





*Where faith is nurtured, curiosity is encouraged,
diversity is welcomed, and all are loved.
**Those who are able, please stand*


 **Prelude** Prelude, Fugue and Ciacona Dietrich Buxtehude


 **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** Carol Ott Schacht
One: In the name of the Lord Jesus, the bread breaker, the light gatherer, the cross carrier, welcome!
All: **May the peace of the Lord Jesus, the peace maker, and the temple disturber, the friend of the sinner, and companion on the road be with us all**
One: Let us draw close to the Lord Jesus, the savior, the healer, the teacher, and worship him,
All: **and ask ourselves, who do we say he is?**

 **** Hymn #667** "When Morning Gilds the Skies" LAUDES DOMINI

 **Call to Reconciliation**

 **Silent Prayer**

 **Prayer of Confession**
Teacher of hearts, all we need to do is open our mouths to show that we give our tongues free rein. We claim we love others, but speak bitter words to them. We think we are good and gracious people, but hurl epithets at those we do not like, or those we fear. We are quicker to speak of judgment for others, rather than being voices for justice. With your gracious mercy, you can put out the wildfires of bitterness sparked by our words. You can stop the words on the tips of our tongues and transform them into bold declarations of peace and love. You can open our ears so that we can hear all that Jesus has to share with us, in these moments and all those to come. Amen.

 **Assurance of Forgiveness**

One: Can we handle it – the good news; the fact that God’s grace can transform us; that God can teach us new songs; that God can fill us with hope and joy?
All: **It is hard to believe, which may be why it is hard to accept it. But God loves us, God has mercy on us, God is with us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven!**

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*

**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.**

Due to concerns about sharing the flu and coronavirus, we encourage you to speak the words of peace to those around you, and refrain from physical touch



**Song of Joy #490

“Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”
(Verse 3 Only)

BEACH SPRING

*O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God transform!*



Children's Time

Jeri Brandt



Prayer for Illumination



Scripture

Psalm 143:5-8
(Pg. 580)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**



Scripture

Mark 8:22-25
(Pg. 41)

Rev. Dr. Sue Collier



Anthem

“Open My Eyes”
Chancel Choir, with Susan Twiehaus, soloist

K. Lee Scott

*Open my eyes and I shall see; incline my heart and I shall desire;
Order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of your commandments.*

*O God, be my only Lord, and beside you let there be none else,
No other, none else with you.*

*Teach me to worship you and serve you in all my undertakings,
With truth of spirit, with honor of body, with blessing of mouth,
Both in public and private.*

*Open my eyes and I shall see; incline my heart and I shall desire;
Order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of your commandments. Amen.*



Sermon

Do You Really Understand Who Jesus Is?



Hymn #274

"You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

PICARDY



Prayer Through Music

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"



Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Dr. Kris Brammer

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.



Minute for Caring

Katie Pinch



The Offering

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for those who wish to give today via cash or check.*

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**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 #451

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

OPEN MY EYES



** 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"

The flowers are given to the Glory of God.

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

Prayer of Confession (adapted) and Assurance of Forgiveness © Thom Shuman

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