



WORSHIP

Combined Service

June 14, 2026

Hope is what gets you to speak when others tell you to be quiet. Hope is the way the world changes.
~ Bryan Stevenson (Christian advocate for transformative justice.)

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Hymn Tribute
Gloria Song, organ

arr. John A. Behnke

WELCOME

Rev. Brian Paulson

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP - based upon *Genesis 21*

Alex Barnes, M.Div.

One: The Lord is doing great things among us, upending what we think is possible!
All: **Our mouths are filled with laughter, and our tongues with shouts of joy.**
One: When days feel long and hope seems foolish, God remains faithful.
All: **The Lord keeps his word and does just as he promises.**
One: Like Sarah of long ago, today we declare, "God brings us laughter, and everyone who hears can laugh with us."
All: **Come, let us step out of cynicism and join the joyful music of our God!**

❖ HYMN #301

Let Us Build a House (vv. 1, 3, 5)

TWO OAKS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley

Merciful God,
in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor
and nation against nation.
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason,
and have turned them into bonds of oppression.
Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us.
Set us free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

(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*)

Hymn #581

❖ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

THE WORD

An NRSV pew Bible is available for your convenience. You may access other versions using your mobile device at biblegateway.com.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7 (NRSVue)

Vicky Nicholson

ANTHEM

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
June Choir - David H. Edelfelt, director; Gloria Song, organ; Kirk Townander, soloist

David Hain

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 5:1-8 (NRSVue)

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WORD FOR THE CHILDREN

SERMON

All Things with God

Dr. Paulson

THE RESPONSE

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

❖ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** - *1 Corinthians 15:1-8; Mark 16:1-9; Matthew 16:16; Revelation 22:13; John 20:28*

**This is the good news
which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast
that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

TABLE TALK

SESSION REPORT

Session Elder Carol Braunschweig

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace
June Choir; Gloria Song, piano

arr. Ed Lojeski

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Sanctus (*sung in unison*)

Hymnal #552 (v. 1)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

The Great Mystery of Faith (*sung in unison*)

Hymnal #553

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD

(Please note that communion is gluten free bread and grape juice so that there may be no barriers to the table.)

*Hold the bread so we may share it together as a sign of our unity in Christ.
Drink the cup as it arrives as a sign of your individual communion with your Savior.*

Communion Hymn #507

Come to the Table of Grace

TABLE OF GRACE

*As the bread is shared, sing and meditate on the communion hymn.
As the cup is shared, use this moment of sharing for your personal meditation.*

THE SENDING

❖ PRAYER OF RESPONSE

Leader: You have given yourself to us, Lord;

People: Now we give ourselves for others,

Leader: Your love has made us a new people;

People: As a people of love we will serve you with joy.

Leader: Your glory has filled our hearts;

All: Help us to glorify you in all things.

**Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

❖ HYMN #372

O for a World (vv. 1 - 3)

AZMON

❖ CHARGE AND BLESSING

❖ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #177 *I Will Come to You*

arr. Morris

Do not be a-fraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine."

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

IN MINISTRY TOGETHER

Ministers	The Congregation
Officers	The Session and the Board of Deacons
Pastor	The Rev. Dr. Brian R. Paulson
Associate Pastor	The Rev. Nicole Chapman-Farley
Pastoral Resident	Alex Barnes, M.Div.
Music, Department Head	Gloria Song, M.Mus.

A complete list of our staff team is found at FirstPresLibertyville.org

Community Notes

Church Calendar & Parish Life Newsletter: www.firstpreslibertyville.org

Flower dedications: The flowers today are placed to the glory of God by Brad & Gini Baker in celebration of the 15th birthday of their granddaughters, Hailey and Leah Baker, on June 15; and by Dana and Chris Sullivan in joyful celebration of the wedding of their daughter Samantha to Franco Gianni on June 13; and by Dave and Ruth Arendsen in honor and celebration of their 60th anniversary on June 18.

Sunday, June 14

10:00 AM — Combined Communion Worship (Sanctuary)

11:00 AM — Social Hour hosted by CARE (Social Hall)

Wednesday, June 17

4:00 PM — PADS Food Donation Drop-Off

Saturday, June 20

7:30 AM — Mobile Food Pantry Volunteering (Sanctuary Entrance)

Sunday, June 21 - Ordination & Installation of Officers

10:00 AM — Combined Worship (Sanctuary)

11:00 AM — Ice Cream Social (Social Hall)

Looking Ahead

June 22 — Montreat Fundraiser at Panera

June 28 — Pride Sunday Worship Service

July 19 — Bluegrass Sunday & Courtyard Cookout

Montreat Fundraiser at Panera on June 22

Support our youth by dining at Panera Bread (832 S. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville) on June 22! Panera will donate 20 percent of your purchase back to our youth program. Use the code FUND4U or mention the fundraiser when you order. Tell your friends and family!

Pride Sunday Worship on June 28

Join us for worship on June 28 as we observe Pride Sunday, a time to celebrate God's inclusive love and the full welcome of all people in our community of faith. Alex Barnes will be preaching. We look forward to worshipping together!

Summer Book Read

Readers aged 14 and up are invited to join the First Pres Summer Book Read, brought to you by the Committee on Anti-Racism & Equity. Join us and read the bestselling novel "James" by Percival Everett, and graphic novel "Big Jim and the White Boy" by David F. Walker and Marcus Kwame Anderson. Both books retell the story of the American classic Huckleberry Finn from a new vantage point. Discussions will take place in person on Sunday, August 30 from 11:30 - 12:45 p.m. and over Zoom on Tuesday, Sept. 1 from 7 - 8:15 p.m. We hope you'll join us!