



First Presbyterian Church  
OF LAKE FOREST

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

**JULY 3, 2021, 5:00 PM**

**SEASON OF PENTECOST**

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Almighty God, judge of nations, make us brave to seek your will in this land you have given us, lest in our political actions, we neglect those things which belong to your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**PRELUDE**

"Trumpet Tune and Fanfare on National Hymn"     arr. Dennis Janzer/Mark Thewes  
2001

**THE WELCOME**

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people God has chosen as his heritage.

People: **Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.**

\* Please stand if you are able.

# 331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y  
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the  
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -  
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.  
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.  
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:  
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.  
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.  
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.  
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

## \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Father, you brought all your children to this land, and out of conflict, created in us a love of peace and freedom. We have failed you by neglecting the needs and rights of others. Forgive partisan pride that overlooks national wrong or justifies injustice. Forgive our divisions caused by racism, ignorance, prejudice and greed. Have mercy, O God, on the soul of this nation. Make us compassionate, fair and truthful to each other. Raise up in us a right patriotism that sees and seeks this nation's good. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## \* THE PEOPLE SING: HYMN No. 331 (stanza 4, on the previous page)

*Refresh thy people on their toil-some way.  
Lead us from night to never-ending day.  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.*

## \* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

2 Chronicles 7:14

Leader: If my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray and seek my face,

**People: then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalms 46

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.  
There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

\* Please stand if you are able.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.  
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.  
The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.  
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.  
"Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth."  
The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **REFLECTION**

"Be Still"

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

## **OFFERING**

## **A MUSICAL MEDLEY FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **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.**

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This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.  
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* POSTLUDE**

Pedal Solo on "The Star Spangled Banner"

arr. Charles Callahan  
 1995

# Summer Schedule of Events!



## Coffee Hour

Everyone is invited to join us for fellowship following worship. So grab a cup of coffee and catch up with old friends or stay and make new ones!



## Playground Church on Sundays

Playground Church on Sundays is back in full swing during worship! 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).



## 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](http://FirstChurchLF.org/give).  
Pastor Clint's day off is on Monday. Pastor Kristie's day off is on Friday.

## Worship Participants

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts, Senior Pastor

Sarah Seccombe, Playground Church

Dr. Tom Tropp, Director of Music and Arts

Dr. Barry Wenger, Director of Bell Choirs and Organist

AV Support: Rick Day & Alex McDowell



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