



First Presbyterian Church

OF LAKE FOREST

April 16, 2023
10:00 AM
Confirmation Sunday

Sending well-equipped disciples of Jesus into the world—compassionate, generous, resilient, and wise

Prayer of Preparation

adapted from *Liturgies for Hope*

Holy God, as companions grow into confidants,
Shelter our growth with the cloud of your presence.
Graft yourself into our hearts,
So that our relationships are not broken.
Empower us to live by the words of Ruth –
Where you go I'll go; where you stay I'll stay.
Your people will be my people, and your God my God.
Amen.

Prelude

Exuberant Joy
Alleluia, He Is Risen

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski
arr. Michael R. Keller

The Welcome

Jesus Christ and our faith community welcome you to worship today.

We are a community that prays for and with one another. If you wish, we invite you to fill out a Joys & Concerns card (in the pew rack) to share your prayer request. If you are a visitor and would like us to get in touch with you, please provide your information on the back of the Joys & Concerns card. An usher will collect them later in the service.

During the service, you are invited to stand as you are able where an asterisk () is printed, and speak or sing in unison all passages in bold.*

Let us take a few moments of silence as we prepare our hearts to worship God.



Our Sanctuary sound system is equipped to broadcast directly to T-Coil-equipped hearing aids. If your hearing aid is so equipped, switch it into this mode. If you do not have this type of hearing aid, assistive listening devices are available from the ushers.

Introit

The Whole World Sings Alleluia

Wayne L. Wold
based on Psalm 118

*This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice;
This is the day the whole world sings alleluia!*

Refrain:

Alleluia! Alleluia! The whole world sings alleluia!

*The stone is gone and sunlight fills the empty tomb;
The stone is gone, the whole world sings alleluia!*

Refrain

*Come sing, come dance, come celebrate this joyous day;
Come sing, come dance, the whole world sings alleluia!*

Refrain

Everywhere I Go

Natalie Sleeth

*Ev'rywhere I go, the Lord is near me,
If I call upon Him, he will hear me,
Never will I fear, for the Lord is near ev'rywhere I go.*

*In the dark of night should things alarm me,
Ever in His sight, no ill may harm me,
I will be of cheer for the Lord is near, ev'rywhere I go.
He is with me day by day, He will be my strength and stay;
From His path I will not stray but follow in His way.
In the coming days of joy and sadness
I will praise His name with songs of gladness,
For to me it's clear that the Lord is near ev'rywhere I go.*

*Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-3

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;
God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

Leader: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

*Hymn of Praise NO. 488

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

TUNE: WATERLIFE

— The Sacrament of Baptism —

Receiving the sacrament of baptism today are
Caleb Michael Popiel, child of Lauren (Whalley) and Brenten Popiel
Bayly Anne Rolek, child of Brooke (Bayly) Rolek and Brandon Rolek

Congregational Question

Leader: Friends, do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ,
promise to guide and nurture these children by word and deed,
with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Jesus,
and to be faithful members of His church?

People: **We do.**

*The Apostles' Creed *(unison)*

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 sin; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Baptism

The Welcome *(unison)*

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church.
We are all members of the household of God and family through Jesus Christ.

Sung Response NO. 188 *(stanza 1)*

Jesus Loves Me!

TUNE: JESUS LOVES ME

***Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong.
They are weak, but He is strong.***

***Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.***

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: As people born of water and the Spirit, the old life has gone,
and a new life has begun. Friends, hear this good news!

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading *(Old Testament, page 577 in your pew Bible)*

Psalm 139

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

"Blessings for the Journey"

Rev. Jim Cochrane

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the 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 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.

Offering

A Joyful Song

arr. Arnold B. Sherman



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— Service of Confirmation —

Presentation of Confirmation Class

Adeline Paige Blacksmith
Lyla Kay Drowne
Robert Allen Haas, III
Collin Edward Lucas
Benjamin David Rattin

Robert Helms Rolek
Graydon Burke Rother
Carter Stanley Savage
Chloe Elizabeth White

Profession of Faith

Baptism of Robert Helms Rolek

***Declaration of Faith** *(unison)*

from the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

***Laying on of Hands and Prayer for the Confirmands**

***Welcome** *(unison)*

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to full membership at First Presbyterian Church and to the fellowship of Christ's church. We welcome you to join with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

***Hymn of Sending** NO. 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

TUNE: KELVINGROVE

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Your Grace is Enough

Matt Maher

This Week's Calendar

TODAY

- 9:30 AM** Nursery open until 11:15 AM, Room 212
Lunch & Learn sign-up, church lobby
- 10:00** Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:15** Children's Faith Building, Rooms 215 & 219
- 11:00** Fellowship, Great Room
- 3:00 PM** Rev. Jim Cochrane Installation, Sanctuary
Reception, Great Room

MON

- 9:30 AM** Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
- 2:00 PM** Brownie Troop Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 6:15** New Member Meeting, Sanctuary/Great Room
- 7:00** Session Meeting, South Parlor/Zoom

TUE

- 9:30 AM** Tuesday Women's Bible Study, Parish House Library
- 1:00 PM** Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor
Adult Bible Study, Zoom
- 6:00** Lakeminster Ringers, Sanctuary
- 6:30** Buildings and Grounds Cmte. Meeting, Zoom
- 7:00** Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom
- 7:30** Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall/Room 012

WED

- 10:00 AM** Wed. Women's Bible Study, South Parlor/Zoom
- 5:30 PM** Wednesday Night Supper, Great Room
Chancel Bells, Sanctuary
- 6:00** Children's Faith Building, South Parlor
- 7:00** Explorations of Faith, South Parlor/Zoom
Worship Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Taizé, Live Stream

THU

- 6:30 AM** Daybreakers Men's Ministry, South Parlor/Zoom
- 9:30** Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
- 6:00 PM** Adult Faith Formation Meeting, South Parlor/Zoom
- 7:00** Sanctuary Choir, Music Room
- 7:30** Boy Scout Committee, Parish House

FRI

- 7:00 AM** Men of Corinth Bible Study, Great Room

SAT

- 11:00 AM** Dona Underwood Memorial Service, Sanctuary
- 1:00 PM** Eagle Scout Ceremony, Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall



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The flowers in the niches are given from the Confirmation Class for Pastor Jim, in appreciation for seeing them through their confirmation year and in honor of his installation this afternoon.

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Serve, Learn & Connect

For our weekly ministries and Zoom links
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