



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME

Adam Hendrickson

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 32)

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All: shout for joy all who are upright in heart.

One: We will learn from the Lord,

All: God will instruct us and teach us in the way we should go.

One: Come, let us worship God.

✦ “EVERLASTING GOD”

Brown & Riley

✦ PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alex Lang

MATTHEW 13:31-33

MESSAGE

“Step 5: Parables”

Alex Lang

Scripture: Matthew 13:44-46

SONG

“Hands and Feet”

Stuart, Herdman, McGinniss, Burkum, & Peacock

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 sins, as we forgive

those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us

from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

“Prayers of the People”

Ben Johnston-Krase

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ “SHOUT TO THE NORTH”

Martin Smith

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Compass: Amy Carroll, keyboard; Grace Carroll, vocals; Kevin Carroll, bass; AJ Coleman, drums; Adam Hendrickson, guitar/vocals; Beth Osborn, vocals; Greg Schultz, saxophone; Andy Sturgeon, guitar

WELCOME, GUESTS!

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

Please sign the Friendship Pad, pass it along the pew, and introduce yourself to those around you after the service. Stop by the Welcome Center in the Narthex (lobby) to pick up information that will acquaint you with our church services and programs. You are also invited to join the conversation on Facebook, at facebook.com/firstpresah, and Twitter, at [@FirstPresAH](https://twitter.com/FirstPresAH). We look forward to connecting with you again.

CHILD CARE

Children of all ages are warmly welcomed and encouraged to participate in worship. Child care is available (infants through age four) in the Christian Education Wing (8:45 am – 11:45 am).

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

From September through May, Sunday morning Christian education classes are held for all ages. These include classes for preschool, elementary, middle school, and high school students, as well as education and discussion groups for adults. To learn more, visit firstpresah.org or call the church office at 847-255-5900.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

Large print bulletins, large print hymn packets, and hearing amplifiers are available from the ushers.

IMPORTANT WORSHIP REMINDERS

Please silence cell phones and refrain from taking photos or recording the worship service. Services are webcast live at firstpresah.org/media/live-stream. To download or listen to a podcast of today’s sermon (available soon), visit firstpresah.org/media/podcast. Past sermons and other educational broadcasts are available through the Media section of our website.

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“The Wright brothers flew right through
the smoke screen of impossibility.”
— Charles Kettering

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 31, 2019
9:00 & 10:30 AM

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Gothic Suite" *Léon Boëllmann*

- I. Introduction-Chorale
- II. Menuet Gothique
- III. Prière à Notre-Dame

The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation for the worship of Almighty God.

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✠ HYMN 829 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Olivet

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, forgive us for what we have done and for the things we have left undone. We think that building your kingdom is impossible. It demands too much from us and we give up before we even try. We hear your teachings, yet we fail to make them the foundation on which we build our lives. We have hopes and ideas about how to make your kingdom more visible in our community. We fail to pursue those hopes and ideas. Forgive us, O God, and restore our spirit.

SILENT CONFESSION

...in Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

✠ GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, Amen.

✠ PASSING THE PEACE

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COMMUNITY LIFE

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Josephine Figiel, born January 7, 2019—daughter of Nicholas and Robin Figiel

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:31-33

(Pew Bible, p. 795) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

"Hidden Deep Within"

Michael John Trotta

"There's nothing I can give to you that you do not already have. Yet there is something so much more that you can only give yourself. Everything we call a trial, a sorrow, hardship, or a duty, and although we may never see, a guiding hand is always there.

The gift, the wonder of it all is the presence hidden deep within, and the joy, yet somehow even more, that conceals diviner things. And when you welcome all these things, then you'll cease fighting anything, and kiss the heavens up above and touch the ground of everything. There's nothing I can give to you that you do not already have.

Yet there is something so much more, that you can only give yourself.

A secret that conceals diviner things."

Chamber Singers;

Megan Hendrickson, Kathy Sobeski, & JoAnn Thompson, soloists

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:44-46

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SERMON

"Step 5: Parables"

Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠ HYMN 175

"Seek Ye First"

Lafferty

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Be Transformed"

John Ferguson

"I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, I appeal to you, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds, so you may discern the will of God, what is good, and acceptable and perfect."

Chancel Choir and Chamber Singers

✠ DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

✠ HYMN 767

"Together We Serve"

San Anselmo

✠ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Gothic Suite"

Léon Boëllmann

IV. Toccata

✠ Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang

Greeters: (10:30 am) Bill Hamilton; Ken, Cathy, and Arlington Williams

Ushers: (9:00 am) Denise Beihoffer

(10:30 am) Tom Carroll (head usher), Pat Baker, Ron Baker, Susan Carroll, Dave Schaap, Bonnie Schaap

Flowers: Presbyterian Women—In honor of those who serve

Pastors: Alex Lang, Judy Hockenberry, TC Anderson

Director of Music and Worship: Adam Hendrickson

Associate Director of Music and Organist: Christopher Urban

Praise Band: Compass (9:00 am service)

WORSHIP NOTES