Prelude

Allegro, from Sonata I  
Charles W. Ore

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.

Call to Worship

Dr. Kris Brammer

** Opening Hymn

“Come All You People”

Zimbabwean Song

(The choir will sing the first verse alone twice, then the congregation will join on cue with vs. 2-3)

2. Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;  
   Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;  
   Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;  
   Come now and worship the Lord.

3. Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;  
   Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;  
   Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;  
   Come now and worship the Lord.

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
Sheltering God, our judgment often becomes clouded by our foolishness, and so we make all the wrong choices. We let fancy philosophies draw us away from your grace. The flowery words of politicians lead us into valleys of worry and despair. Our fears convince us that those around us are conspiring against us. You can take all our foolishness and make us wise enough to see you among us. You take the shards of our broken lives to recast us into a faithful people. You speak gently to us, so we can listen to your dreams of our seeing each person as your beloved, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, sees us through such eyes. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness
One: On mountaintops and in valleys, in moments when our lives are shrouded and when we reflect Christ’s light, God is with us, declaring we are the beloved!
All: In this moment, in every moment, may we glimpse the grace of God which comes and transfigures our lives. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!

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 #701
“Lord, Prepare Me”
SANCTUARY

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.

Special Music
“This Is the Day”
Cindy Berry

Youth Choir

Refrain: This is the day that the Lord has made.
I will rejoice and be glad in it.

Every good and perfect gift comes from the Lord above.
I will sing my praise to Him and tell Him of my love.
Refrain

Every day God blesses me with mercies that are new.
I can trust His Word because His promises are true.
Refrain

Children’s Time
Dr. Kris Brammer

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture
Exodus 24:12-18
(Pg. 70)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture
Matthew 17:1-9
(Pg. 18-19)

Rev. Dr. Sue Coller

Sermon
A God Who Refuses to be Memorialized

**Hymn #189
“O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”
DEO GRACIAS

Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer
In prayer we lift up all the concerns on our hearts – for ourselves, our world, and those we hold close. If you have your phone with you, take a moment to scroll through your list of contacts, and text one or two and ask them if there is anything you can lift up in prayer for them, or if there is someone whom you know is in need of prayer, let them know we are praying for them today.

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

Offertory
“Alleluia”
Myron J. Roberts
Chancel Choir

**Hymn of Dedication #647
“Give Thanks”
GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because we’re given Jesus Christ, the Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say, “We are strong”;
let the poor say, “We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!” (repeat)

Give Thanks. Give Thanks.

Prayer of Dedication

**Hymn #190
“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”
GENEVA
**Charge and Benediction**

One: God sends us from this experience of worship to serve all those around us.

All: We will go to take the light of hope into the shadowed corners in our midst.

One: Jesus, the Beloved, invites us to join him in everyday life, in everyday service.

All: We will go to be blessed by all those overlooked by the world.

One: Glory’s Spirit takes us by the hand to lead us down paths of humility.

All: We will enter into the mists of mistrust, so we can offer hope to many.

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**

Toccata, from Suite Gothique

Leon Boellmann

The flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in appreciation of the music committee and
the inspirational music each Sunday morning from Lynn and Sandy Bonge.

Please join us in the East Entrance for coffee and treats
provided by the Koolen Family.

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