



9:00 AM WORSHIP

WELCOME TC Anderson

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 126)

One: The Lord has done great things for us;

All: and we rejoice!

One: We may sow with tears;

All: but we will reap with joy.

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✦ **“GOD OF WONDERS”** Byrd & Hindalong

✦ **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

MATTHEW 14:13-21

MESSAGE “Step 6: Miracles” Alex Lang

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

SONG “Miracles”
Berryman, Buckland, Champion, & Martin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE TC Anderson

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

“Walkin’ ‘Cross the Sea” *Pepper Choplin*

Men’s Chorus; Karen Lindquist, piano; Dan Richardson, soloist

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ **“I STAND IN AWE”** *Martyn Layzell*

✦ **BENEDICTION** Alex Lang

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Compass: TC Anderson, guitar/vocals; Amy Carroll, keyboard; Grace Carroll, vocals; Kevin Carroll, bass; AJ Coleman, drums; Adam Hendrickson, guitar/vocals; Beth Osborn, vocals; Greg Schultz, saxophone; Madison Treppa, vocals

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. 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.

**First Presbyterian Church
of Arlington Heights**

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Organized in 1855*



“We must not sit still and look for miracles;
up and doing, and the Lord will be with thee.
Prayer and pains, through faith
in Christ Jesus, will do anything.
— George Eliot

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**APRIL 7, 2019
9:00 & 10:30 AM**

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10:30 AM WORSHIP

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" *arr. Harold DeCou*
"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"
Chris Urban, organ; Chuck Beech, piano
*The prelude is your invitation to quiet preparation
for the worship of Almighty God.*

WELCOME Alex Lang

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✦ HYMN 182 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" Kingsfold

CALL TO CONFESSION Judy Hockenberry

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of miracles, forgive us for failing to follow in your ways. Forgive us for the ways in which we push our human agenda and fail to push your divine agenda. We think we can heal without your help. We think we can bring God's kingdom to earth on our own merit. We forget to do the right and just things. We fail to open ourselves to the miracles around us. Return us to the path you have so beautifully designed.

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Judy Hockenberry

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 14:13-21
(Pew Bible, p. 796) Judy Hockenberry
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 14:22-33
(Pew Bible, p. 796) Alex Lang
The Word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM "Walkin' 'Cross the Sea" *Pepper Choplin*
"I saw Jesus walking across the sea. I said, 'Help me walk on the water, that's where I want to be.' He said, 'Go where your faith will take you. Now come on out to me.' So I stepped out on the water, but I wasn't sinking down, but the winds, the waves, the waters were stirring all around. I said, 'Help me Lord I'm sinking, surely I will drown. Then I felt Jesus, He was holding onto my hand. He said, 'O what little faith you have, you poor doubtful man. Rise up, put your faith in me and surely you will stand, now rise and stand.' I held onto Jesus, we were walking across the sea. And when I stepped back in the boat I fell upon my knees. I said, 'Surely You're the Son of God, have mercy on me.' He is calling, Jesus still is calling, 'Come and walk with me.' Wherever faith will take you, I promise I will be. Rise up and walk with Me."
Men's Chorus; Karen Lindquist, piano; Dan Richardson, soloist

SERMON "Step 6: Miracles" Alex Lang

TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Brief Statement of Faith, 11.2)
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God; preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

✦ HYMN 340 "This is My Song" Finlandia

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Judy Hockenberry

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" *arr. Tom Trenney*
"I want to walk as a child of the Light; I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear sun of righteousness shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father."
Men's Chorus; Karen Lindquist, piano

✦ 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 187 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" Bradbury

✦ BENEDICTION Alex Lang

POSTLUDE "Postlude in F" *Christian Cappelen*

✦ Please stand as you are able.

Preaching: Alex Lang

Greeter: (10:30 am) Bob Ahrens

Ushers: (9:00 am) Bob and Liza Churchill
(10:30 am) Buzz Detrick, Frank Stanhope

Flowers: Elizabeth Lehman—In memory of loved ones

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