



First Presbyterian Church

OF LAKE FOREST

August 27, 2023
10:00 AM
Season of Pentecost

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

Prayer for Worship

Almighty God, whose compassion embraces everyone, gather the outcast and the lost, heal the wounds of fear and distrust, and make us a community of reconciliation that we may embody your merciful love and rejoice in your astounding grace in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prelude

Organ Prelude on a Traditional Irish Air

Ethel Smyth

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.

*Call to Worship

Leader: Listen, for the voice of God comes near!

People: Listen, for God's voice is not obtrusive.

Leader: We come to worship the God who became one of us,

People: Who call us by name,

Leader: Who is Love Incarnate,

People: Who is!

Leader: Let us gather together in joy and hope—

People: Let us worship the God of Love!



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.

*Hymn of Praise

Psalm 113

TUNE: MELITA

O praise, you ser - vants of the LORD; sing prais - es to God's
The LORD is high a - bove the earth, God's glo - ry far a -
God rais - es out - casts from the dust and from the ash - heap

4
ho - ly name. O bless - ed be the name of God; God's
bove the sky. Who else is like the LORD our God, the
lifts the poor, ex - al - ting them to dig - ni - ty, with

7
praise for - ev - er - more pro - claim. From east to west the
one who sits en - throned on high? God is the one who
prin - ces to a - bide se - cure. The hope - less heart shall

10
praise of God each day is to be spread a - broad.
stoops down low to look on heav'n and earth be - low.
be re - stored with life and com - fort. Praise the LORD!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Merciful God, we confess that we have conformed our lives to the ways of the world and not the ways of your kingdom.

People: We think of ourselves too highly and regard others as lowly.

Leader: We exalt possessions and power, when you alone are to be exalted.

People: We let conflicts prevail over grace and divisions over harmony.

Leader: Have mercy upon us, we pray.

People: Forgive and transform us, that we may be holy and acceptable to you, discerning and doing your will. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ends.
When we call out to God, God answers.

People: God saves us with a strong and outstretched hand.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and helped to live in grace. Amen.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-8

(New Testament, page 161 in pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*Song of Response NO. 450

Be Now My Vision

TUNE: SLANE

Presentation of Our Offering



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Offertory

Psalm 113

From the Rising of the Sun

Sandra McCracken

Hallelujah, give praise, you servants

Praise the name of the LORD.

Let the name of the LORD be blessed

From now and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun, to it's going down

Let the name of the LORD be praised, from the rising of the sun.

The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens,

Who is like the LORD our God? Who sits enthroned on high?

Who is like the LORD our God? Who stoops to behold, the heavens and the earth?

***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** *(unison)*

Gracious God, we thank you for the measure of faith you have given to each of us. Increase in us generosity, compassion, and prophetic courage so we may continue to be your body in and for the world. With thanksgiving we pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

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

Now To Him Who is Able

Robert P. McConnell

3 E B A E C#m F#m7 A B $\frac{B}{A}$
Now to him who is ab - le to do far more than we ask or think, ac -

5 $\frac{E}{G\#}$ B A E B_{sus} B
cord - ing to the pow - er at work with - in us, to

7 A E $\frac{B}{D\#}$ A/C# A E
him be glor - y in the church, and in Christ Je - sus, through -

9 B Cdim7 C#m $\frac{E}{G\#}$ F#m7 AM7 B
out all gen - er - a - tions, for ev - er and ev - er. A -

11 E $\frac{F\#m}{E}$ $\frac{A}{E}$ rit E
men.

*Charge and Benediction

— The Congregational Meeting —

Today's Agenda will be passed out at the start of the meeting.

*Postlude

Tocatta in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

Coming up...



Celebrate Mission: An Evening in the Garden

Join us in celebrating Mission and raising funds for our neighbors, near and far, on Saturday, September 16. An evening of fellowship, live music, appetizers, and drinks, featuring an auction for unique experiences and a tour of Westmoreland Farm. Tickets are available online at fpcfcmision23.givesmart.com. If you would like donate items for the auction, please contact Stewart Kerr at skerr@firstchurchlf.org



Coffee and a Cause

Thursday, September 14, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Join us in the Great Room for a parent get together while also dedicating time to service work. September's Coffee and a Cause supports Keeping Families Covered. We are collecting diapers and creating feminine care kits. For more details visit: firstchurchlf.org/coffee-and-a-cause



Lunch and Learn

Sunday, September 24, 10:45 AM

Michael P. McGillicuddy, LCSW and founder of Untying Knots, presents "If We're Better Together, Why are We So Far Apart?" Join us for a lunch presentation and workshop for making discussion of diverse topics less difficult. Childcare will be provided. RSVP at firstchurchlf.org/michael-mcgillicuddy

View our Weekly Schedule of ministries, and find details and Zoom links on our church website: www.firstchurchlf.org/ministries

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This Week's Calendar

TODAY

- 9:45 AM Nursery open until 11:15 AM, Room 212
10:00 Worship, Sanctuary
Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
11:00 Open House/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
7:00 Boy Scouts Troop Meeting, Fellowship Hall/012

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, Great Room
7:30 Sanctuary Choir, Music Room

THU

- 6:30 AM Daybreakers Men's Bible Study, Great Room/Zoom
9:30 Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room

FRI

- 7:00 AM Men of Corinth Bible Study, Zoom

Congregational Meeting today

The session has called a congregational meeting for today, immediately following our 10:00 AM worship to vote on the call of the candidate for Senior Pastor. This meeting will be in-person only.



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Serve, Learn & Connect

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

Share Joys & Concerns

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