



# First Presbyterian Church

## OF LAKE FOREST

May 14, 2023  
10:30 AM  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

## Prayer of Preparation

Loving God,  
I give thanks for the gift of life and breath that is mine today in Christ.  
Make me eager to do good and to resist evil, and grant me the wisdom to recognize the difference. Fill me with your assurance in all I say and do that I may share the hope that is within me in gentleness and reverence of Christ.  
Amen.

## Prelude

Prélude in E Major

C. Saint-Saëns

Meditation

Jules Massenet

## 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.

## Introit

This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made (Psalm 118)

Johann Crüger

*This is the day the Lord hath made; The hours are all God's own:  
Let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad. And praise surround the throne.*

## \*Call to Worship

Leader: Bless the Lord, O People, sing!

**People: Let the sound of praise ring out.**

Leader: Come and hear what the Lord has done,

**People: The Lord who has made everything!**

Leader: Let us worship God.

## \*Hymn of Praise NO. 409

God Is Here!

TUNE: ABBOT'S LEIGH

## — The Sacrament of Baptism —

Receiving the sacrament of baptism today are

**Callan Stewart Kerr** and **John Davis Kerr**,  
children of Taryn (Konevich) and Stewart Kerr III

## 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,  
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!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.***

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love you and our conscience is not clear. Wash us again in the water of life, that we may live again through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

### Sung Invocation NO. 184

Calm to the Waves

TUNE: CALM SEAS

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ.  
Hear and believe this good news:

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

### \*Sung Response NO. 184

Calm to the Waves

TUNE: CALM SEAS

## \*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## Anthem

Children of the Heavenly Father

arr. Henry Kihlken

*Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.*

*God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.*

*Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;  
Unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.*

*Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose only to preserve them pure and holy.*

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Lesson

John 14:15-21, 25-27

*(New Testament, page 109 in pew Bible)*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to Christ.**

### Sermon

"The Comforter"

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

### \*Hymn of Response NO. 314

Christ, Be Our Light

TUNE: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

## Sharing of 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.**

### Choral Response

Amen

Dresden

# Offering

Ave Maria

Bach/Gounod



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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.***

## \*Closing Prayer *(unison)*

**Loving God, in whom we live and move and have our being,  
Help us to choose life in you,  
That we may keep the commands of Jesus,  
follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit,  
and witness to the hope that is within us,  
sharing Christ's love in the world. Amen.**

## \*Hymn of Sending NO. 485

We Know that Christ is Raised

TUNE: ENGELBERG

## \*Charge and Benediction

### \*Benediction Response

The Lord Bless and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

*The Lord bless and keep you,  
the Lord lift his countenance upon you;  
and give you peace.*

*The Lord make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious unto you. Amen.*

## \*Postlude

Postlude on *Engelberg*

arr. Aaron David Miller

Coming up...



### **We want to hear about your Sunday experience!**

We are gathering feedback from worship attendees of all ages. Scan the QR code or pick up a paper copy in the church office to participate! Your feedback is important to your Staff and Session to discern plans for the Sunday worship structure in the fall.



Scan me!



### **Festival Sunday**

**Sunday, May 21, 10:00 AM (single service)**

Dress casually to church and join us for a traditional Festival Sunday cookout after the service to celebrate another wonderful program year before summer officially begins!

Desserts are needed! Email or call Sarah Seccombe at [sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org) or 224.544.1958 to sign up.



### **Calling all 4<sup>th</sup> Graders!**

**Sunday, May 21, 10:00 AM**

We are preparing for Fly-Up Sunday, where we present Bibles to 4<sup>th</sup> graders as they move up to Middle School Sunday School and Youth Group. The presentation will be at the single 10:00 AM service on May 21. Contact Susan Noble at [snoble@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:snoble@firstchurchlf.org) for more information.

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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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## This Week's Calendar

### TODAY

- 8:45 AM** Nursery open until 11:45 AM, Room 212  
**9:00** Worship, Sanctuary  
**9:15** Children's Faith Building, Rooms 215, 219  
Middle School: 5-7th grade, Room 214  
**10:00** Fellowship, Great Room  
**10:30** Worship, Sanctuary  
**10:45** Children's Church, Tower Room 213  
**11:30** Fellowship, Great Room

### MON

- 7:00 PM** Session Meeting, South Parlor/Zoom

### TUE

- 9:30 AM** Tuesday Women's Bible Study, Parish House  
**1:00 PM** Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor  
**6:30** Buildings & Grounds Cmte. Mtg., S. Parlor/Zoom  
**7:00** Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom  
**7:30** Boy Scouts Meeting, Fellowship Hall/Room 012

### WED

- 10:00 AM** Wednesday Women's Bible Study, S. Parlor/Zoom  
**5:30 PM** Wednesday Night Supper, Great Room  
**7:00** Taizé, Online  
Worship Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### THU

- Rummage Drop-off open 5/18-6/11  
**6:30 AM** Daybreakers Men's Ministry, Great Room/Zoom  
**10:00** Knit One, Pray One, South Parlor  
**6:00 PM** Adult Faith Formation Cmte. Mtg., S. Parlor/Zoom  
**7:00** Sanctuary Choir, Music Room

### FRI

- 7:00 AM** Men of Corinth Bible Study, South Parlor/Zoom

### SAT

- 10:30 AM** Audrey Semmelman Visitation, Great Room  
**11:30** Audrey Semmelman Memorial Service, Sanctuary  
**3:30 PM** Dr. Luben Atzeff Memorial, Sanctuary



### Give

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The flowers in the chancel are given in celebration of today's baptism of Cal and JD Kerr.

We welcome Nina Badagliacco to our worship this morning. She is a recent graduate of Lake Forest College and will be teaching at The Midwest Young Artist Conservatory in Highwood Illinois.

**Pastor on call:** Jim Cochrane 612.597.3472

## Worship Participants

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts  
Rev. Kristie W. Finley  
Rev. Jim Cochrane  
Susan Noble  
Dr. Susan Klotzbach  
Nina Badagliacco, violin  
Sanctuary Choir  
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

Diane Quinn [dianequinn@mac.com](mailto:dianequinn@mac.com)

### Mission

Stewart Kerr 224.544.1968

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Renee Borkowski  
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Paul Darling  
John Gescheidle  
Lynnette Hinch  
John Johnson  
Laura Johnson

Sally McDonald  
Mary Gould Moorhead  
Diane Quinn  
Nina Strnad  
David Strong  
Sadie Strong  
Mary Watanabe *Clerk*  
Anne Winebrenner

## Deacons

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Susan Daly  
Wendy Darling  
Peg Gronau  
Nancy Hamming  
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Cindy Johnson  
Dick Johnson  
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John McNicholas

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John Noble  
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