

May 6, 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***

Prelude

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Robert Candick

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sue Collier

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

Call to Worship

Paul Smith

One: If Christ is for us,

All: Who can be against us?

One: If love is with us,

All: Then what do we fear?

One: If grace is with us,

All: Then what are we ashamed of?

One: If peace is with us,

All: We know God's presence is very near.

One: Come, let us worship our God.

All: May we do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God, may we not be afraid to follow Christ's ways. Amen.

****Hymn #703**

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

ST. CATHERINE

Call to Reconciliation

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Loving Christ, we confess that we have not followed your ways. We have failed to love our neighbor as ourselves, and in doing so, we have failed to love you. We have failed to trust in your ways, and have sought our own path that leads to selfishness and greed. Forgive us. Turn us away from the ways of the world, and lead us back to you, by loving our neighbors and caring for their needs first. In the name of the one who laid his life down for us, we pray. 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 strengthen faith through study

We live our beliefs through mission

We nurture a diverse community

Assurance of Pardon

One: Because Christ first loved us, we are always loved, no matter what. We are God's beloved children, even when we stray, even when we fall short—God loves us dearly. Go forth knowing you are forgiven, you are given another chance to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

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 #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 Acts 10:44-48 (NT pg. 130)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Second Scripture Reading John 15:9-17 (NT pg. 109-110)

Sermon Revolutionary, In-Your-Face, and Subversive Rev. Dr. Sue Coller

Ordination and Installation of Deacons

The Offering

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

Text **MissionPossible** to **73256** to give by text

Offertory “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” Harold W. Friedell

Chancel Choir

Draw us in the spirit’s tether; for when humbly, in Thy name,

Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them.

Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment’s hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,

Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup.

Alleluia! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of Thee,

That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.

Alleluia! We will serve thee faithfully.

****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**

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

One: May the God of searches be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Bring your hearts to the One who loves you.

All: We offer them so God may plant fruit-bearing seeds in them.

One: Lift songs of praise to our God.

All: We will join our hearts and voices in proclaiming, "God has done it!"

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Special Music "Adoramus te, Christe" (from *The Seven Last Words*) T. Dubois

Chancel Choir

(sung in latin)

*Christ we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever,
For on the holy cross has thou the world from sin redeemed.*

Christ we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever,

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Gifts

The bread is gluten free, grape juice is served in the cups. All are welcome to share the feast of communion. Christ welcomed all who came – and so do we.

Communion Music "Andante Cantabile" Charles Marie Widor

Prayer of Sending

****Hymn #432** "How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord" REPTON

****Charge and Benediction**

One: Go now, in the love of our God.

All: We will live for others through our God.

One: Go now, in the grace of Jesus.

All: We will forgive others, just as we have been forgiven.

One: Go now, in the community of the Spirit.

All: We will serve others in every need, in every place, in every heart.

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

“Rondel”

Charles Callahan

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

The flowers are given to the glory of God

Greeters:

Paul Kasl, Sue & Karl Tillinghast

Ushers:

Gary Evans, Pam Boyle, Shannon Travis, Paul Travis

Sunday Morning Drivers:

Pam Boyle, Nancy Field, Lynne Hughes,

Nancy Janike, Betty Tenhulzen

TV/Editing Crew:

Linda Brodzik, Jim DeFrain, Debbie DeFrain, Steve Hill

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Pastor/Head of Staff:

Rev. Dr. Sue Coller

Pastor for Sudanese Ministry:

Rev. Jock Tut Paleak

Director of Music:

Dr. Brian Pfofner

Organist:

Dr. Charles W. Ore

Director of Christian Education:

Kris Brammer

*Please join us in the East Entrance after the service for coffee
hosted by the Janikes*