

April 22, 2018



11:00 a.m.

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

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



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*

Prelude

“Solemn Melody”

Walford Davies

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sue Coller

Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others in your row, and then return it to the center aisle.

Choral Introit

“Alleluia”

Gordon Young

Call to Worship

Kris Brammer

One: Day by day, God leads us:

All: to the deep, deep pools of peace, to the green, lush lawns of grace.

One: Day by day, Jesus calls us:

All: to pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope.

One: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

All: the community we could be, the family we are called to become.

****Hymn #366**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
(verses 1-3 only)

HYFRYDOL

Call to Reconciliation

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Lord, like a shepherd, your care for us anticipates our need. We confess that we need your forgiveness. You are the shepherd and we are your flock, but we admit the times we have tried to take your place and take control ourselves. We admit that we have not always trusted your good news to be good for us. At times we have pleaded with you to care for us, but we have held back from caring for others and ignored the needs of others. Lord, have mercy on us. Teach us by the Holy Spirit to follow you always, in heart, word and deed. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: As a shepherd, Christ takes the initiative to seek us whenever we wander away, and he welcomes us back with tears of joy. Friends, hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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 Hope #246**

“Christ Is Alive”

TRURO

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.

Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Prayer For Illumination

First Scripture Reading 1 John 3:16-24 (NT pg. 240)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Second Scripture Reading John 10:11-18 (NT pg. 103-104)

Sermon Does God Love People Not Like Us? Rev. Dr. Sue Coller

****Hymn #343** "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" GERMANY

Welcome New Members

One: Today, these people have reaffirmed the covenant into which they were baptized.
As members of the family of God, they have been called to serve Christ in the world.

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

Prayers of the People & 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.

The Offering

*Please place the top sheet of the friendship pad in the offering plate.
Text **MissionPossible** to 73256 to give by text*

Offertory "For the Beauty of the Earth" Bradley Ellingboe
Chancel Choir

*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Christ, our Lord to you we raise this our sacrifice of praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart's and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Christ, our Lord to you we raise this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of the earth, give praise!

****Hymn of Dedication** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD HUNDREDTH

*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 #318** “In Christ There Is No East or West” ST. PETER

****Charge and 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.

Postlude “Marche,” from Symphony No. 3 Charles Marie Widor

(You are invited to remain seated for the Postlude or exit quietly)

*The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Kenneth M. Shull in remembrance of his birthday from his family:
Cindy Shull Lloyd, Rich Shull, Robb Shull and Shirley Shull Bair*

Call to Worship — written by Thom Shuman on Lectionary Liturgies

Prayer of Confession (edited) by Rev Dan Carmichael

Greeters:

Paul Kasl, Betty Tenhulzen

Ushers:

Trev Peterson, Sherry Smart, Jackie Sturm

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*Please join us for coffee and treats in the
East Entrance hosted by Cindy & Russ Lloyd*