
FOCUS

Prayer Before Worship

God, who knows the human heart, testified to [the Gentiles] by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us; and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us.

- Acts 15:8-9

OPENING PRAISE

Opening Praise

Halleluya/Praise to the Lord*

*(Text & Music: Abraham Maraire, Zimbabwe East Annual Conference, 2004)/
(Text: Joachim Neander, 1680; Music Stralsund Ernewerten Gesangbuch, 1665)*

Prayer of Confession (Inspired by Acts 4:32)

**ALL: God of mercy,
we come celebrating our unity,
but we confess the many ways that we are divided.
Instead of finding our identity in You,
we define ourselves and others
by nationality, ethnicity, economic status, gender, age,
and worship preferences.
By the unity You share with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit,
show us our common identity as Your children.
May our communal witness to Christ
bind us together in Your name.
Forgive our tendency toward separation and division,
and remind us that we are Your Easter people. Amen.**
(People offer their own private silent prayers to the Lord)

Declaration of Forgiveness

LEADER: Hear the good news!

**ALL: God's Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh,
and we have been made one.**

We are no longer scattered or divided,

but gathered together to build up the kingdom on this earth.

Thanks be to God!

Alleluia, Amen.

Forever (We Sing Hallelujah!)*

*(Words and Music: Christa Black Gifford, Kari Jobe, Brian Johnson,
Jenn Johnson, Joel Taylor, and Gabriel Wilson)*

CONNECT

Welcome & Announcements

Faith in Action - Church Camp

Offering

Musical Offering **O The Deep Deep Love Of Jesus**

*(Words and Music: Samuel Trevor Francis, Thomas John Williams;
Arranged by Ryan Foglesong, Patrick Anderson & John Martin)*

Passing of the Peace

ENCOUNTER

Scripture Lesson

Acts 15:1-11

(New Testament pp. 127-128)

Message

Saved by Grace

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!" At the communion station to your left, designated by a blue napkin, we are pleased to offer gluten-free communion bread.)

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

*(Words and Music: Edwin Othello Excell, Louie Giglio,
John Newton, John P. Rees, and Chris Tomlin)*

Prayer After Communion

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed**

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.
May 6, 2018 - 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 Connections Room at the front right of the sanctuary after the service to connect with FPCE members and staff. 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, Prayer of Confession & Declaration of Forgiveness, Welcome, Prayers of the People

Rev. Henry Coates, Designated Associate Pastor, Sermon, Blessing

Kristin Mueller, Dir. of Children's Ministries, Faith in Action

Judith Hylton, Scripture Reader

Allison Allen, Worship Leader; **Daniel Allen**, Worship Leader & Guitar; **Fred Bryant**, Guitar; **Erwin Yasukawa**, Bass; **Eugenia Jeong**, Piano; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion; **Kon Savoy**, Drums
Neal Ostrovsky, Audio/Visual Coordinator

Christie Miller, A/V Volunteer

Prayer Companions:

Sally Ivaska and Kathleen Lin

Sunday Worship at First Presbyterian Evanston

Worship Services - Options for Families:

Children are welcome in worship!**

9 a.m. Blended Service

Infants/Toddlers – Crib Room

Ages 2-4 – Blue Room

Ages 4-8 – Children's Worship in Room 21 (in the basement) following Children's Moment. Children return to sanctuary during final hymn.

11:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

Children 4 and under – Crib Room

** 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 - 3rd Floor (Center)

Grades 5 & 6 - 3rd Floor (East)

Sunday School Grades 7 & 8 -

NUBS Lounge, 3rd Floor

High School Sunday School Grades

9-12 - PYGS Lounge, Basement

Adult Discipleship Learning

Building Strong and Lasting Relationships (Room 213) – “Emotion Coaching (The Heart of Parenting).” This is a great opportunity to connect with other parents to support each other and learn how to help your child increase their EQ (Emotional Quotient). Facilitators are Rev. Amanda Golbek, Judith Hylton, Linda Hoff- Irvin, Judy Slagle.

Gospel of Mark (Room 33) - We continue to look at the seemingly simple question “Who do you say I am?” from Mark 8:29, and its implications. Led by Rev. Henry Coates.

Sunday Morning Forum (Room 103) – We'll be discussing N.T. Wright's book “The Day the Revolution Began.” All are welcome!

Single But Not Alone (Room 102) - “Understanding Life as Single Christians through 1 Peter”. Our next meeting is 5/6. Facilitated by Karen Alicia Shaw.

Mission Class (Choir Room) - The 5-week session is entitled “Tell Me a Story”. Our facilitators will be Sonia Bodi, Melanie Myatt, and Caryl Weinberg. On May 12 we will have special guests “Keith and Louise,” who are FPCE partners serving in Central Asia.

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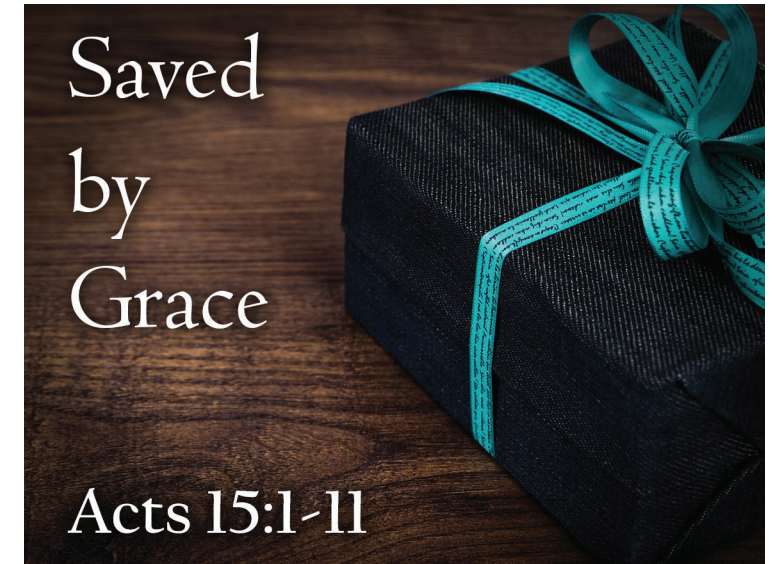


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WELCOME TO

Sunday Worship

May 6, 2018, 11:30 am - Contemporary



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FOLLOWING CHRIST

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