship (Youth Lounge)
- 5:30 PM Youth Bells (Bell Room)
- 7:00 PM Senior High Fellowship (Youth Lounge)

**Next Sunday: Oct. 20**

- 10:00 AM Worship (Sanctuary & Chapel)
- 10:15 AM Sunday School**
- 11:00 AM Social Hour (Social Hall)
- 11:00 AM Confirmation Partner Event – “CnC Café” (Dougherty Room)
- 11:15 AM Alpha Chimers
- 11:15 AM Trinity Choir Junior & Senior High (Choir Room)
- 11:15 AM Coffee & Conversation: Wisdom at the Crossroads (Chapel)
- 11:45 AM Confirmation
- 4:00 PM Junior High Fellowship (Youth Lounge)
- 5:30 PM Youth Bells (Bell Room)
- 6:30 PM Youth Leadership Team Meeting
- 7:00 PM Senior High Fellowship (Youth Lounge)

**Deacon Board Winter Clothing Drive:** Gently used or new winter clothing can be dropped off in the narthex of the sanctuary and chapel through Tuesday. The clothing items will be distributed at our next Mobile Food Pantry.

**Meal-A-Month Bags Available Today!** Please grab a grocery bag from a Deacon or in the narthex after worship today. Fill the bag with the items listed or other non-perishable food items you wish to donate. Please return your filled bag by the end of worship on **Sunday, Oct. 20**. Your donations benefit the Libertyville Township and St. Joseph Food Pantries. Thank you!

**White Christian Nationalism Webinar (Today):** By request, a replay of the webinar "Faith & Democracy: Confronting White Christian Nationalism" will be offered today after worship from 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM in Fellowship Hall. Following the webinar, there will be an optional 30 minute discussion.

**Women's Fall Retreat (Saturday, Oct. 19):** A few spots are still available for next Saturday's retreat! Sign up online.

**Coffee & Conversation (Sunday, Oct. 20):** Join us in the chapel after worship on Sunday, Oct. 20 for "Wisdom at the Crossroads" with Pastor Brian and special online guests. We'll explore ancient wisdom and discuss how it relates to today's understanding of wisdom, as well as positive examples of how Christians are engaging with the world through faithful insights.

**Feed My Starving Children (Saturday, Oct. 26):** We hope to see you at our all church food packing event on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 5:00-6:30 PM at the Libertyville FMSC packing site. Friends are welcome! Sign up at [www.fmssc.org](http://www.fmssc.org). Our group code is 2848NW.

**Let's Celebrate Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley (Sunday, Oct. 27)!** You're invited to a Worship Party on Sunday, Oct. 27 to celebrate Rev. Nicole's installation as Associate Pastor. There will be Service of Installation at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary, followed by a party in Fellowship Hall!

**Join our Sunday Morning AV Team!** We provide all training; no experience necessary. Let us know you're interested by emailing [office@boxp.net](mailto:office@boxp.net).

**Flower Dedications:** If you'd like to honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion by dedicating flowers for Sunday morning! Sign up on our website or call the church at 847-362-2174.

**PADS Food Collection on Wednesdays:** Drop off between 4:00-6:00 PM in the sanctuary narthex. See our website for the specific items needed.

***THE HYMN** after our Land Acknowledgement Statement was written in Canada for the 30th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada's Apology to First Nations Peoples. The composer was a commissioner at the 1986 council when the Apology was brought by their denomination's Moderator to the First Nations Elders. The whole council was gathered in a circle dance around a bonfire as the Moderator and Elders met in a tipi nearby. It was his hope that the hymn would remind them of the need to continue faithfully on the journey towards reconciliation. So also here in Libertyville may we voice our own renewing commitment to repair.*