That we may be part of our churches, communities, and presbytery, sharing in the great mission, which you have set before us, and always seeking the common good;

O God, be our strength.

That we may find in your church a prod to our imaginations, a shock to our laziness, and a source of power to do your will;

O God, be our strength.

O God, who gave us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise; send your Spirit among us, that, confronted by your truth, we may be free to worship you and serve you as you have called us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

music: Gordon Young

Anthem *Teach Me, O Lord* (text: *Psalm 119*)

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 #700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me
- ♦Charge and Benediction
- ♦ Congregational Sung Benediction #748 Go With Us, Lord

 Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,

That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

- **♦**Postlude
- ♦Please stand if able. Remain seated if need be.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHAMPAIGN

June 9, 2024

3rd Sunday after Pentecost



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

샴페인 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 worship space, please be mindful of the silent prayers of those around you. We are presently worshiping in Westminster Hall while our elevator is being replaced.

We invite you to share your contact info in the Friendship Pad when passed, then to stay 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 pads.

Greeting & Announcements

Recognition of 2024 Graduates - Joe Lundy

♦Call to Worship

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

Let us worship God.

The Lord's name be praised.

♦ Hymn of Praise #321 The Church's One Foundation

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

O God, by your creative power you brought us into being and gave each of us a unique personality. Forgive us when we demean one another, when we refuse to share with the hungry and dispossessed, when we rate our friendships by what others can do for us. Forgive us, too, when we violate your image by seeing others according to stereotypes and not as individuals. Lord, forgive us and help us to become the people you created us to be.

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 #240 Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to his name.

Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving

Hymn of Reflection #177 I Will Come To You

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 #137 He Came Down

He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; He came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.

Scripture Mark 3:31-35

This is the Word of the Lord./**Thanks be to God!**Ceci est la Parole du Seignuer./**Gloire à Dieu** (pronounced "glow-ah ah dew")

Sermon Who Are Your People?

Matt Matthews

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.

Litany for the Church (adapted from *The Worshipbook*, 1970)

That we may accept the responsibility of our freedom, the burden of our privilege, and so conduct ourselves as to set an example for those who will follow after;

O God, be our strength.

That we may not be content with a secondhand faith, worshipping words rather than the Word; **O God, be our strength.**

That we may find joy in the study of Scripture and growth in exposure to new ideas;

O God, be our strength.

This Week

Sunday, June 9

- 9:00 AM Worship/Westminster Hall
- 10:10 AM Second Sunday Brunch/Centennial Hall
- 10:15 AM Worship/Windsor of Savoy

Monday, June 10

- 8:30 AM DREAAM/Chapel
- 9:00 AM Cuba Partners/Zoom
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes In-Person/CE Building & Cafe
- 1:00 PM GROW/Family Library
- 1:00 PM HR Meeting/Library
- 5:30 PM AA/Centennial Hall

Tuesday, June 11

- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study/Parlor & Zoom
- 8:30 AM DREAAM/Chapel
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes In-Person/CE Building & Cafe
- 10:30 AM Church Staff/Parlor & Zoom
- 4:30 PM Mission Committee/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:00 PM Worship Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:30 PM Together on Tuesdays/Zoom

Wednesday, June 12

- 8:30 AM DREAAM/Chapel
- 9:15 AM ELL Classes In-Person/CE Building & Cafe
- 9:30 AM Nurture/Parlor & Zoom
- 5:00 PM DREAAM Orientation/Centennial Hall

Thursday, June 13

- 8:30 AM DREAAM/Chapel
- 4:30 PM Finance Team/Parlor & Zoom
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir/Westminster Hall

Friday, June 14 Church Office closes at noon

- 8:15 AM Men's Prayer/Zoom
- 8:30 AM DREAAM/Chapel

Saturday, June 15 Lunch provided for Habitat volunteers

6:00 PM French Worship Service/Chapel

Announcements

- •We are glad you're here! Questions about First Pres, contact Pastor Matt Matthews or call the church office. We are presently worshiping in Westminster Hall while our elevator is being replaced.
- •Please wear your nametag to help our Associate Pastor Joe Lundy get acquainted.
- •Jane Seiler is our liturgist this morning. If you would like to serve, contact Carol Miles.
- •The Rev. Dr. Rachel Matthews will preach this morning's service at the Windsor of Savoy. Betty Hollister is preaching in Hoopeston this morning.
- •Join us this morning in Centennial Hall immediately following worship for our **Second Sunday Brunch.** We will have a variety of brunch items along with some special sweet treats. Brunch is free... donations appreciated.
- •Sunday Adult Ed will take a break during the summer. We will instead be offering **Adult Bible Study** and **Christian Discussion** on Wednesday evenings either in-person or zoom. Join us June 19, 26; July 10, 17, 24, 31 or August 7, 14, 21 at 7 PM in the Parlor. Contact church office for zoom link if unable to attend in-person.
- •On Sunday, June 23, immediately following worship we will host a **Farewell Celebration** honoring **Matt and Rachel Matthews.** You are invited to join us in Centennial Hall for fruit, pastries, cake and coffee as we say goodbye and good luck to the Matthews.
- •Thank you for your generosity in signing up for the **meals for Habitat volunteers** on the third Saturday. All slots are filled. Join us in solidarity with the Summer build by fixing for your own families the recipes we have provided for you on the mission kiosk in Westminster.
- •Church Office hours have changed. The church office is now open Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-2 PM, Fridays 8:30 AM-noon. You can always leave a voice mail after hours or on weekends.
- •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.
- •The **June newsletter** is available in the kiosks or at <u>firstpres.church/newsletter</u>.
- •Please do not park in the spaces marked Reserved 24/7 behind Meyer/Capel Law office on Sundays.
- •If unable to attend church, watch our 9 AM service live each Sunday at <u>firstpres.church/live.</u> The Sunday **sermon** is available on-line anytime or on WDWS 1400AM the next Sunday at 10:30 AM.