

We Respond to God's Word

As God invites us to be disciples of his Son, we prayerfully respond to God with affirmations of faith and acts of self-giving, commitment, and thanksgiving.

Joy in the Lord

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

arr. Kenneth Jennings

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S.Bach

Laudate Jehovah, Omnes Gentes (Psalm 117)

George Philipp Telemann

Hymn #673 *Jesus, Light of Joy*

O Christ, Surround Me

arr. David Sims

O Love (Barbara Hedlund, Cello)

Elaine Hagenberg

Jubilate Deo (Psalm 100)

David Brunner

Song for Centering & Call to Prayer #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.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Concern

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.
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.**

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 #611** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

◆ **Charge and Benediction**

◆ **Congregational Sung Benediction** *Sing Praise to God* (vs. 4; words on slide)

◆ **Postlude**

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

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

May 7, 2023 5th 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.

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

♦Call to Worship (from Psalm 98:1-9)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the LORD;

make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it—

the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands;

let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD...

O sing to the LORD a new song!

Alleluia!

♦Hymn of Praise #641 *When In Our Music* (congregation verses 1,2,5)

Call to Confession

We pause to examine our hearts, our wills, and our motives.

Open our eyes, O Lord.

We pause to examine the sin that warps the systems of which we are a part.

Open our eyes, O Lord, and hear our prayer of confession.

Prayer of Confession

God of fire and freedom, we confess that too often our churches are closed off from the movement of your Spirit. We do not dream big enough, imagine boldly enough, or envision a church wide enough. Our ears hear only the voices we recognize and not the multitude of voices of your church around the world. Forgive us for our lack of vision. Inspire us with the joy of your Spirit. Surprise us. Forgive our sins, and breathe new life into us. Stir in us the desire to make your dreams our reality. We ask this and all things through Christ, with the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

By the grace of God in Jesus Christ, know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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 – Sora Shepard

Response of Gratitude *Sing Praise to God* (vs. 1; words on slide)

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 #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.

Scripture *Psalm 150* (OT, pg. 583)

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 Song *Sing Praise to God* (vs. 2; words on slide)

Sermon *Praise the Lord*

Matt Matthews

Sermon Song *Sing Praise to God* (vs. 3; words on slide)

Music Participants

Instrumentalists

Trombones: **Jeremiah St. John, Matt Dixon**

Trumpets: **Jakobe Henry, Joshua Dolney**

Violins: **Ion-Alexandru Malaimare, Eun Namkung**

Viola/violin: **YooBin Lee**

Violoncello: **Barbara Hedlund**

Chancel Choir

Sora Shepard, Pianist/Organist

Joe Grant, Conductor

Soprano

Janice Cunningham

Brandi Lowe

Jaelyn Zamarron*

Terri Dodson

Karin Vermillion

Alto

Tanya Deckert

Ann Finnegan

Linda Sims

Kim File

Mary Nicholas

Jeannie Snoeyink

Tenor

Sean Foster*

Dennis Sims

Bass

Jim Berger

Aidan Singh*

Alan File

*Section Leader

The hymn, *Sing Praise to God*, used this morning (tune: Italian Hymn/Felice di Giardini, 1769 *Come, Thou, Almighty King*) with text by **Matt Matthews/Psalm 150** is a gift in progress to our beloved Music Director **Dr. Joe Grant**.

Announcements

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

●**Miriam Chenault** 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**.

●**Sunday School** for children this morning at 10 AM. Sign in children at the Welcome Center 8:45-9. After worship, they will be escorted to their class. Meet your child or children in the library in the Education Building at 11.

●**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.

●Do you have a **family member graduating this year from high school or college?** They don't have to be a member of the church or even live in the area. Please send a photo and a message including where they are graduating from and what their future plans might be to **Brandi Lowe** brandiscrapbook@yahoo.com or text 217-369-5844. Please submit no later than May 14.

●**Fair Trade Rug Event** today from 12-4 PM. Experience hundreds of hand-knotted, heirloom quality rugs made by fairly paid adults at the Rug Event sponsored by Ten Thousand Villages.

●**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.

●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.