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FOCUS

*Prayer Before Worship*

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?  
(Habakkuk 1:2-3)

*Prelude*

**Holy Spirit**  
(Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend)

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EXALT

*Call to Worship*

When Moses gathered the people of Israel, God said,  
“**I am the Lord your God,  
who brought you out of the land of Egypt,  
out of the house of slavery.**”

As we gather here today,  
let us worship the Lord,  
who continues to be our God  
**and who still brings us out of the places of our bondage.**

(Based on Exodus 20:1-2)

*Opening Praise Songs* **Gabriel’s Oboe & Holy Spirit\***  
(Music: Ennio Morricone, Keith and Kristin Getty)

**As the Deer\***  
(Words and Music: Martin Nystrom)

*Prayer of Confession*

**Often, O holy and righteous God, we dare Your justice, mock Your mercy, jeer your patience, slight your power, and show contempt for Your love. We even say “I’m sorry” insincerely and confess our sin flippantly. We plead Your help to own up carefully to how we have wronged You and our neighbor, to admit honestly how we have grieved You, to please penitently for Your mercy and pardon. We beg Your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.** (Based on a prayer by John Bunyan 1628-88)  
(People offer their own private silent prayers to the Lord)

*Assurance of Pardon*

Hear these comforting words:  
If you repent and hold to God’s redeeming mercy,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Trust in God’s promises and begin anew your life  
with the God who loves you, Jesus Christ.  
**Our sins are forgiven, thanks be to God! Amen.**

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ENCOUNTER

*Welcome*  
*Commissioning of Youth Mission Trip*  
*Children’s Moment*  
*Passing of the Peace*

*Scripture Lesson*

**Habakkuk 1:1-4**  
(Old Testament p. 896)

*Offering of Gifts*

*Musical Offering* **My Life is in Your Hands**  
(Words & Music by Kirk Franklin, 1997; Choral Arrangement by Carol Cymbala)

You don’t have to worry, and don’t you be afraid.  
Joy comes in the morning, troubles, they don’t last always.  
For there’s a Friend named Jesus who will wipe your tears away,  
And if your heart is broken, just lift your hands and say,

“Oh, I know that I can make it, I know that I can stand.  
No matter what may come my way, my life is in Your hands.

With Jesus I can take it, with Him I know I can stand.  
No matter what may come my way, my life is in Your hands.”

When your tests and trials, they seem to get you down  
And all your friends and loved ones are nowhere to be found,  
Remember there’s a Friend named Jesus who will wipe your tears away,  
And if your heart is broken, just lift your hands and say...

*Sermon*

**The Strange Silence of God**

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RESPOND

*Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer*

*Closing Hymn* **It Is Well With My Soul\***  
(Words: Horatio Gates Spafford; Music: Philip Paul Bliss, Arr. McGinty)

*Benediction*

*Postlude* **My Life is in Your Hands Reprise**  
(Words & Music by Kirk Franklin, 1997; Choral Arrangement by Carol Cymbala)

\* Please stand as you are able

\*\*Assistive listening devices are available in the back of the sanctuary.  
Please return receivers at the end of the service.

Your Name

Family members’ names/ages

Street Address, City, State, Zip

Phone:  Cell  Home

Email address

Send me the weekly E-newsletter

- Single  
 Married  
 Have children at home  
 Junior/High School student  
 College student

- First time visitor  
 Occasional attendee  
 Regular attendee/member

I’m interested in:

- Knowing Jesus better  
 I need prayer or support  
 Joining a Small Group  
 Joining the Welcome Team  
 Worship Music Team/Choir  
 Sound/AV/Video Team  
 Becoming a Member  
 I need a Stephen Minister  
 Counseling at The Counseling Center  
 Communion at home suggested for \_\_\_\_\_ (name)

**Please Pray for:** (This is shared with pastors & confidential prayer team.)

*Please silence all cell phones  
and electronic devices*

### Welcome Visitors!

Please visit the Welcome Table in the back of the sanctuary after the service and join us for refreshments in Roy Hall on the 2nd floor. Please sign this tear-off panel with your contact information filled in on the other side and deposit in the offering plate.

### Children are welcome in worship!

Parents may use the lounge in the back of the sanctuary to participate in the service via a TV monitor. Worship journals and children's bulletins are available from the ushers, who are also available to direct you to our other facilities.

### Prayer Requests

Our prayer companions are available at the front of the sanctuary after each service to pray with you. You may also include your prayer requests on the weekly tear-off tab (on the other side of this bulletin) and deposit it in the offering. Our staff prays weekly for the needs of the congregation.

### Worship Service Leaders

**Rev. Dr. Ray Hylton**, Senior Pastor, Sermon

**Rev. Henry Coates**, Designated Associate Pastor, Prayer of Confession & Assurance, Welcome, Prayers of the People

**Rev. Kristin Mueller**, Dir. Of Children's Ministries, Children's Moment

**Lisa Brejcha**, Scripture Reader

**Hannah Dixon McConnell**, Choir Director

**Jack Harriff**, Organist

**Elda McGinty**, Dir. of Music & Worship, Worship Leader/Piano

**Joshua Chang, Kieran Hood**, Worship Leaders; **Christie Miller**, Guitar;

**Daniel Allen**, Electric Guitar; **Scott**

**Henrie**, Bass; **Kon Savoy**, Drums; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion

**Neal Ostrovsky**, Audio/Visual Coordinator

**Joel McGinty**, A/V Volunteer

### Prayer Companions:

Eleanor and Ron Ehresman

## Sunday Worship at First Presbyterian Evanston

### 10 a.m. Worship Service

Children are welcome in worship!\*\*

#### Options for Families:

**Infants/Toddlers** – Crib Room

**Ages 2-4** – Blue Room

**Ages 4-8** – Children's Worship in the Choir Room following Children's Moment.

Children return to sanctuary during final hymn.

\*\* Worship journals & children's bulletins are available in the back of the Sanctuary.  
Changing tables & quiet space is available in the women's lounge (back corner of the Sanctuary).

**Lemonade on the Lawn** (Front Lawn or Roy Hall, 2nd Floor) (11:10 am)

**A time to connect** with new and old friends.

### Sunday Education

*Adult Discipleship Learning*

**11:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Forum** (Room 206) – Celebrating the Reformation's 500th anniversary with a course on Luther and his legacy. Taught by LeRoy Klemt.

*Children's and Youth Christian Foundations Classes*

**No Summer Classes - These will resume in the fall.**

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WELCOME TO

# Sunday Worship

**July 23, 2017, 10:00 am - Worship Service**



**Our Mission:**

**KNOWING CHRIST**

**FOLLOWING CHRIST**

**SERVING CHRIST**



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