

# A SUMMER OF PRAYER

SUMMER 2021 SERMON SERIES: THE PRAYERS OF THE BIBLE



First Presbyterian Church  
OF LAKE FOREST

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

**AUGUST 8, 2021**

**SEASON OF PENTECOST**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy One, Giver of wisdom,  
Through the cacophony of our busy lives and world,  
You call us together as a community of love.  
Grant to us listening hearts and discerning minds,  
So that we might hear you calling us all our lives long.  
Amen.

## **PRELUDE**

Improvisation on Madeline

Dr. Barry J. Wenger

## **THE WELCOME**

### **\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Blessed be God whose Word gives us hope and  
whose words shape our dreams.

**All: Whose love has conquered death.**

One: Blessed be God who orders our way and guides our steps.

**All: Who leads us into life.**

One: Let us worship God!

\* Please stand if you are able.

**\* HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 174**

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

Tune: MADELEINE

**\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Carolyn Brown

**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have turned away from you, and have not lived with upright hearts. Forgive us for failing to follow you. Guide our feet to walk in your ways, and serve your world. To the glory of your name. Amen**

**\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

One: Friends, hear the good news! Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**\* 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.*

**\* PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

## A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 3:5-14

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

"Praying for Wisdom"

Jim Cochrane

## OFFERATORY ANTHEM

Offertory

John Ness Beck, 1987

## \*DOXOLOGY

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow.*

*Praise God all creatures here below.*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host.*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

## 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.

### \* HYMN OF SENDING, No. 450

Be Thou My Vision

Tune: SLANE

### \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \* POSTLUDE

Partita on Slane

arr. Daniel Pinkham, 1992

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# Summer Schedule of Events!



## Blessing of the Backpacks and All Church Beach Picnic

On Sunday, August 22, there will be a *Blessing of the Backpacks* during worship in preparation for back-to-school. Then to celebrate a wonderful summer, join us at the *All Church Beach Picnic* after the service! Dress casually to church, bring your own picnic, and join us at Lake Forest beach! If you need a beach pass, contact Sarah Seccombe at [ssccombe@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:ssccombe@firstchurchlf.org).



## Playground Church on Sundays

Children ages three years and up are gathering on the playground for a morning of free play, storytelling, crafts, and activities to focus on God's message. So please drop off and pick up your children from the playground.



## Join the Summer Choir!

We invite you to join our summer choir - an excellent opportunity to participate in our music ministry in a low-commitment environment. Register in advance on the church website. If you have any questions, contact Tom Tropp at [ttropp@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:ttropp@firstchurchlf.org).

Next summer choir date, August 29.



## Wednesday Night Suppers

Please join us every Wednesday this summer for Wednesday Night Suppers. Gather with us for a catered buffet supper out on the lawn behind the cottage. Bring your family and friends, and come and go as you please!

No registration is required, but we ask that you let us know you are coming by calling the church at 847.234.6250. It helps us with planning for the evening.

To give online or fulfill your pledge: [FirstChurchLF.org/give](https://FirstChurchLF.org/give)  
Pastor Clint's day off is on Monday. Pastor Kristie's day off is on Friday.

## Worship Participants

Jim Cochrane, Director of Youth and Young Adults

Sarah Seccombe, Director of Children's Ministries

Dr. Barry Wenger, Director of Bell Choirs and Organist

Summer Choir

Rick Day, AV Support and Production Leader

Alex McDowell, AV Support



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