



First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



July 7, 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 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 and Psalm 48; Ezekiel 2:1-5 and Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

In honor of Independence Day, all the anthems and congregational music in this morning's service are by American composers, with two notable caveats. The communion anthem is by the composer Jean Berger. Born Arthur Schlossburg, Berger was a German Jew who fled the Nazis in 1933, settling first in Paris, then Brazil, and finally in the United States where he served in the armed forces during the Second World War. He became an American citizen in 1943. The postlude is by French composer Jean Langlais (an homage, if you will, to Monsieur Lafayette), and is based on the American shaped-note hymn tune FOUNDATION, today's Hymn of Response. Since its composition in 1861, The Battle Hymn of the Republic has been sung as a patriotic song, but the origins of the text are unmistakably biblical and apocalyptic, taking as its controlling image the return of the Lord Jesus Christ in glory. The hymn featured prominently in the speeches of Martin Luther King Jr. and was a favorite of Winston Churchill, at whose funeral it was sung in 1965.

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 Playground and return for Communion.

Fellowship

10:30 AM, Great Room
Fellowship this morning is hosted by Carolyn, Tim and Tia Bennett.

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.

Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson
Rev. Kristie Finley
Dr. Robert McConnell
Dr. Jack Reeder
Summer Quartet
Rick Day
Ryder Gamrath
Georgia Sottosanto-Sorenson

Prelude

Deep River
Adolphus Hailstork



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

Come, Ye that Love the Lord

arr. Alice Parker

Come, we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne.

Let those refuse to sing,
Who never knew our God;
But children of the heav'nly King
May speak their joys abroad.

The sorrows of the mind
Be banished from the place;
Religion never was designed
To make our pleasures less.

*Call to Worship

Leader: God is mighty in word and deed.

People: God's mercy is everlasting.

Leader: Blessed be the one holy and living God.

People: Glory to God forever.

All: Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise No. 354

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **Holy God, you call us to boldly proclaim your name, yet we are stubborn and rebellious and heedless of your call. By the power of your Spirit, raise us to new life that we may return to faithful living, in Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Kyrie

Craig Phillips

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

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.

Following Passing the Peace, children in preschool through 3rd grade may leave for the playground. Children will return to the sanctuary during the Hymn of Response and join their families for Confirmation and Communion.

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. Thank you for your generosity!

Offertory

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. Virgil Thomson

My Shepherd will supply my need;
Jehovah is His Name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed
Beside the living stream.
He brings my wand'ring spirit back
When I forsake His ways,
And leads me, for His mercy's sake,
In paths of truth and grace.

The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days;
O may Thy house be mine abode,
And all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest
(While others go and come),
No more a stranger or a guest,
But like a child at home.

When I walk thru the shades of death,
Thy presence is my stay;
A word of Thy supporting breath
Drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
Doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows;
Thine oil anoints my head.

*Doxology

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Readings

2 Corinthians 12:5b-10
New Testament, page 185 in pew Bible
Mark 6:1-13
New Testament, page 40 in pew Bible

Sermon

“Thorny Faith”

Jon Wasson

*Hymn of Response No. 463

How Firm a Foundation

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

The Invitation to the Table

Prayers of the People

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

So that all feel welcome at the table, the bread is gluten-free, and the cups contain grape juice. Communion is served intinction style. Ushers will direct your row when it is time to come forward.

Communion Music

The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee

Jean Berger

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.
Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

—Psalm 145:15-16

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Sending

The Lord's Prayer

Albert Hay Malotte

Our Fa-ther, which art in heav-en, Hal-low-ed be Thy name. Thy king-dom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly
bread, And for-give us our debts, as we for-give our debt-ors. And lead us not in-to temp-
ta - tion but de - liv - er us from e - vil; For Thine is the king - dom, and the
power, and the glo-ry for - ev - er, A - men.

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*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

William Tomer

God be with you till we meet again; by good counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; holy wings securely hide you,
Daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again.

—Jeremiah Eames Rankin

*Postlude

How Firm a Foundation

Jean Langlais

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Joys & Concerns

Joys

For Kristie Finley, returning this morning from her sabbatical.

For Rita and George Fossell who met their fourth great-grandchild, Gweneth Leone, born June 24, proud parents Sara and Colin Soderstrom, and grandfather Mike Fossell.

Concerns

For Larry Crone as he heads home for hospice care.

For those suffering from the destruction of natural disasters. By your Spirit, lift up those who have fallen, sustain those who work to rescue or rebuild, and fill us with hope of your new creation.

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 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. 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

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Mission & Outreach

Stewart Kerr

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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 ssecombe@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

FRIDAYS

Men of Corinth Bible Study

7:00 AM, South Parlor/Zoom

Announcements

Worship Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for worship, contact Sarah Seccombe at sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org.

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

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

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Bolsinger Initiative

Following a workshop led by church consultant Tod Bolsinger on June 1, a subgroup including Scott Crawford, Michelle Kaylor, Robert McConnell, Sally McDonald, Diane Quinn, Peter Vander Velde and Jon Wasson formed to conduct focus groups over the next month in order to gather opinions and stories about the church from members of the congregation. For questions about the ongoing work with the consultants, contact any member of Session.

Women's Gathering

Friday - Saturday, July 19 - 20

We will meet for dinner and fellowship on Friday evening, and come together Saturday morning for a mandala making workshop. Sign up at firstchurchlf.org/gathering

All-Church Beach Picnic & Baptisms

Sunday, August 25

Save the date and join us at Lake Forest Beach after worship on Sunday, August 25 for an all-church picnic. If you have never been baptized and would like to be baptized in Lake Michigan, contact Sarah at sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org. Beach passes for non-Lake Forest residents will be available.

New Member Classes

If you are interested in learning more about our church and membership at First Pres, we will be having new member gatherings this September. For more information, contact Diane Quinn at engagement@firstchurchlf.org

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