



# First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



March 31, 2024

**Welcome!**

*Jesus Christ and our faith community  
welcome you to worship today.*

# Today's Service

## Easter Sunday

All the hopes and expectations of Christians are realized in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, making today the most celebrated day of the liturgical year. This morning's service is a time of joy, celebration, and renewal!

The Revised Common Lectionary scriptures assigned for today are Acts 10:34-43, Isaiah 25:6-9, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, John 20:1-18, Mark 16:1-8.

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## Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson  
Rev. Kristie W. Finley  
Dr. Robert McConnell  
Jack Reeder  
Sanctuary Choir  
Julia Frodyma, Soprano  
Quincy Erickson, Trumpet  
Bethany Vaughan, Trumpet  
Emmett Conway, Horn  
Stephanie Lebens, Trombone  
Rick Day  
Ryder Gamrath  
Georgia Sottosanto-Sorenson

**Nursery** children up to 3 years  
Opens at 9:00 AM, Room 212

## Easter Egg Hunt

10:15 AM, South Lawn

*Join us for an egg hunt between Easter services!*

## Visiting First Pres?

If you would like us to get in touch with you, please provide your information on the visitors card in your pews. An usher will collect them later in the service.

## Joys & Concerns

We are a community that prays for and with one another. We invite you to fill out a Joys & Concerns card to share your prayer request.

## Prelude

### Grand Chœur Dialogué

Eugène Gigout



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.



## Give

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## The Welcome

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen, indeed!**

## Introit

I believe this is Jesus;  
Come and see, oh, come and see.  
The light of God shines in his face,  
He offers all his pard'ning grace;  
Come and see, oh, come and see.  
Yes, yes, yes Lord!  
Oh, I believe this is Jesus;  
Come and see, come and see.

I Believe This Is Jesus  
Spiritual, arr. Undine Smith Moore

## \*Call to Worship

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

## \*Hymn of Praise No. 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

\* PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **Resurrected Christ, there is nothing we can do to deserve the grace you give us. And yet you shower these mercies on us. You, who have taken away the sting of death, meet us where we are, in our doubt and fear, in our regrets and shame. Meet us here in this place and call us once again to trust in you. Amen.**

### Kyrie

Craig Phillips

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

### Assurance of Forgiveness

#### \*Gloria Patri No. 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

#### \*Passing the Peace of Christ

**Leader:** The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## Anthem

Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem

C.V. Stanford

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
Your sweetest notes employ,  
The Paschal victory to hymn  
In strains of holy joy.

For Judah's Lion bursts his chains,  
Crushing the serpent's head;  
And cries aloud through death's domains  
To wake the imprisoned dead.

Devouring depths of hell their prey  
At his command restore;  
His ransomed hosts pursue their way  
Where Jesus goes before.

Triumphant in his glory now  
To him all power is given;  
To him in one communion bow  
All saints in earth and heaven.

While we, His soldiers, praise our King,  
His mercy we implore,  
Within his palace bright to bring,  
And keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee,  
While endless ages run.  
Alleluia! Amen.

— St. Fulbert of Chartres, trans. Richard Campbell

## New Testament Reading

John 20:1-18

New Testament, page 114 in pew Bible

## Sermon

Jon Wasson

"It's All True"

## \*Hymn of Response No. 238

Thine Is the Glory

Thine is the glory,  
risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.  
Angels in bright raiment  
rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes  
where thy body lay.

*Refrain:* Thine is the glory,  
risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory  
thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us,  
risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us,  
scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness  
hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth;  
death hath lost its sting. *Refrain*

No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee;  
aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above. *Refrain*

## Prayers of the People 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.

## Invitation to the Offering



You may give online or fulfill your pledge by scanning the QR code with your mobile phone, or go to [firstchurchlf.org/give](http://firstchurchlf.org/give). Thank you for your generosity!

## Offertory

My Love is Mine

Jonathan Dove

O stand up, my love, my dove, my beautiful and come.  
Winter is past, and the rain is away and gone.  
The flowers are come up in the field, the twisting time is come,  
the vines bear blossoms, and have a sweet scent.

Up thou north wind, come thou south wind, blow upon my garden,  
that the smell thereof may be carried on every side.  
Yea, that my beloved may come into my garden and  
eat of the fruits and apples that grow therein.

My love is mine and I am his,  
which feedeth among the lilies until the day break  
and the shadows be gone.

Out of the caverns of the rocks, out of the holes of the wall:  
O let me see thy countenance and hear thy voice,  
For sweet is thy voice and fair thy face.

—Song of Solomon 2:10-17

## \*Doxology

Jesus Christ is Risen Today!

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!**  
**Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!**  
**Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!**  
**Risen Christ, Triumphant now. Alleluia!**

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

## \*Hymn of Sending No. 246

Christ is Alive!

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound  
to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now,  
and touching every place and time.

In every insult, rift, and war  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth,  
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth,  
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

## \*Charge and Benediction

### \*Choral Response

Hallelujah from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

Hallelujah!  
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.  
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ;  
King of kings, and Lord of lords,  
He shall reign for ever and ever.

—Charles Jennens, based on Revelation 19:6, 16, Revelation 11:15

## \*Postlude

Tocatta from *Symphony No. 5*

Charles-Marie Widor



# Joys & Concerns

## Joys

Easter Sunday!

## Concerns

Susie Schlachtenhaufen asks for prayers for her mother, Helen Post, who suffered a bad fall and is recovering slowly.

For the people of Baltimore after the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge, and for the families and friends of those touched by the terrorist attack in Russia, prayers of comfort.

Beth Miller receiving cancer treatment.

## Prayers for Easter Sunday

Alleluia! We praise you, O God, for the power of your saving love revealed in the resurrection of our Lord. We await with gladness your new heaven and new earth. As you have raised Jesus from the dead give us the gift of everlasting life, that we may worship you forever, through Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

We are a church that prays for each other, celebrating life's joys and supporting each other in time of need. You may email your prayers requests to [pastoralcare@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:pastoralcare@firstchurchlf.org) or call 224.544.1967.

Prayer requests will be removed from this listing after two weeks. Please let us know if prayer continues to be requested.

**Prayer Chain** For confidential prayers, you may email [prayerchain@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:prayerchain@firstchurchlf.org). Please know that your prayers will be held in strict confidence.

## Serve, Learn, & Connect

### Engagement & Membership

Diane Quinn

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### Arrange a Wedding or Baptism

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### Join our Music Ministry

Robert McConnell

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### Mission & Outreach

Stewart Kerr

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## Weekly Ministries

For details or to join our small groups, contact Sarah Seccombe at [sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org).

### SUNDAYS

#### Middle School Youth Group

5:00 PM, Youth Lounge

#### Senior High Youth Group

7:00 PM, Youth Lounge

### TUESDAYS

#### Learn It and Live It Bible Study

9:30 AM, Parish House

#### Prayer Shawl Ministry

1:00 PM, South Parlor

#### Adult Bible Study

1:00 PM, Zoom

### WEDNESDAYS

#### Wednesday Women's Bible Study

10:00 AM, South Parlor/Zoom

#### Wednesday Night Supper

5:30 PM, Great Room

### THURSDAYS

#### Daybreakers Men's Bible Study

6:30 AM, South Parlor/Zoom

#### Mom's Small Group

7:00 PM, Youth Lounge

### FRIDAYS

#### Men of Corinth Bible Study

7:00 AM, South Parlor/Zoom

## The Easter flowers throughout the church have been given...

### For the Glory of God

Diane Quinn

The Wasson Family

### In Honor of

Nani and Papa

### Given By

Alex, Carter and Lily

### In Memory of

Barb & Tom Putnam

Edna & Budd Strnad

### Given By

Nina Strnad & Tracy Putnam

Don & Mona Strenger

Henry & Frances Pratt Strenger

Don Jr., Jan, Gale & Rob

Lawrence Anderson and Laura Beth

Frances Anderson

Ann & Carl Schultz

Julia Schultz

Michael J. Gould

James Gould

Mary & Marv Farwell

Liz Farwell

Our mother and father, Audrey & Jim Webster

our brother, Scott Webster

our father, Gustavo Munoz

The Munoz Family

Laura L. Sibley

Frank Sibley

Dr. L. Bruce Barnes

Lynnette & Jeff Hinch

Rae Noice

Laurel Taylor

Richard H. Tracy

The McNicholas & Tracy Family

Raymond Duyckinck and Christina Stanton

The Duyckinck Bennett Family

Michelle Bagan Morgan

Carol Bagan

Our mothers, Margaret and Louise

John & Nancy Johnson

Dr. Ed Hamming

His family

Our parents, Harry & Julia Holmes and John & Josephine Grubaugh	Richard & Marilyn Holmes
James H. Hoffman	Marilyn Holmes
Kimberly Barclay Combs	The Barclay and Combs Families
Lee's parents, Jean & Rob Grandy	The Gantz and Ciarrocchi families
Louise and Nancy Kennedy Lloyd	Jack Lloyd
M. David Cain	Ethelwyn Cain
My mother and father	Cindy Dudley
Herb & Marianne Faulks	Bruce & Patty Bennett and family
Libby Faulks	Bruce & Patty Bennett and family
Maggie Bennett	Mom & Dad, Elliot, Amanda, Dustin, Annie, Pat, Molly and Eric
Hildo Hoogcarspel	Bruce & Patty Bennett
Erick Hoogcarspel	The Bennett Family
Pauline & Neil Raudabaugh	Beverly & Joe Raudabaugh
Rebecca & Bill Peebles	
Jan & Mack Reynolds	
James W. Spires	Jeanette Spires
Family and Friends of Patrick & Nancy Anderson	Patrick & Nancy Anderson
Beverly Geissler Weber	Leslie & John Munger
Howard Geissler	
Ted Killingsworth	
Loving parents, grandparents and family members	The Engelland, Leib, and Peak families
Stan, Ruth & Tom Hess and Frank, Lucy & Uncle Carl Klein	Tom, Nancy Hess, and Carl Klein
Christine L. Shaw	Rachel Shaw Magnusson & Family
Phyllis & Ken Boyer	The Hadler Family
Louise & Bart Hadler	

# Announcements

## Parents Paddle Night

**Saturday, April 6, 7:00 – 10:00 PM**

Parents with children up to 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to a night of paddle and fellowship at The Winter Club! Dinner will be included. No paddle background is needed, or you can come for the fellowship! Registration: [firstchurchlf.org/paddle](http://firstchurchlf.org/paddle)

## Kids Dinner & Movie

**Friday, April 19, 5:00 – 7:30 PM**

Children up to 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to a casual dinner and a movie with pizza, popcorn, and fellowship, while parents enjoy a night out! Kids can bring sleeping bags, pillows, stuffies, and wear pajamas or comfy clothes. Registration: [firstchurchlf.org/movie](http://firstchurchlf.org/movie)

## Vacation Bible School

**Wednesday, June 12 – Friday, June 14 and Sunday, June 16**

Open to children age 4 by December 31 through entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade. This year's VBS theme is Scuba: Diving Into Friendship with God. VBS is volunteer-based, so we also need your help to make this a success! Register by Monday, June 3. Details and registration: [firstchurchlf.org/vbs](http://firstchurchlf.org/vbs)

## Church Membership

Interested in learning more about First Pres and becoming more engaged with our church? For more information on becoming more involved in church ministries or becoming a member, contact Diane Quinn at [engagement@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:engagement@firstchurchlf.org).

## Spring Rummage Sale for Mission

**Saturday, May 3, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

Shop clothing, art, accessories, home decor, furniture, and more, while raising funds to support our mission partners! If you would like to volunteer for the sale, email [rummage@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:rummage@firstchurchlf.org).



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