

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.

Hear our prayer, O Lord.

The Meal is Set (*Let us hold the elements and partake together*)

The Meal is Shared

We Close in Prayer

We Go Out In God's Name

*Having gathered together in God's name and been fed by God's Holy Word,
we go out in God's name bearing the peace of Christ to the world.*

♦Hymn for Commitment #498 *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

♦Charge and Benediction

What does the Lord require of us?

To seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. (*Micah 6:8*)

May God help us live this high calling faithfully, as we strive to be good stewards of all our gifts.

Alleluia!

God has richly blessed us to be a blessing to the world in Christ's name.

Alleluia!

As we leave this sanctuary to serve God, let us greet our mission partners: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

(God is good! All the time!)

♦Congregational Sung Benediction #744 *Arise, Your Light Is Come*

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;

Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

♦Postlude

♦Please stand if able. Remain seated if need be.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

May 14, 2023 6th Sunday of Easter



Welcome to First Presbyterian Church
Bienvenue à La Première Eglise Presbytérienne de Champaign
Bienvenidos a La Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana

삼페인 제일 장로교회에 오신것을 환영합니다.

Si vous souhaitez que le service soit traduit en français,
procurez-vous un récepteur et des écouteurs à l'arrière du sanctuaire.

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Welcome to worship!

When you enter the sanctuary, please be mindful of the silent prayers of those around you.

*We invite you to share your contact info in the Friendship Pad when passed,
then to stop by our Welcome Center downstairs in Westminster Hall after the service for coffee and fellowship.
Mingle with other friends and guests and learn more about this congregation's ministry. **Welcome home!***

We Gather Together In God's Holy Name

God calls us together as "children." Wonderful it is to be so loved! Our natural response is worship.

Prelude

Chiming on the Hour of Tower Bell

Act of Friendship & Sharing of Prayer Concerns

Please pass the Friendship Pad and list prayer concerns on the prayer request cards in the pew.

Greeting & Announcements

Minute for Mission – *Talk to Me*

Alan Thomas and Michael Hogue

♦Call to Worship

Light looked down and saw darkness.

"I will go there," said Light.

Peace looked down and saw war.

"I will go there," said Peace.

Love looked down and saw hatred.

"I will go there," said Love.

So he, The Lord of Light,

the Prince of Peace,

the King of Love,

came down

and crept in beside us. (John Bell, The Iona Community)

The Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen, indeed!

♦Hymn of Praise #1 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, forgive us for our sins. Make us mindful of the ways we go astray. Guide our steps. Make us sensitive to everyone, including those we often don't notice. Help us to take off our blinders, to turn our heads, to see a wider, more generous view of your world and the people in it. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. AMEN.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

By the grace of God in Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Passing of the Peace

Invitation to the Offering (*We are invited to return God's tithes and give our offering.*)

Offertory – *Day of Arising*

text: Susan Cherwien; music: Carl Schalk

Response of Gratitude #399 *God Welcomes All*

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

We Gather Around God's Holy Word

At the center of Christian life and worship is God's Word incarnate in Christ and God's Word as recorded in scripture. We hear the story of God's love in scripture and sacrament and we say, "Thanks be to God!"

Word with Children

Prayer for Illumination #291 *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* (refrain)

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

Scripture *John 14:15-21* (NT, pg. 109)

This is the Word of the Lord./**Thanks be to God!**

Ceci est la Parole du Seigneur./**Gloire à Dieu** (pronounced "glow-ah ah dew")

Sermon *God With Us*

Matt Matthews

Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We are Invited

We give Thanks

Song for Centering #469 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

The 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.**

This Week

Sunday, May 14

- 9:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Easy English Fellowship/Room 204
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy

Monday, May 15

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 3:30 PM Environmental Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, May 16

- 8:00 AM Men’s Breakfast Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM PW Coordinating Team/Zoom
- 12:00 PM Classic Book Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 3:30 PM DREAAM Culinary Arts Club/Centennial Hall & Kitchen

Wednesday, May 17

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 8:30 AM Adopt-a-Highway/CE Building Entry
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 5:30 PM Dinner for One/Houllihan’s

Thursday, May 18

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 9:00 AM Women’s Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 10:30 AM Circle of Joy/Parlor & Zoom
- 1:00 PM Circle of Faith/Parlor & Zoom
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 7:00 PM Circle of Peace/Chapel & Zoom
- 7:00 PM Session/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal/Choir Room

Friday, May 19 Church Office Closes at Noon

- 8:00 AM DREAAM/Rooms 105,109, 212
- 8:15 AM Men’s Prayer/Zoom
- 12:00 PM DREAAM Family Meal Prep & Dinner/Centennial Hall & Kitchen
- 2:00 PM DREAAM After School Program/CE Building
- 7:30 PM Friday Night Lights/Zoom

Saturday, May 20

- 11:00 AM Sophia Van Arsdell Memorial Service/Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM French Worship Service/Centennial Hall

Announcements

●**We are glad you’re here!** Questions about First Pres, contact **Pastor Matt Matthews** or call the church office.

●**Bruce Rainey** is our liturgist this morning while **Solange Bosomba Enana** will read our scripture in French. If you would like to serve as a Sunday liturgist, contact **Carol Miles**.

●**There is no Sunday School for children or adults this morning.** Enjoy the coffee hour and special breakfast food this morning.

●This is the usual morning for the **Second Sunday Brunch** but Centennial Hall is not available due to construction for the new heating system. Instead we invite you to stay after the service this morning for coffee and breakfast finger food in Westminster Hall.

●**The Rev. Dr. Rachel Matthews** will preach today’s 10:15 AM service at the Windsor of Savoy.

●**If unable to attend church**, catch our 9 AM service live each Sunday at firstpres.live. The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.

●**Adopt-a-Highway** Wednesday, May 17, at 8:30 AM. We’re trying something new and having it on a weekday. Please look for the person in the orange vest at the Welcome Center in Westminster Hall this morning following the service.

●**Presbyterian Women’s Spring Gathering** Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 11:30 AM. **Lisa Wilson**, the Executive Director of the Refugee Center, will be the guest speaker. All are welcome! Please RSVP to church office.

●**Spring cleaning?** Our Community Mission Deacons are collecting small items for Salt & Light and Habitat’s Restore. Items may be brought to the church May 30-June 3 before noon each day. **The deadline to reserve pick-up for large items is TODAY.** Contact **Jane Alsberg** at jane.alsberg@gmail.com by the end of today.

●Starting Thursday, June 8, at 11 AM in-person and via zoom *Talk With Me*, a 4-week class to learn sign language led by **Alan Thomas** and **Michael Hogue**. Be able to converse with deaf friends. If interested, text Michael at 217-841-8486.

●If you or a loved one is **in the hospital or in need of a pastoral visit**, contact the church office.

●Check out the **book cart** in Westminster Hall. Donate a book for others to enjoy and take some for yourself.

●The **May newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at firstpres.church/newsletter.

●Please **do not park** in the spaces marked Reserved 24/7 behind the law office on Sunday mornings. The spaces behind the law office belong to Meyer/Capel.