



First Presbyterian Church

OF LAKE FOREST

September 3, 2023
10:00 AM
Season of Pentecost

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

Prayer for Worship

God of mystery and might, whose wonderful works are to be remembered, move in our lives, change our minds, soften our hearts, direct our feet, that we may follow you more faithfully. Yes, Lord, we seek to follow Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Prelude

Prelude in E-flat Major, Op. 41, No. 1

Alexandre Guilmant

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.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The God of our ancestors calls us to worship.

People: Praise the Lord!

Leader: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

People: Let us worship God!

***Hymn of Praise NO. 744**

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

TUNE: FESTAL SONG

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

God of mercy,

we confess that, like the disciples,
we set our minds not on divine things
but on human things.

Doubting your loving care, we grab for
more than we need.

Doubting your loving purposes, we shrink
from living as your followers.

Doubting your loving plan, we become
stumbling blocks in your creation.

Forgive us that we may gain new life in you,
for it is in Jesus' forgiving name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Jesus took up his cross for our salvation.

In return for our old life of sin,
he promises a new life of grace.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

(Old Testament, page 50 in pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Matthew 11:2-11

(New Testament, page 11 in pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Looking for the Right Things"

Rev. Dr. William J. Ingersoll

*Song of Response NO. 733

We All Are One in Mission

TUNE: ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

Presentation of Our Offering



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Offertory

The Love of God Comes Close

John Bell and Graham Maule

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

— The Lord's Supper —

Gathering Song NO. 520 (sung refrain)

Taste and See

TUNE: TASTE AND SEE

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It begins with a dynamic marking of *All*. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are: "Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord." The score ends with a double bar line.

TEXT and MUSIC: James E. Moore Jr., 1983
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TASTE AND SEE
Irregular

The Invitation to the Table

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

So that all feel welcome at the table, the bread is gluten-free, and the cups contain grape juice. Partake of the bread upon receiving it, and hold the cup to drink together.

Communion Hymn

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Sandra McCracken
Joshua Moore

Chorus

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and a key signature change to one flat (F major). The lyrics are: 'We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our hearts re - stored. He has done great things. we will say to - ge - ther We will feast and weep no more.' The second staff continues the lyrics: '1. We will not be 2. In the dark of 3. Ev - ery vow we've burned by the fire, He is the Lord our God we are not con - night be - fore the dawn my soul be not a - fraid for the pro - mised bro - ken and be - trayed You are the faith ful one and from the sumed by the flood Up - held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up mor - ning o how long O God of Ja - cob be my strength. gar - den to the grave Bind us to - ge - ther bring sha - lom'.

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Closing Prayer

***Hymn of Sending** *NO. 503*

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

TUNE: O QUANTA QUALIA

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Little Prelude and Fugue in C Major

att. Johann Sebastian Bach

This Week's Calendar

TODAY

- 9:45 AM Nursery open until 11:15 AM, Room 212
10:00 Worship, Sanctuary
11:00 Fellowship, Great Room

MON Church Closed for the Labor Day Holiday

TUE

- 9:30 AM Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor
7:00 Deacon Meeting, South Parlor/Zoom
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
7:00 Worship Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary
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
6:30 PM Buildings & Ground Cmte. Mtg., S. Parlor/Zoom
7:00 Mom's Small Group, Youth Lounge

FRI

- 7:00 AM Men of Corinth Bible Study, Zoom
11:00 Marilyn Lovell Memorial Service, Sanctuary
Reception, Great Room



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Serve, Learn & Connect

For our weekly ministries and Zoom links
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Anne Warnke *Clerk*
Anne Winebrenner

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Carolyn Bennett
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Mallory Ciarrocchi
Emily Gilley
Peg Gronau
Nancy Hamming
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