



First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

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



May 4, 2025

Welcome!

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

Today's Service

3rd Sunday of Easter

Because the good news of Easter can hardly be contained in a single day's celebration, Easter marks the beginning of the season of Eastertide, the fifty days that lead up to Pentecost. This season is designed for extended celebration, for exploring the meaning of Christ's resurrection, and for joyful Christian living.

The Revised Common Lectionary scriptures assigned for today are Acts 9:1-6 (7-20) and Psalm 30 or Isaiah 6:1-3 and Psalm 90:13-17; Revelations 5:11-14; John 21:1-19.

Worship Participants

Rev. Jon Wasson
Rev. Kristie Finley
Dr. Robert McConnell
Dr. Jack Reeder
Sanctuary Choir
Rick Day
Gonzalo Zarazaga

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 during the offering.

The Nursery (available for children up to 3 years) opens at 9:00 am in Room 212.

Join us for Coffee Hour following worship in the Great Room.

Prelude

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier

Johann Sebastian Bach



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

Introit

Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One

Healey Willan

Rise up my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear upon the earth. The time of singing of birds is come. Arise my love, my fair one, and come away.

— Song of Solomon 2:10-13

*Call to Worship

(Psalm 30)

Leader: We will praise you, O Lord,

People: for you bring our souls up from the grave and restore us to life.

Leader: Weeping may last the night,

People: but joy comes in the morning.

Leader: You turn our mourning into dancing

People: and clothe us with gladness.

Leader: Let all that is within us sing your praise and not be silent.

People: O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever.

*Hymn of Praise No. 246

Christ is Alive!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

(silent confession...) **Merciful God, we confess that we fail to follow you as disciples. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and we have failed to tend the sheep that you have given into our care. Forgive us, O Lord, teach us to love you more than anything, and to feed your lambs. Open our hearts to recognize the presence of your risen Son in our midst, that we may know what it means to be fed by his own hand. All this we ask through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Kyrie

John Arndt, David Gungor, Ian Cron,
Ben Kilgore, and Evan Wickham

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy;

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, 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 the Passing of the Peace, children in preschool through 3rd grade may leave for a group lesson in the South Parlor. They will return to the sanctuary during the Hymn of Response and join their families for Communion.

Invitation to the Offering



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Thank you for your generosity!

Offertory

This joyful Eastertide

Matthew Owens

This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
has sprung to life this morrow.

Had Christ, who once was slain,
not burst His three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain;
but now has Christ arisen.

Death's flood has lost its chill
since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver.

My flesh in hope shall rest
and for a season slumber
till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number.
—George Ratcliffe Woodward

*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

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Gospel Lesson

John 21:1-19

New Testament, page 115 in pew Bible

Sermon

Kristie Finley

“Extraordinary Hospitality”

*Hymn of Response No. 720

Jesus Calls Us

*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

Receive the Body of Christ

Byzantine Chant arr. Tikey Zes

Receive the Body of Christ,
Oh, taste the Fountain of Immortality.
Alleluia.
—English setting by Vladimir Morosan

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

Dresden Amen

*Postlude

Fuga "alla Handel"

Alexandre Guilmant

Joys & Concerns

Joys

We celebrate the 75th annual Rummage Sale for mission that took place on Saturday and the hundreds of past and present volunteers who make it happen.

Concerns

For Al and Vicki Trefts who are both in the hospital.

For Beth Miller as she continues cancer treatment.

Prayers for the Country and the World

Gracious and most loving God, we thank you for your steadfast love that you are always there for us. Guide the nations with wisdom and justice; bless all leaders with compassion, encouraging them to seek peace for the world, send healing where there is war, and hope where there is despair. Strengthening the church to be a light in the darkness for all and filling us with courage to serve your kingdom faithfully. In the name of the risen Christ, Amen.

We are a church that prays for each other, celebrating life's joys and supporting each other in time of need. We invite you to share your prayer requests by filling out a Joys & Concerns card, emailing us at 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

Sarah Seccombe
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Join our Music Ministry

Robert McConnell
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Mission & Outreach

Sally McDonald and Laura Johnson
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Weekly Ministries

For details and schedule visit our website at firstchurchlf.org/ministries

SUNDAYS

Early Word Bible Study

8:30 am, South Parlor

Middle School Youth Group

Most Sundays, 5:00 pm, Youth Lounge

Senior High Youth Group

Most Sundays, 7:00 pm, Youth Lounge

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 and Upcoming Events

For more information and to sign up, visit firstchurchlf.org/upcomingevents

Worship Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for worship, you can sign up on the bulletin board or contact Sarah Seccombe at sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org.

Worship Volunteers

We are looking to add to our roster of ushers. If interested, contact Sarah Seccombe at sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org.

Sign up for our newsletter!

Scan the QR code or go to firstchurchlf.org to receive news and updates.



Next Chapter

May 15, 4:00 - 5:30 pm, South Parlor

Are you getting ready for the next chapter of your life? Join as we gather to talk about the desires, fears, losses, and possibilities of starting a new phase in life. Whether you are becoming an empty nester, starting a new job or mourning the loss of a partner, let's explore what that feels like and where God is in the midst of it all. No registration required. Questions? Contact Kristie Finley at kfinley@firstchurchlf.org.

Ringin' in Spring

May 18, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Join the bell choirs at First Pres on Sunday, May 18, for an afternoon of joyful ringin'! Joined by friends from across Chicagoland, the ringers at First Pres will present a short concert, performing outside of worship for the first time since 2021. They will play pieces old and new, and close with several pieces commissioned by Lakeminster Ringers. A small reception will follow.

Jon Guerra Concert

June 8

Singer-songwriter Jon Guerra will be coming to our sanctuary to perform for an intimate evening of devotional music, featuring songs from his new album, *Jesus*. Jon Guerra is best known for creating devotional music — less Sunday morning worship, more Monday morning prayer. With a diverse range of collaborations and a growing community around his music, Jon's live concerts provide a rich backdrop for listening and engaging with the Spirit.

For more information and how to get tickets visit firstchurchlf.org/upcomingevents

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