

First Presbyterian Church

OF LAKE FOREST

August 13, 2023 10:00 AM Season of Pentecost

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

Prayer for Worship

Ever-present God, who is at the side of every creature in creation, renew our lives so that we may discern and do your will, what is good and acceptable and perfect. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prelude

Prelude on Land of Rest

Richard Proulx

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.

Choral Introit

Love, Love, Love

American Folk Tune

Love, love, love. Christians, this is your call. Love your neighbor as yourself, For God loves us all.



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.

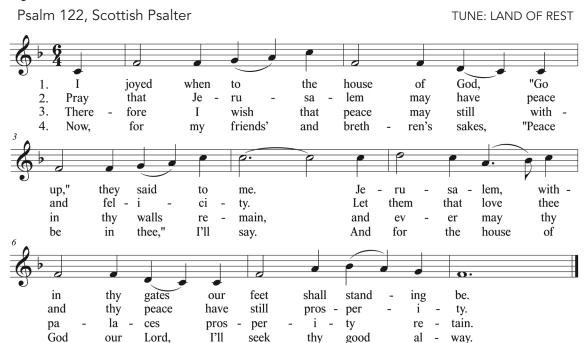
*Call to Worship

Leader: You, who are many, are transformed to become one in Christ.

People: We, who are many, are called to worship God, the Three in One.

All: Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise



Call to Confession

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Confident in this ever-gracious, never-failing help, we come before the Lord, confessing our sin and seeking forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Forgiving God,
we confess that we are conformed to this world.
We conform to this world's frantic pace,
too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide.
We conform to this world's reckless waste,
exploiting what you entrust to our care.
We conform to this world's shallow values,
oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us.
We conform to this world's impatient attitudes,
preferring the latest instead of the lasting.
Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,

People: we would now be lost in sin.

Leader: But it is the Lord who is on our side.

People: And so we are forgiven.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

— The Sacrament of Baptism —

Receiving the sacrament of baptism today are **Collette Mae Delfino** and **Mia Josephine Delfino**, children of Emily and Brandon Delfino

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

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

Romans 12:4-21 (The Message)

(New Testament, page 162 in pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Congregation and Community: Passing the Baton"

Doug Valassis

*Hymn of Response NO. 300

We Are One in the Spirit

TUNE: THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

Presentation of our Offering



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Offertory

Praise, O Praise Our God and King

Martin How

Praise, O praise our God and King; hymns of adoration sing: For his mercies still endure ever faithful, ever sure.

Praise him that he made the sun day by day his course to run.
And the silver moon by night, shining with her gentle light.
Praise him that he gave the rain to mature the swelling grain.
And for richer food than this, pledge of everlasting bliss.

Glory to the Father, Son, and blest Spirit, Three in One.

^{*} PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.

*Doxology (unison)

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

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People 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.

*Hymn of Sending NO. 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

TUNE: CWM RHONDDA

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Cwm Rhondda J. Bert Carlson

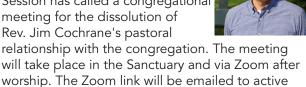
This Week's Calendar

TODAY	
9:45 AM	Nursery open until 11:15 AM, Room 212
10:00	Worship, Sanctuary Playground Church, Playground
11:00	Fellowship, Great Room
MON	
9:30 AM	Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
TUE	
1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor
	Adult Bible Study, Zoom
5:30	Adult Faith Formation Cmte. Mtg., S. Parlor/Zoom
WED	
10:00 AM	Wednesday Women's Bible Study, S. Parlor/Zoom
11:00	Resource Grp: Caregivers of Terminally Ill, Bride's Rm
5:30 PM	Wednesday Night Supper, Outdoors
6:30	Summer Series: Liturgy of the Ordinary, Great Rm
7:00	Worship Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary
THU	
6:30 AM	Daybreakers Men's Bible Study, Great Rm/Zoom
9:30	Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
7:00 PM	Children's Faith Formation Cmte. Mtg., S. Parlor/Zoom
FRI	
7:00 AM	Men of Corinth Bible Study, South Parlor/Zoom

Congregational Meeting Sunday, August 20

Session has called a congregational meeting for the dissolution of Rev. Jim Cochrane's pastoral

members on Sunday morning.



After worship, join us in the Great Room as we celebrate Pastor Jim and his four years of ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest!



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For our weekly ministries and Zoom links firstchurchlf.org/ministries

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