First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
Organized in 1855

HERITAGE

“Every religious tradition is rooted in mysteries I don't pretend to understand, including claims about what happens after we die. But this I know for sure: as long as we're alive, choosing resurrection is always worth the risk.”

—Parker Palmer

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 30, 2017
11:00 AM

Choose love. Be the light. Change the world.

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The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

PRELUDE  “Adagio in E Major”  Frank Bridge

WELCOME  Alex Lang

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 116)
  One: God hears our voice and our requests.
  All:  We love the Lord.
  One: God is gracious and merciful.
  All:  We will call on the Lord as long as we live.
  One: We offer thanksgiving and sacrifice to God.
  All:  Praise the Lord!

❖ HYMN 245  “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”  Llanfair

CALL TO CONFESSION  Judy Hockenberry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
  Gracious and Loving God, you sent your son into the world that all might know you and love you. Too often we think we are the only ones that you love. We believe we are the only ones you have chosen. We act like our country is the only one to be blessed. Forgive us for our narrow vision and narrow thinking. Forgive us for our prejudice against those who don’t think and act and pray like we do. Encourage us to be open to those who are different in looks and in actions. Remind us over again that we are all your beloved children and help us to live as those who are well-loved.

SILENT CONFESSION
  ...in Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

❖ GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)
  Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
  As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
  Amen, Amen.

❖ PASSING THE PEACE
  One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
  All:  And also with you.
  One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

COMMUNITY LIFE
HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible, p. 860) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“Stay with Us”  Walter L. Pelz
“Stay with us, till night has come: our praise to you this day be sung. Bless our bread, open our eyes: Jesus, be our great surprise. Walk with us, our spirits sigh: hear when our weary spirits cry: feel again our loss, our pain: Jesus, take us to your side. Walk with us, the road will bend: make all our weeping, wailing end. Wipe our tears forgive our fears: Jesus, lift the heavy cross. Talk with us till we behold a joyful life unfold: Heal our eyes to see the prize: Jesus take us to the light. Stay with us, till day is done: no tears nor dark shall dim the sun: cheer the heart your grace impart. Jesus, bring eternal life.”
Chancel Choir; Carol Stolley, violin

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

(Pew Bible, p. 861) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Trending”  Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Brief Statement of Faith,10.4)
We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor. The same Spirit calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

HYMN 231

“Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers”  Suo Gan

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Judy Hockenberry

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.

OFFERING
OFFERTORY

“Prayers”  Dan Forrest

“O Lord, save Thy people: and bless Thine heritage. Govern them and lift them up forever. Day by day we magnify Thee; and we worship Thy name, world without end. Vouchsafe, Lord to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us: O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us, O Lord, in Thee have I trusted: let me never be confounded. O Lord, save Thy people: and bless Thine heritage. Govern them and lift them up forever. Day by day we magnify Thee; and we worship Thy name world without end. Amen.”

Chance Choir

†DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

†HYMN 246  “Christ Is Alive!”  Truro

†BENEDICTION  Alex Lang

POSTLUDE  “Toccata on ‘Christ Is Alive!’ ”  Gilbert Martin

†Please stand as you are able.

Preaching:  Alex Lang
Greeter:  Bill Hamilton
Ushers:  Tom Carroll (head usher), Susan Carroll, Ingrid Kaufman, Jim Kaufman, Bonnie Schaap, Dave Schaap
Flowers:  Presbyterian Women—In honor of those who serve
Pastors:  Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson
Director of Music and Worship:  Adam Hendrickson
Associate Director of Music and Organist:  Christopher Urban
Happy Birthday to First Pres Saints
90 Years of Age!

Dave Almblad
Deaneann Bonthron
Virginia Burklund
Jean Castles
Millie Engelbretsen
Richard Even
Phyllis Harris
Morris Miller
William Nolen
Shirley Roberts
Larry Roovaart
Donald Schmidgall
Gordon Sinclair
Thank you for worshiping with us this morning.

Please sign the Friendship Pad, pass it along the pew, and introduce yourself to those around you after the service. Then stop by the Welcome Center in the Narthex (lobby) to pick up information that will acquaint you with our church services and programs. If you have questions, members of the Welcomers Corps will be there to answer them. You are also invited to join the conversation on Facebook, at facebook.com/FPCAH, and Twitter, at @FirstPresAH. We look forward to connecting with you again.

CHILD CARE
Children of all ages are warmly welcomed and encouraged to participate in worship. Child care is available (infants through age four) in the Christian Education Wing (8:15 am – 12:15 pm). We encourage 3- and 4-year-olds to participate in Preschool Sunday School, offered from 9:45 to 10:45 am.

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES
From September through May, Sunday morning Christian education classes are held for all ages. These include classes for preschool, elementary, middle school, and high school students, as well as education and discussion groups for adults. Children’s and youth education, as well as adult classes, take place from 9:45 to 10:45 am. To learn more, visit fpcah.org or call the church office at 847-255-5900.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE
Large print bulletins, large print hymn packets, and hearing amplifiers are available from the ushers.

WORSHIP BAGS
Worship bags for young worshipers (ages 3-12 years) are available outside the Sanctuary and in the Chapel. The bags contain items designed to guide active participation in the service and learning about worship. Please return the bags to the basket as you leave.

IMPORTANT WORSHIP REMINDERS
Please silence cell phones and refrain from taking photos or recording the worship service. Services are webcast live at fpcah.org/webcast. Also visit the Webcast Archives page at fpcah.org. To download or listen to a podcast of today’s sermon (available soon), visit the fpcah.org/podcast.
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