



# First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



**June 9, 2024**

**Welcome!**

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

# Today's Service

## Ordinary Time

The times between Christmas and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent are known as "Ordinary Time," time outside the two great seasons of the liturgical calendar. The truth is there is nothing ordinary — if by ordinary we mean less important — about this time. During this time we are invited into faithful attention to what it means to live out daily what we say we believe.

The Revised Common Lectionary scriptures assigned for today are 1 Samuel 8:4-11 (12-15), 16-20 (11:14-15) and Psalm 138; Genesis 3:8-15 and Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:30-35.

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## Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson  
Gretchen Seymour  
Dr. Jack Reeder  
Summer Quartet  
Rick Day  
Ryder Gamrath  
Georgia Sottosanto-Sorenson

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

**Sunday School** ages 3 through 3rd Grade  
During worship, Playground  
*On Communion Sundays, children will go to the Chapel and return for Communion.*

**Fellowship**  
10:30 AM, Great Room

## 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.

Flowers in worship are in honor of Kristie Finley's 70th birthday (celebrating in Paris) from her birthday twin. Thank you, Kristie for your faithful journey from parent, Sunday school teacher, youth advisor to pastor.

## Prelude

Prelude on *Veni, Creator Spiritus*  
Wilbur Held



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.



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# The Welcome

## Introit

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Healey Willan

Create in me a clean Heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free Spirit.  
—Psalm 51:10-12

## \*Call to Worship

Psalm 138: 1, 3, 8

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart.

**People: On the day I called you, you answered me.**

Leader: God's steadfast love endures forever.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## \*Hymn of Praise No. 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **Gracious God, have mercy on us, for we have failed to be faithful to you, though you have been faithful to us. You show us your wisdom, but we prefer to go our own way. Our broken relationships with you and one another have created poverty in us and our neighbors. In your mercy, reconcile us to you and one another for the work of justice, peace, and love, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.**

## Kyrie

Craig Phillips

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

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mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

\* PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE.

## 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.**

## Blessing of the Children

Following the Blessing, children in preschool through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may leave for the playground.  
Please pick up your children from the playground following worship.

Leader: Holy God, we thank you for the gift of these children,

People: **And for their parents.**

Leader: We know that you have entrusted them to their parents,

People: **And also to our community.**

Leader: To care for them,  
to teach them,  
to be examples of Christ to them.  
Bless these children.

People: **And let us be a blessing to them.**

All: **Amen.**

## Anthem

Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love

Ned Rorem

Sing, my soul, His wondrous love,  
Who, from yon bright throne above,  
Ever watchful o'er our race,  
Still to man extends his grace.  
Heaven and earth by Him were made,  
All is by His scepter swayed;  
What are we that He should show  
So much love to us below?

God, the merciful and good,  
Bought us with the Savior's blood,  
And, to make our safety sure,  
Guides us by His spirit pure.  
Sing, my soul, adore His name;  
Let his glory be thy theme:  
Praise Him till He calls thee home,  
Trust His love for all to come.

## New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1  
New Testament, page 181 in pew Bible

## Sermon

Jon Wasson

“We Do Not Lose Heart”

## \*Hymn of Response No. 370

This Is My Father’s World

## \*Affirmation of Faith

Question 1 of the Heidelberg Catechism

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: **That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

## 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

Heaven-Haven

Benjamin Britten

I have desired to go  
Where springs not fail,  
To fields where flies no sharp and sided hail  
And a few lilies blow.  
And I have asked to be  
Where no storms come,  
Where the green swell is in the havens dumb,  
And out of the swing of the sea.

—Gerard Manley Hopkins

## \*Doxology

**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. Amen.**

## \*Prayer of Dedication

## \*Hymn of Sending No. 547

Go My Children, with My Blessing

## \*Charge and Benediction

### \*Choral Response

Dresden Amen

## \*Postlude

Alla Marcia (Victory)

Carl W. Kern

# Joys & Concerns

## Joys

45 students and advisors set out for our 50<sup>th</sup> Work Trip Sunday to Roscommon County, Michigan for the week!

Scott and Lisa Whalley joyfully announce the birth of their granddaughter, Jane Scott Vlahakis on May 26. Proud parents are Megan and Andrew Vlahakis.

## Concerns

For Rick and Mark Giesen and their families. Their mother, Jeannine Giesen died January 31, 2024. A memorial service was held on Friday, June 7.

For Ken and Lynn Baehr and their fellow sailors, as they continue their sail across the Atlantic from Bermuda to the Azores.

Prayers for safety and comfort for the areas of the country that are experiencing the ongoing destructive forces of the weather.

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 prayer 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

[engagement@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:engagement@firstchurchlf.org)

### Arrange a Wedding or Baptism

Sarah Seccombe

[sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org)

### Join our Music Ministry

Robert McConnell

[rmcconnell@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:rmcconnell@firstchurchlf.org)

### Mission & Outreach

Stewart Kerr

[skerr@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:skerr@firstchurchlf.org)

## Weekly Ministries

During the summer, many of our weekly groups do not meet. Listed below are those that continue through the summer months. For questions or details contact Sarah Seccombe at [sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org).

### TUESDAYS

#### 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

### THURSDAYS

#### Daybreakers Men's Bible Study

6:30 AM, South Parlor/Zoom

### FRIDAYS

#### Men of Corinth Bible Study

7:00 AM, South Parlor/Zoom

# Announcements

## Worship Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for worship in memory or honor of a loved one, contact Sarah Seccombe at [sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org) or sign up on the Flower Calendar on the bulletin board.

## Summer Choir July 14, 2024

Interested in singing with the Sanctuary Choir? Join us this summer for two special Summer Choir Sundays! We will meet at 8:30 AM to rehearse before the 9:30 AM worship service on Sunday, July 14 and Sunday, August 11. For more information, contact Jack Reeder at [jreeder@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:jreeder@firstchurchlf.org)

## Summer Hand Bells July 21, 2024

Interested in ringing bells? Join Summer Bells! We will have one rehearsal in the week preceding the service on Sunday, July 21. For more information, please contact Jack Reeder at [jreeder@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:jreeder@firstchurchlf.org)

## Congregational Meeting

**June 16, 10:30 AM**

The Session has called for an in-person congregational meeting for the election of officers following worship on Sunday, June 16.

## Young Families Cornhole Tournament

**Sunday, June 23, 4:00 - 6:00 PM**

Bring your family to the manse for a backyard cornhole and bounce house party hosted by the Children's Faith Formation Committee. Left Bank food truck will be there. Stop by for a few minutes or stay the entire time! The whole family is welcome. Sign up: [firstchurchlf.org/cornhole](http://firstchurchlf.org/cornhole)

## Welcoming Frank Grossman as Director of Finance

We are thrilled to announce that Frank Grossman has joined our staff as the part-time Director of Finance. Frank and his wife, Jane, joined our church in 1987 and reside in Lake Forest. He has faithfully served as a member of Finance Committee for 16 years and for the past 5 years, Frank has served as our Treasurer. This new position is responsible for general management and oversight of the church's overall financial position and endowment funds. The staff and congregation will continue to benefit from Frank's steady guidance and leadership. Session will elect a new Treasurer in June.

## Pastoral Care

If you have a pastoral care need, please email us at [pastoralcare@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:pastoralcare@firstchurchlf.org) or call the church to speak with Sarah Seccombe.

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