

*Where faith is nurtured, curiosity is encouraged,  
diversity is welcomed, and all are loved.*

***\*\*Those who are able, please stand***

 **Prelude** "Prelude and Fugue in F Major" Vincent Luebeck

 **Welcome & Announcements** Rev. Dr. Sue Coller  
*Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others in your row, return it to the center aisle, and tear off the sheet and place it in the offering plate.*

 **Call to Worship** Carol Ott Schacht

One: We gather to worship God,

**All:** *Who creates us and loves us;*

One: Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

**All:** *Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;*

One: Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,

**All:** *To seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;*

One: Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,

**All:** *And whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.*

One: We gather to worship God.

**All:** *To God be all glory, honor, and praise!*

 **\*HYMN #757** "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" KINGSFOLD

 **Call to Reconciliation**

 **Silent Prayer**

 **Prayer of Confession**

*Most holy God, we acknowledge our slowness to do good, our blindness to injustice, and our complicity in deferring the dreams and hopes of the oppressed. We have refused to heed your call to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you. We condemn injustice in our pronouncements, yet we cling to the privileges derived from inequity. Help us to name our sin, to claim responsibility for our actions, and to change our behavior. In the footsteps of Jesus, shake us from our sleep with your imperative to do justice; move us to action with the compassion of your grace; and give us courage to pay the price, however painful or costly, that the justice you will, may be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.*

**Mission Statement:**

*First Presbyterian Church is a living ministry of the Risen Christ in the heart of Lincoln.*

*We praise God through worship  
We live our beliefs through mission*

*We strengthen faith through study  
We nurture a diverse community*



### Assurance of Forgiveness

One: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. We may not be perfect, but we are forgiven, and empowered to begin this day anew, living for Christ, and being a light of hope to the world.

All: *Thanks be to God!*



### \*\*The Peace

One: Knowing that we are forgiven, let us be at peace within ourselves and be seekers of peace with one another. The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: *And also with you*

*Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.*



### \*\*Song of Joy

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.*



### Children’s Time

Kris Brammer



### Prayer for Illumination



### First Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

*(OT—Blue Bible pg.163, Red Bible pg. 174)*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*



### Second Scripture Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

*(NT—Blue Bible pg. 651, Red Bible pg. 692)*



### Sermon

The Work of Liberation

Rev. Dr. Sue Coller



### \*Hymn #733

“We All Are One in Mission”

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### A Litany of Celebration and Commitment

One: Martin Luther King had a dream. The ideals of justice and freedom and the belief that all are created equal in the eyes of God are noble principles, but they are meaningless unless they become the personal possession of each one of us.

All: *For Zions’ sake I will not keep silent. I will struggle with myself. I will not rest until the dream of justice and freedom becomes my personal dream. I must realize that I am not an innocent bystander. I can help realize the dream by my action, or delay it by inaction.*

One: Martin’s dream of a day when people from all races and nations, even the offsprings of slaves and former slave owners, can sit at a table as brothers and sisters and find ways of transforming their differences into assets. That was Martin’s dream. What is your dream?



**All:** *My dream is that one day soon I will find a way to stop just celebrating the dream and start living it. It must become a part of my daily life; or nothing much will change.*

**One:** The dream is not about an ideal world; it is about the real world. Martin Luther King's poetic refrain, "I Have a Dream," is a call for us to remember the real world where injustice abounds.

**All:** *When I am in the shelter of my home I must remember the homeless. When I eat, I must remember the hungry. When I feel secure I must remember the insecure. When I see injustice I must remember that it will not stop unless I stop it.*

**One:** I have a dream!

**All:** *I also have a dream. I have a dream that the Holy Spirit will arouse in me that very flame of righteousness that caused Martin Luther King to become a living sacrifice for the freedom and liberation of all God's children. Then I will be able to resist injustice everywhere I see it, even within myself.*



### Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Kris Brammer

*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.*



### The Offering

Text MissionPossible to 73256

*Please place the top sheet of the friendship pad in the offering plate*



### Offertory

"Lord, Make Me an Instrument"

music Jonathan Willcocks

text St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

*Chancel Choir, with Jenny Smith & Jared Hiscock, soloists*

*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is discord, may there be union,  
Where there is doubt, faith.*

*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;  
Where there is despair, let there be hope,  
Where there is darkness, light,  
Where there is sadness, may there be joy!*

*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;  
May we all be in peace, and only peace,  
And may that peace come unto each of us.*



### \*Hymn of Dedication

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*



**\*Prayer of Dedication**



**\*\*Hymn #345**

"In an Age of Twisted Values"

CHURCH UNITED



**Charge & Benediction**

One: .... and I know you will, for you are

*All: The Salt of the Earth*

One: You are...

*All: The Light of the World*

One: You are ...

*All: The People of God*

One: And God goes with you.



**Choral Benediction**

"The Lord Bless You"



**Postlude**

"Concerto No. 5 in F, Allegro"

George Frideric Handel

*(You are invited to remain seated for the Postlude or exit quietly)  
The flowers this morning are given with love for our  
mother Darlene Martin and in loving memory of our father Bob Martin Sr  
on what would have been their 64th Anniversary,  
January 16, 2019, with love from their children.*

**Greeters:**

**Carlene & Phil Waldron**

**Ushers:**

Trev Peterson, Sharon Peterson, Jackie Sturm,

Sherry Smart, Nancy Field

**Sunday Morning Drivers:**

Pam Boyle, Nancy Field, Lynne Hughes,

Nancy Janike, Betty Tenhulzen

**TV/Editing Crew:**

Linda Brodzik, Jim DeFrain, Debbie DeFrain, Steve Hill

Shannon Janike, Paul Jasa, Tyler Knoche, Paul Smith

**TV/Editing Crew Youth Volunteers:**

Olivia Diedrichsen, Owen Hill

*Pastor/Head of Staff:*

Rev. Dr. Sue Collier

*Pastor of Sudanese Ministry:*

Rev. Jock Tut Peleak

*Director of Music:*

Dr. Brian Pfofner

*Director of Christian Education:*

Kris Brammer

*Organist:*

Dr. Charles W. Ore

Please join us for refreshments in the East Entrance hosted  
by Deb & Sona Buchholz & Lou Ann Miller