



**SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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[fpclincoln.org/sunday-worship](http://fpclincoln.org/sunday-worship)

**PRELUDE**

"Dialogue sur les grands jeux"

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**INTROIT**

"I Will Worship the Lord"

John Rutter

*I will worship the Lord all the days of my life;  
I will tell of His glory and will show forth His praise;  
I will sing and rejoice, for the Lord is my stronghold. Alleluia.*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Dr. Vena Alesio*

We are an impatient people, Lord. We want what we want, when we want it.

We don't want to wait for lights, or for service.

We don't want to wait for apologies, or for people.

In the moment, our needs are more important than anyone else's.

In our impatience, we trample others and neglect the most important things.

In our impatience, we forget that your time may not be our time.

Forgive us for thinking the whole world revolves around us.

Forgive us for hurting others. Forgive us for not trusting you.

Give us the wisdom to step back, to put things into perspective, and to trust you.

Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

The good news of Jesus Christ is that he came to us,  
knowing full well our flaws, our imperfections, and even the willful choices we make.

And yet he still came, and taught, and loved, and forgave.

His patience was eternal – and for that we are grateful.

Friends, hear the good news – in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free,  
to worship and to serve.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Non Nobis, Domine”      Rosephanye Powell  
*Chancel Choir (sung in Latin)*

*Non Nobis, Domine, non nobis,      Not to us, O Lord, not to us,  
sed nomini tuo da gloriam.      but to your name be the glory.*

**ISAIAH 40:1-11**

*(New Revised Standard Version)*

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

<sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her  
that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,  
that she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup>A voice cries out:

‘In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup>Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.’

<sup>6</sup>A voice says, ‘Cry out!’

And I said, ‘What shall I cry?’

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

<sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.

<sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

<sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;  
say to the cities of Judah, ‘Here is your God!’

<sup>10</sup>See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him;  
his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

<sup>11</sup>He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

**BREAKING OPEN THE WORD**

*Is it Time to Come Back Yet?*

*Rev. Dr. Sue Coller*

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

*Cindy Lloyd*

## **HYMN**

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

*I sing the mighty power of God  
that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad  
and built the lofty skies.*

*I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day.  
The moon shines full at God's command,  
and all the stars obey.*

*I sing the goodness of the Lord  
who filled the earth with food.  
God formed the creatures through the Word,  
and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,  
where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread,  
or gaze upon the sky!*

*There's not a plant or flower below  
but makes thy glories known.  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
by order from thy throne,  
while all that borrows life from thee  
is ever in thy care,  
and everywhere that we can be,  
thou, God, art present there.*

## **BREAKING OPEN OUR HEARTS WITH PRAYER**

*Email: [pray@fpclincn.org](mailto:pray@fpclincn.org)*

*Text: PRAY to 402-235-9510*

*Rev. Dr. Jane Holtzclaw*

**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 MISSION**

*Presbyterian Women Thank Offering*

## **BREAKING OPEN OUR HEARTS WITH GENEROSITY**

*Mail: First Presbyterian Church, 840 S 17<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, NE 68508*

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

*Online: [www.OnRealm.org/FPCLincoln/Give](http://www.OnRealm.org/FPCLincoln/Give)*

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

"Dialogue sur les Trompettes, Clairon et tierces du Grand Clavier"

Francois Couperin

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*Call to Worship adapted from Worship Trick No.67 on Johnny Baker's Worship Tricks website.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Asking the Questions Class**

How to Read the Bible and Still be a Christian

Wednesdays @ 6 pm

[fpclincoln.org/questions](http://fpclincoln.org/questions)

### **Children's Ministry**

Kid's Sunday School Kick-off on Zoom.

Sunday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 11 am

[fpclincoln.org/youthkidsministry/childrens-ministry/](http://fpclincoln.org/youthkidsministry/childrens-ministry/)

### **Wednesday Evening Prayer**

Wednesdays @ 7:15 pm on Facebook

[facebook.com/fpclincoln](https://facebook.com/fpclincoln)

### **Youth Fellowship Resumes**

Sunday (Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>) @ 5:30pm

with a Virtual Escape Room!

[fpclincoln.org/youthkidsministry/youth-ministry/](http://fpclincoln.org/youthkidsministry/youth-ministry/)

### **Zoom Communion**

Sundays @ 10 am

Join us @ 9:45 for fellowship

[fpclincoln.org/zoom-communion](http://fpclincoln.org/zoom-communion)

### **FPC Trivia Night / Zoom**

Sunday, September 20 @ 6:00 – 7:00 pm

[fpclincoln.org/fpc-trivia-night-on-zoom/](http://fpclincoln.org/fpc-trivia-night-on-zoom/)

### **Arts for the Soul Concert (online only)**

Watch Party: Sunday, September 20 @ 7:00 – 8:00 pm

@ [facebook.com/arts4thesoul](https://facebook.com/arts4thesoul)

and online on our website

[fpclincoln.org/bach-aria-soloists-2/](http://fpclincoln.org/bach-aria-soloists-2/)

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### ***Worship – Sermons – Communion – Evening Prayer***

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*Sermons by Phone – 402-200-4940*

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