

October 14, 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** "Jesus, Lead Thou On" Paul Manz

 **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** Nancy Field

One: We look in the mirror and what do we see?


All: *We see people who try to be faithful, even as questions and struggles challenge our faith.*

One: We look in the mirror and how do we see?

All: *We see with hearts which are open to God's love, with lives which seek to trust when all the evidence tells us not to be so foolish.*

One: We look in the mirror and who do we see?

All: *We see Jesus, the One who struggles with the questions we raise, who models faithfulness for all who would follow.*

 ****Hymn #394** "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" WESTMINSTER ABBEY

 **Call to Reconciliation**

 **Silent Prayer**

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



Prayer of Confession

*We confess, O God, that we have had other gods before you. We have worshiped our own image; how we look to other people. We have sought worldly idols of success and wealth. We have followed the commandments of the world to put ourselves first and to help others only if it benefits us. Forgive us for following the false idols of the world. Forgive us for not coming before you in humility, knowing that we have done wrong. Help us to repent, to turn away from the ways of the world, and to seek you and your ways. In the name of Christ, who will come again into our lives and into our world in a new way, we pray.
Amen.*



Assurance of Forgiveness



**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 #591

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”
(Refrain Only)

trad. Caribbean

Halle, halle, hallelujah!



Children’s Time

Kris Brammer



Prayer for Illumination



First Scripture Reading

Psalm 84

(OT—Red Bible pg. 543)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*



Special Music

Cantilène

David Kamran, clarinet

Marcel Dupré
trans. C. Callahan



Second Scripture Reading

Joshua 24:1-15

(OT—Red Bible pg. 215-216)



Sermon

It’s All About Commitment

Rev. Dr. Sue Coller



**Hymn #691

“Lord, When I Came into This Life”

LAND OF REST

 **Prayer Through Music**

“O Living Breath of God”

Swedish folk tune

*O living Breath of God, wind at the beginning upon the waters;
O living Breath of God, bearing the creation to wondrous birth:
Come now, and fill our spirits; pour out your gifts abundant.
O living Breath of God, Holy Spirit, breathe in us as we pray.*



Prayer's 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

“Song of Commitment”

Dale Grotenhuis

Chancel Choir and David Kamran, clarinet

*I will be with you always, I will not fail you or forsake you.
Be strong and of good courage. I have loved you with an everlasting love.*

*Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, for you are mine.
I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.*

*Trust in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the Lord; be still and wait patiently for Him.*



****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 #309**

“Come, Great God of All the Ages”

ABBOT'S LEIGH



****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.



Choral Benediction

“The Lord Bless You”



Postlude

“Salvation Unto Us has Come”

Charles W. Ore

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

*The flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of Fred Luthe*

*Coffee and refreshments will be available in the East Entrance
following worship*

Greeters:

Paul Kasl, Phil & Carlene Waldron

Ushers:

Trev Peterson & Sharon Peterson, Jackie Sturm,
Sherry Smart, Robert Goodding

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Pam Boyle, Nancy Field, Lynne Hughes,
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