



# First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

July 30, 2023  
10:00 AM  
Season of Pentecost

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

## Preparation for Worship John O'Donohue, "To Bless the Space Between Us"

Now is the time to enjoy your heart's desire,  
To live the dreams you've waited for,  
To awaken the depths beyond your work  
And enter into your infinite source.

## Gathering Music

Blessed Be Your Name

Matt & Beth Redman

### VERSE



1. Bless - ed be Your name in the land that is plen -
2. Bless - ed be Your name when I'm found in the des -
3. Bless - ed be Your name when the sun's shin - ing down
4. Bless - ed be Your name on the road marked with suf -



ti - ful, where Your streams of a - bun - dance flow, bless - ed  
ert place, though I walk through the wil - der - ness, bless - ed  
on me, when the world's "all as it should be." bless - ed  
fer - ing, though there's pain in the of - fer - ing, bless - ed

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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.

**PRE-CHORUS**



be Your name.

Ev - 'ry bless - ing You pour out I'll

be Your name. \_\_\_\_\_

be Your name. \_\_\_\_\_

be Your name. \_\_\_\_\_



turn back to praise.

When the dark - ness clos - es in, Lord, still I will

**CHORUS**



say, "Bless - ed be the name of the Lord, bless - ed be Your name.



Bless - ed be the name of the Lord, bless - ed be Your glo - ri - ous name."

**BRIDGE**



You give and take a - way,

You give and take a -



way. My heart will choose to say,

"Lord, Bless - ed be Your name."

You

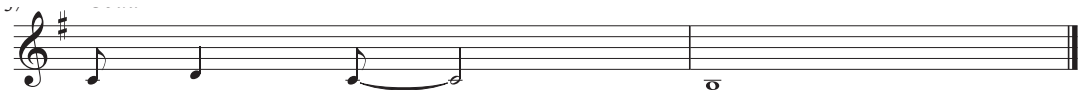


name."

Bless - ed

be

the



## 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

John O'Donohue, "Matins"

Leader: I arise today.

**People: Blessed by all things,  
Wings of breath,  
Delight of eyes,  
Wonder of whisper,  
Intimacy of touch,  
Eternity of soul,  
Urgency of thought,  
Miracle of health,  
Embrace of God.**

Leader: May I live this day.

**People: Compassionate of heart,  
Clear in word,  
Gracious in awareness,  
Courageous in thought,  
Generous in love.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

## \*Song of Praise

You Are My All In All

Dennis Jernigan

### VERSE



1. You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treas - ure that I  
2. Tak ing my sin, my cross, my shame, Ris - ing a - gain I bless Your



seek. You are my all in all. Seek - ing You as a pre - cious  
name; You are my all in all. When I fall down, You pick me



jew'l, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.  
up; When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all.

### CHORUS



Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name! Je - sus, Lamb of God,



wor - - thy is Your name!

## \*Confession and Assurance

## \*Passing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

## Prayer for Illumination

## Reading from Scripture

*(New Testament, page 193 in pew Bible)*

Ephesians 4:1-7

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

"Endings and Beginnings"

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

## Offering



*You may give online or fulfill your pledge by scanning the QR code with your mobile phone, or go to [firstchurchlf.org/give](https://firstchurchlf.org/give).  
Thank you for your generosity!*

## 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.

## — The Congregational Meeting —

To act on Rev. Clinton G. Roberts' request for the dissolution of his pastoral relationship to First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest.

## Opening Prayer

**Motion:** At the request of the Rev. Clinton G. Roberts and the Presbytery of Chicago, I move that the congregation consent to the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Clinton G. Roberts and First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, with affection and gratitude effective July 30, 2023.

## \*Adjournment with Prayer

\* PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.

## \*A Prayer at the Time of a Minister's Retirement

God of grace we thank you for the gift of Christian ministry given in your servant, Clinton. We celebrate the years of his labor in the fields of the Lord and rejoice in the blessing so many have received. Give him a sense of fulfillment and completion, a time of refreshment and rest, and new opportunities for living the good news of your love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

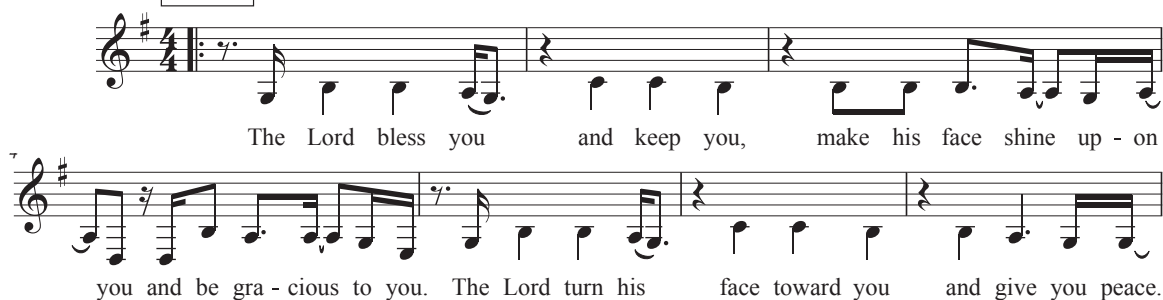
*(The congregation is invited to come forward to bless Pastor Clint with the laying on of hands)*

## \*Song of Sending

The Blessing

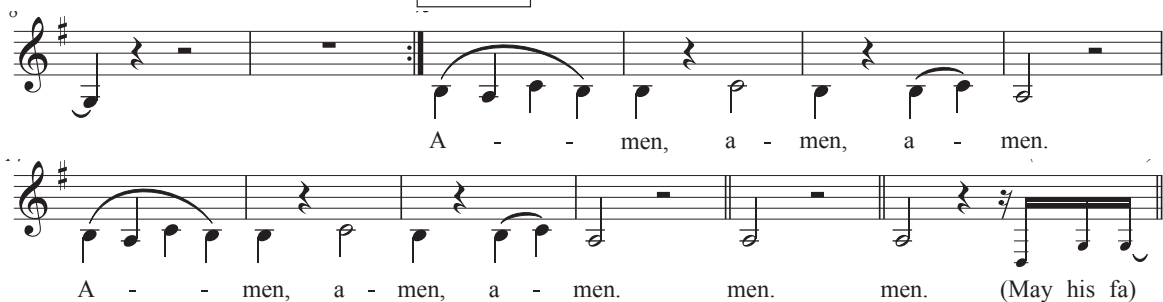
Brown, Carnes, Jobe

### VERSE



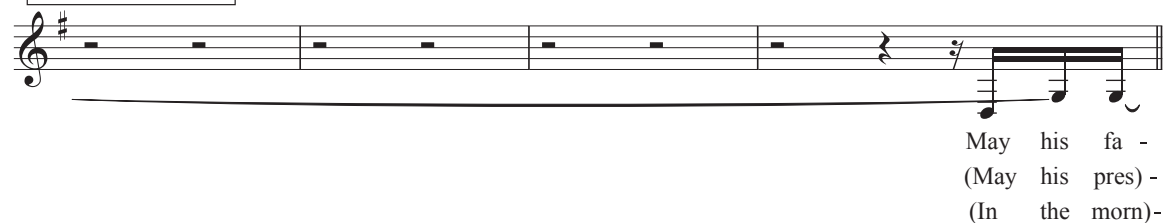
The Lord bless you and keep you, make his face shine up - on  
you and be gra - cious to you. The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

### CHORUS



A - - men, a - men, a - men.  
A - - men, a - men, a - men. men. men. (May his fa)

### INSTRUMENTAL



May his fa -  
(May his pres) -  
(In the morn)-

### BRIDGE



vor be up - on you and a thou - sand gen - er - a - tions and your fam -  
ence go be - fore you and be - hind you and be - side you, all a - round  
ing, in the eve - ning, in your com - ing and your go - ing, in your weep -



'ly and your chil - dren and their chil - dren and their chil - dren. May his fa  
you and with - in you. He is with  
ing and re - joic - ing, He is for



dren and their chil - dren. May his pres you, he is for you. He is for  
you, he is with you. In the morn

### TAG



you, he is for you, he is for you, he is for you, he is for you, he is for



you.

you.

## \*Charge and Benediction

## \*Sending

A reception will be held in the Great Room immediately following worship.

\* PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.

# WORSHIP NOTES



As you attend worship, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.

Write or draw something you heard in the sermon

Favorite song today was:

What are we learning about God from this passage?

Words you heard but don't know...



## An Update on the All-Church Survey

After review of the data and weeks of discussion, the Survey Task Force presented their recommendations to Session on Monday, June 26, for the new worship schedule in the coming fall. Session voted to accept the recommendations for new worship times starting Sunday, September 10. See the schedule below or scan the QR code to read to learn details about worship this fall!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the All Church Survey! We received a total of 274 responses, and we appreciate you taking your time in giving us your feedback.



*The "Making Sunday Work for Everyone" Task Force:*

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Peter Vander Velde

Jim Cochrane  
Kristie Finley  
Kane Kowalik  
Susan Noble  
Clint Roberts  
Sarah Seccombe

## Worship Services

### SUNDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

**SUNDAYS at 9:30 AM** starting Festival Sunday, September 10 in the Sanctuary  
Predominantly traditional musical offering with the Organ and Sanctuary Choir  
Childcare from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Sunday School during worship

### **Sunday School** Sundays during worship

The 9:30 AM service will have Sunday School for children ages 3 – 4<sup>th</sup> grade, exploring Bible lessons with the Spark Curriculum. The children will start in worship in the Sanctuary and go to Sunday School in the upstairs classrooms after the Word for Children. On Communion Sundays (the first Sunday of the month) they will return to worship for Communion with their families.

**WEDNESDAYS at 6:30 PM** starting September 13 in the Sanctuary  
Contemporary and casual worship with music from the Worship Ensemble  
Childcare from 6:00 PM – 7:45 PM, Children's Faith Building 6:00 – 6:30 PM

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 [fpcflfmission23.givesmart.com](http://fpcflfmission23.givesmart.com). If you would like donate items for the auction, please contact Stewart Kerr at [skerr@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:skerr@firstchurchlf.org).



### **Blessing of the Backpacks**

Bring your backpacks to worship on Sunday, August 20, when we will be blessing backpacks in preparation for back-to-school!



### **First Pres Open House**

Join us in discovering opportunities to worship, connect, invite, and serve at First Pres! On Sunday, August 27, worship with us at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary, and explore each of our ministries in the Great Room to learn more about them!

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**View our Weekly Schedule of ministries, and find details and Zoom links on our church website: [www.firstchurchlf.org/ministries](http://www.firstchurchlf.org/ministries)**

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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/firstchurchlf](http://www.facebook.com/firstchurchlf)  
Instagram, Twitter, YouTube: [@firstchurchlf](https://www.instagram.com/firstchurchlf)**

# This Week's Calendar

<b>TODAY</b>	
<b>9:45 AM</b>	Nursery open until 11:15 AM, Room 212
<b>10:00</b>	Worship, Sanctuary Playground Church, Playground
<b>11:00</b>	Reception for Pastor Clint, Great Room
<b>MON</b>	
<b>9:30 AM</b>	Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
<b>TUE</b>	
<b>1:00 PM</b>	Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor Adult Bible Study, Zoom
<b>4:00</b>	Worship & Music Cmte. Mtg., South Parlor/Zoom
<b>WED</b>	
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Resource Grp: Caregivers of Terminally Ill, Bride's Rm
<b>THU</b>	
<b>6:30 AM</b>	Daybreakers Men's Bible Study, Great Room/Zoom
<b>9:30</b>	Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
<b>6:30 PM</b>	Buildings & Grounds Cmt. Mtg., S. Parlor/Zoom
<b>FRI</b>	
<b>7:00 AM</b>	Men of Corinth Bible Study, South Parlor/Zoom

## A Reception for Pastor Clint

Join us as we celebrate the pastorate of Rev. Clinton Roberts with our love and thanks for four years of ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest.



**Today, July 30, 11:00 AM**  
in the Great Room

As is our custom, a parting gift will be collected. If you wish to contribute, please do so by Tuesday, August 15. Please make any checks out to First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest, and note in your gift that it is for Pastor Clint.



## Give

Give online or fulfill your pledge: scan the QR code or go to **FirstChurchLF.org/give**.

The flowers in the niches are given with love and gratefulness for the ministry of Clinton Roberts, and best wishes for Clint and Deb's next life chapter.

**Pastor on call:** Jim Cochrane 612.597.3472

## Worship Participants

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts  
Rev. Kristie Finley  
Rev. Dr. Craig Howard  
Rev. Julie Peterson  
Christina Maldonado  
Nathan Fivecoate  
Worship Ensemble  
Rick Day, AV Support Lead  
Henry Thomas, AV Support  
Georgia Sottosanto-Sorenson, AV Support  
Ryder Gamrath, AV Support

## Serve, Learn & Connect

**For our weekly ministries and Zoom links**  
[firstchurchlf.org/ministries](http://firstchurchlf.org/ministries)

### Share Joys & Concerns

Kristie Finley 224.544.1967

### Home Communion

Kristie Finley 224.544.1967

### Arrange a Wedding or Baptism

Sarah Seccombe 224.544.1958

### Engagement & Membership

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### Mission

Stewart Kerr 224.544.1968

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Donna Coffin  
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John Gescheidle  
Lynnette Hinch  
Elinor Hite  
John Johnson

Laura Johnson  
Sally McDonald  
Mary Gould Moorhead  
Diane Quinn  
Paul Roeck  
David Strong  
Peter Vander Velde  
Anne Warnke *Clerk*  
Anne Winebrenner

## Deacons

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Nancy Anderson  
Carol Bagan  
Carolyn Bennett  
Dorothy Chantler  
Mallory Ciarrocchi  
Emily Gilley  
Peg Gronau  
Nancy Hamming  
Jeff Hinch  
Cindy Johnson  
Dick Johnson  
Susan McDowell  
John McNicholas

Susan Milanak  
Jerry Mortensen *Elect*  
Tiffany Notz  
Martha Richter  
Gale Strenger Wayne  
*Co-moderator*  
Tricia Sweet  
*Co-moderator*  
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Scott Weston

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