



First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

March 26, 2023
10:30 AM
Fifth Sunday in Lent

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



Cover by Sanctified Art: "Rubble" by Carmelle Beaugelin, inspired by Ezekiel 37:1–14



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Prayer of Preparation

God of compassion and love, you have breathed into us the breath of life. Look kindly upon us in our sorrows, and gather our pain into your peace. In our fragility we surrender our lives to you from whom they came, trusting in your gracious promises and in the hope of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prelude

Fantasie in F minor, KV 594

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, 1790

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.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Introit

"I am the resurrection" from Requiem
Burial Service, 1662 Book of Common Prayer

John Rutter, 1985

"I am the resurrection and the life," saith the Lord: "he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

*Call to Worship

Leader: Have you ever felt washed up, brittle, worn-down to the bone?

People: Have you ever felt grief lay heavy on your back?

Leader: Have you ever felt like hope was out of reach?

People: Have you ever wondered, can these bones live?

Leader: If you have, then you are in the right place, for this is God's house.
Hope lives here.

People: So, come. Rest your weary bones.

Leader: Let us worship our Holy God.

*Hymn of Praise NO. 824

There Is a Place of Quiet Rest

TUNE: MC AFEE

Word for Children & 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.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Jesus of Nazareth,

I confess: I forget that you know this feeling.

I forget that you, too, have wept.

I forget that you, too, have lost.

I forget that you, too, have gathered at the tomb,

have grieved for a friend, have felt the sting of humanity.

Forgive me for all the times I place blame on you.

Forgive me for all the times I create distance,

imagining that you could never feel what I feel.

Forgive me for allowing the valley of dry bones to be

a sea of space between us.

Pour yourself into the cracks in my heart.

Bring these bones back to life.

Bring me closer to you. With gratitude I pray, amen.

Sung Invocation NO. 544

Bless The Lord

TUNE: BLESS THE LORD

The image shows a musical score for a sung invocation. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The music is in 4/4 time and the key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name." and "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

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BLESS THE LORD (Taizé)
Irregular

Words of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, you could spend your whole life ignoring God,
pushing God away, or trying to solve the world's problems
all on your own, and God would still love you all the same.
Even in our shortcomings, we are God's beloved.

So hear and believe this good news:

People: **We are saved by grace through faith.**
We belong to God. We are not alone.

*Sung Response NO. 654

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

TUNE: IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re -
joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your
voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near." There are triplets in the vocal line of the second system, marked with a '3' above the notes.

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IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL
Irregular

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson *(page 806 in pew Bible)*

Ezekiel 37:1-6

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

De Profundis, KV 93

Psalm 130

Georg von Reutter (1708–1772)

previously attributed to W.A. Mozart

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning:

I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

*Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy,
and with him is plenteous redemption.*

And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever shall be.*

World without end, Amen.

New Testament Lesson *(page 105 in pew Bible)*

John 11:17-44

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to Christ.**

Sermon

"I Will Weep with You"

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

*Hymn of Response NO. 834

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

TUNE: PRECIOUS LORD

Sharing of Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Response

Threefold Amen

Danish

Offering

Church Sonata in Eb, KV 67

W. A. Mozart, 1772



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*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.

*Affirmation of Faith

Leader: We believe that God loves us—

People: God loves us enough to weep when we are gone.

Leader: We believe that God does not give up on us—

People: breathing new life into tired bones.

Leader: We believe that God returns to us—

People: always seeking us when we are lost.

Leader: We believe that God holds hope for us—

People: so we hold onto hope as well.

Leader: We believe, help our unbelief.

People: In Christ's name we pray, amen.

***Hymn of Sending NO. 821**

My Life Flows On

TUNE: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

Benediction

Alice Jordan (1916-2012)

Father, give us thy benediction. Grant us thy peace before we part. Amen.

***Postlude**

Church Sonata in A Major, KV 225

W. A. Mozart, c. 1776

Parts of today's worship liturgy are adapted from "Seeking" by A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

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...

holy week

palm sunday APRIL 2

The Palm Sunday services (9:00 and 10:30 AM) will involve the combined forces of the Worship Ensemble and Sanctuary Choir in a musical start to Holy Week that will be both celebratory and evocative.

maundy thursday APRIL 6

Join us for Dinner Church in the Great Room at 6:00 PM. We gather around the table for supper, worship, and communion as we reflect on the Last Supper of Jesus and his disciples.

Please sign up so we know you are coming! firstchurchlf.org/maundy-thursday

good friday APRIL 7

Good Friday Worship, 12:00 PM

Tenebrae, 7:30 PM

easter sunday APRIL 9

Sunrise Outdoor Worship, 7:00 AM in the Memorial Garden

Easter Services, 9:00 and 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunt, 10:15 AM on the Parish House Lawn

You may make an offering for **Easter Flowers** online at firstchurchlf.org/easter-flowers
Envelopes are also available at the church office.



Iona Pilgrimage 2024

The last day to sign up for the Iona Pilgrimage is tomorrow, March 27. You can find more details at progressivepilgrimage.com/lakeforestiona.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kristie Finley at kfinley@firstchurchlf.org.

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

- 8:45 AM Nursery open until 11:45 AM, Room 212
9:00 Worship, Sanctuary
10:00 Fellowship, Great Room
10:30 Worship, Sanctuary
11:30 Fellowship, Great Room

MON

- 9:30 AM Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room

TUE

- 9:30 AM Tuesday Women's Bible Study, Parish House
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor
Adult Bible Study, Zoom
6:00 Lakeminster Ringers, Sanctuary
7:00 Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom

WED

- 7:00 AM Lenten Morning Service, Sanctuary
7:30 Lenten Breakfast, Great Room
10:00 Wed. Women's Bible Study, South Parlor/Zoom
5:30 PM Wednesday Night Supper, Great Room
Chancel Bells, Sanctuary
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
10:00 Knit One, Pray One, South Parlor
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir, Music Room

FRI

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

SAT

- 11:00 AM Bruce Chandler Memorial Service, Sanctuary
Reception following the service, Great Room

**Spring Rummage Sale for Mission:
Saturday, May 6**

**Your donations help our mission efforts!
The last day for rummage drop-off is
Thursday, April 6**



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