

# Wednesday Morning Lenten Services

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2023, 7:00 AM, Sanctuary



**First Presbyterian Church**  
OF LAKE FOREST

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## Prelude

## Welcome

### \*Call to Worship

Psalm 25

Leader: Lead us in the way of truth, O God.

**People: Show us your holy pathways.**

Leader: Your way is steadfast love and faithfulness.

**People: Teach us to follow where you lead.**

Leader: We trust in your way, O Lord.

**People: To you, we lift up our souls.**

### \*Hymn

### \*Call to Confession

### \*Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgement that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### \*Assurance of Forgiveness

God's promises are trustworthy and true; your sins are forgiven.

Be at peace to serve the Lord, and may you always be known by your love.

### \*Sung Response *NO. 544 Bless the Lord*

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.**

**Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.** *(repeat)*

## Scripture Lesson

## Testimony

## Celebration of the Lord's Supper

### The Invitation

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.**

*\*You are invited to stand.*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

## **The Words of Institution**

### **Distribution of the Elements**

*Elements are gluten-free.*

## **Closing Prayer**

### **\*Hymn**

### **\*Benediction and Passing the Peace**

As you leave this place,  
may God bless you with seeking.  
Seek out the hungry.  
Seek the weary.  
Seek the good in every person you pass.  
Seek out the hopeful.  
Seek the faithful.  
Seek God in each of us.  
As you seek and as you wonder,  
may you find what you are looking for.  
In the name of our loving God,  
who is always seeking us,  
go now in peace.  
And let us share the peace with one another. Amen.

### **\*Postlude**

# Lenten Communion Services & Breakfast Schedule

## **March 1**

Worship led by Clint Roberts; Testimony by Deb Roberts  
Breakfast Hosts: Dorothy and Art Chantler

## **March 8**

Worship led by Kristie Finley; Testimony by Tricia Sweet  
Breakfast Host: Carolyn Bennett and Peg Gronau

## **March 15**

Worship led by Kristie Finley; Testimony by Scott Weston  
Breakfast Host: Cindy Rognau

## **March 22**

Worship led by Jim Cochrane  
Breakfast Hosts: Rita and George Fossell

## **March 29**

Worship led by Clint Roberts

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## **Holy Week Schedule**

### **April 2-7**

Prayer Stations and Labyrinth, designed for all ages, are available  
for reflection and prayer throughout Holy Week

### **Palm Sunday, April 2**

9:00 and 10:30 AM Worship with palm branches and  
music from both the Worship Ensemble and Sanctuary Choir

### **Maundy Thursday, April 6**

6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Dinner Church

### **Good Friday, April 7**

12:00 PM Traditional worship  
7:30 PM Tenebrae service

### **Easter Sunday, April 9**

7:00 AM Sunrise outdoor service in the Memorial Garden  
9:00 and 11:00 AM Traditional worship in the Sanctuary