

Order of Worship
October 8, 2017

FOCUS

Prayer Before Worship

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9

OPENING PRAISE

Opening Praise

He Reigns*

(Words and Music: Peter Furler and Steve Taylor)

Prayer of Confession

Why, Lord, must evil exist in the midst of your creation? We watch as it seems to triumph in Las Vegas; as the elements bring destruction and death in Houston, Puerto Rico, and the Carribean; and we yearn for you to heal our broken world. How long, O Lord? We confess our own shameful sins; we too have sinned against you. We confess our sin of despair as the wicked mock Your name and laugh at our dismay. We know and claim that Your providential love holds true: nothing in the heights or depths of your creation can curse us endlessly with sorrow. Dearest Lord, transform damage and sin into health and wholeness; reveal this to us as Your glory redeems both our sinful lives and the evil in the world. O God, You have shown us the way of life through Your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess our slowness to learn of him, our failure to follow him, and our reluctance to bear the cross. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.
(People offer their own private silent prayers to the Lord)

Declaration of Forgiveness

To all who turn from sin in sorrow,
to all who turns to God in hope,
this is God's Word of grace:

We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved.

This is the Good News of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

CONNECT

Welcome & Announcements

Faith in Action - Build Congo Schools Concert

Passing of the Peace

Worthy*

(Words and Music: Matt Redman)

Awesome God*

(Words and Music: Rich Mullins)

Offering

Offering Song

What A Beautiful Name*

(Words and Music: Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood)

ENCOUNTER

Scripture

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

(New Testament, p. 175-176)

Stewardship Video

Message

The Commitment

Big Idea: Generosity and giving is both a ministry (2 Cor. 9:1), and an act of joy and thanks to God. Paul is not forcing the Corinthian Christians to give, rather he reminds them of God's faithfulness in providing everything; God provides the resources so they can give.

RESPONSE

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

All who are truly sorry for their sins, who sincerely believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior, and who desire to live in obedience to Him, are invited to take communion.

(Please indicate to the servers if you wish to be served in the pew. All are invited to take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and receive the elements, with the response, "Thanks be to God!" We are pleased to offer one station of gluten free communion bread which can be found on the far right aisle as you come forward.)

Communion Song

Sing To Jesus

(Words and Music: Rich Nibbe and Fernando Ortega)

Prayer After Communion

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Blessing

* 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.

Welcome We're glad you are here!

We ask everyone to complete and return this tear-off slip to the offering basket every week.

October 8, 2017 - 11:30 a.m.

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

Pieter Kwant, Director of Langham Literature

Toar Hutagalung, Scripture Reader

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

Joel Hylton, Worship Leader/Guitar;

Elizabeth Ferguson, Worship Leader;

Scott Henrie, Bass; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion

Neal Ostrovsky, Audio/Visual Coordinator

Jorge Rodriguez, A/V Volunteer

Prayer Companions:

Kathleen Lin and Joel McGinty

Sunday Worship at First Presbyterian Evanston

9 a.m. Blended 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).

Fellowship Time (Roy Hall, 2nd Floor) (10:10 am)

A time to connect with new and old friends over coffee, tea and cookies.

Sunday Education 10:30 - 11:15 am

Children's and Youth Christian Foundations Classes

Infants & Toddlers - Crib Room

Ages 2 & 3 - Yellow Room

Pre-K - Blue Room

Kindergarten - Orange Room

Grades 1 & 2 - Rm. 21 (lower level)

Grades 3 & 4 - Rm. 33 (lower level)

Grades 5 & 6 - 3rd Floor (East)

Sunday School Grades 7 & 8 -

NUBS Lounge

High School Sunday School Grades

9-12 - PYGS Lounge, Basement

Confirmation - Main Floor Choir Room

Adult Discipleship Learning

Building Strong & Lasting Relationships (Room 213) – October 8 we begin 5 Disciplines of a Growing Marriage. Led by Judith Hylton, Linda Hoff Irvin and Judy Slagle.

Gospel of Mark (Parlor) - We will look at the seemingly simple questions "Who do you say I am?" from Mark 8:29, and its implications. Led by Rev. Henry Coates.

Missions (Dining Room) – "Following Christ: Sharing Hospitality with Others." We will look at the ministry of hospitality. Pieter Kwant will be our guest teacher today.

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

Single But Not Alone (Room 102) - "Understanding Life as Single Christians Through 1 Peter." Meets 10/15, 11/12 and 12/10. Facilitated by Karen Shaw.

11:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

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Children 4 and under – Crib Room

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WELCOME TO

Sunday Worship

October 8, 2017, 11:30 am - Contemporary



Our Mission:

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FOLLOWING CHRIST

SERVING CHRIST



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