

Prayer Before Worship

God of creation,  
we give thanks for the goodness of the earth  
that you made and sustain.  
Our voices join in praise with all creation:  
with the sea that roars,  
the trees that clap their hands,  
and the birds that sing in joy.  
Unite us by your Spirit,  
that we may be signs of your abundant mercy  
and live in thanksgiving for your grace,  
as we wait for the completion of your creation  
in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Gathering Song (see insert)  
Your Love Never Fails -Anthony Skinner and Chris McClarney

The Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God.  
**People: The firmament proclaims God’s handiwork.**  
Leader: The plants and trees show God’s presence.  
**People: Let us join with creation in praising God.**

\*Song of Praise (see insert)  
God of Wonders -Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong

Children’s Message 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.

Following the Children’s Message, children may go to Faith Building.  
Pick up is at rooms 215 & 219 for Preschool - 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and room 214 for  
Middle School.

Confession and Assurance

\*The Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
  
(Please feel free to greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson  
Genesis 1:24-2:3 (Old Testament, page 1 in pew Bible)


Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson  
Luke 24:13-27 (New Testament, page 90 in pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to Christ.**

Message Rev. Nick Babladelis  
“Stewardship, Not Domination: Rediscovering the Image of God”

Offering  
So Will I -Joel Houston, Benjamin Hastings and Michael Fatkin



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Verse 1  
**God of creation**  
**There at the start before the beginning of time**  
**With no point of ref’rence**  
**You spoke to the dark**  
**And fleshed out the wonder of light**

Chorus 1  
**And as You speak**  
**A hundred billion galaxies are born**  
**In the vapour of Your breath the planets form**  
**If the stars were made to worship so will I**  
**I can see Your heart in ev’rything You’ve made**  
**Ev’ry burning star a signal fire of grace**  
**If creation sings Your praises so will I**

Verse 2  
**God of Your promise**  
**You don’t speak in vain no syllable empty or void**  
**For once You have spoken**  
**All nature and science**  
**Follow the sound of Your voice**

Chorus 2  
**And as You speak**  
**A hundred billion creatures catch Your breath**  
**Evolving in pursuit of what You said**  
**If it all reveals Your nature so will I**  
**I can see Your heart in ev’rything You say**  
**Ev’ry painted sky a canvas of Your grace**  
**If creation still obeys You so will I**  
**So will I**  
**So will I**

Bridge  
**If the stars were made to worship so will I**  
**If the mountains bow in rev’rence so will I**  
**If the oceans roar Your greatness so will I**  
**For if ev’rything exists to lift You high so will I**

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

\*Song of Sending

\*Closing Prayer (unison)  
  
**We give you thanks, most gracious God,**  
**for the beauty of earth and sky and sea;**  
**for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers;**  
**for the songs of birds**  
**and the loveliness of flowers.**  
**We praise you for these good gifts,**  
**and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity.**  
**Grant that we may continue to grow**  
**in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation,**  
**to the honor and glory of your name,**  
**now and forever. Amen.**

\*Blessing

\*Sending

Worship Participants

- |                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Rev. Nick Babladelis    | Nathan Fivecoate                        |
| Rev. Clinton G. Roberts | Worship Ensemble                        |
| Rev. Kristie W. Finley  | Rick Day, AV Support Lead               |
| Rev. Jim Cochrane       | Henry Thomas, AV Support                |
| Susan Noble             | Georgia Sottosanto-Sorenson, AV Support |
| Christina Maldonado     | Ryder Gamrath, AV Support               |

\*Please stand if you are able

Music Sheet

April 23, 2023

Gathering Song

Your Love Never Fails -Anthony Skinner and Chris McClarney

Verse 1:  
*Nothing can separate  
Even if I ran away  
Your love never fails  
I know I still make mistakes but  
You have new mercies for me ev’ryday  
Your love never fails*

Chorus:  
*You stay the same through the ages  
Your love never changes  
There may be pain in the night  
But joy comes in the morning  
And when the oceans rage  
I don’t have to be afraid  
Because I know that You love me*

Verse 2:  
*The wind is strong and the water’s deep  
But I’m not alone here in these open seas  
Your love never fails  
The chasm is far too wide  
I never thought I’d reach the other side  
Your love never fails*

Bridge:  
*You make all things  
Work together for my good  
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Glory to the Lord on high*

Chorus:  
*God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy holy  
Lord of heaven and earth  
Lord of heaven and earth*

Verse 2:  
*Early in the morning  
I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble in the darkness  
I will call Your name by night*

Bridge:  
*Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)  
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### This Week's Calendar

<b>TODAY</b>	
<b>8:45 AM</b>	Nursery open until 11:45 AM, Room 212
<b>9:00</b>	Worship, Sanctuary
<b>9:15</b>	Children's Faith Building, Rooms 215, 219 Middle School: 5-7th grade, Room 214
<b>10:00</b>	Fellowship, Great Room
<b>10:30</b>	Worship, Sanctuary
<b>10:45</b>	Children's Church, Tower Room 213
<b>11:30</b>	Fellowship, Great Room
<b>11:45</b>	Lunch and Learn: Rev. Nick Babladelis, S. Parlor
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Middle School Youth Group, Youth Lounge
<b>7:00</b>	Senior High Youth Group, Away
<b>MON</b>	
<b>9:30 AM</b>	Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
<b>TUE</b>	
<b>9:30 AM</b>	Tuesday Women's Bible Study, Parish House
<b>1:00 PM</b>	Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor Adult Bible Study, Zoom
<b>6:00</b>	Lakeminster Ringers, Sanctuary
<b>7:00</b>	Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom
<b>7:30</b>	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall/Room 012
<b>WED</b>	
<b>10:00 AM</b>	Wed. Women's Bible Study, South Parlor/Zoom
<b>5:30 PM</b>	Wednesday Night Supper, Great Room Chancel Bells, Sanctuary
<b>6:00</b>	Children's Faith Building, South Parlor
<b>7:00</b>	Explorations of Faith, South Parlor/Zoom Worship Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary Taizé, Live Stream
<b>THU</b>	
<b>6:30 AM</b>	Daybreakers Men's Ministry, South Parlor/Zoom
<b>9:30</b>	Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
<b>10:00</b>	Dee James Memorial, Sanctuary Knit One, Pray One, Bride's Room
<b>7:00 PM</b>	Sanctuary Choir, Music Room
<b>FRI</b>	
<b>7:00 AM</b>	Men of Corinth Bible Study, Great Room/Zoom

**Pastor on call:**  
Pastor Kristie Finley  
847.942.4057

### Elders

Paul Bergmann  
Renee Borkowski  
Donna Coffin  
Scott Crawford  
Paul Darling  
John Gescheidle  
Lynnette Hinch  
John Johnson  
Laura Johnson  
Sally McDonald  
Mary Gould Moorhead  
Diane Quinn  
Kendall Severson  
Nina Strnad  
David Strong  
Sadie Strong  
Mary Watanabe  
*Clerk*  
Anne Winebrenner

### Deacons

Bill Allen  
Nancy Anderson  
Carol Bagan  
Dorothy Chantler  
Mallory Ciarrocchi  
Susan Daly  
Wendy Darling  
Peg Gronau  
Nancy Hamming  
Jeff Hinch  
Cindy Johnson  
Dick Johnson  
Susan McDowell  
John McNicholas  
Susan Milanak  
Lisa Murray  
John Noble  
Tiffany Notz  
Tricia Sweet  
Sherry Trenchard  
Bert Tucker  
Joan Vie  
Gale Strenger Wayne  
*Moderator*  
Scott Weston

### Coming Up...

**Guest Preacher**  
**Rev. Nick Babladelis**  
**Earth Day Sunday, April 23**

**LUNCH & LEARN**  
9:00 and 10:30 AM  
Sanctuary

**Lunch & Learn**  
11:45 AM  
South Parlor

**SATURDAY, MAY 6 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**spring rummage**  
**sale for mission**

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023:**  
**STELLAR**  
SHINE JESUS' LIGHT



### Earth Day Guest: Rev. Nick Babladelis Today, 11:45 AM, South Parlor

Rev. Nick Babladelis, today's guest preacher, will be in the South Parlor for a Lunch & Learn on "Hope in Action: Responding to the Urgency of Climate Change as Christians." You may also join us via Zoom at 11:45 AM! Zoom info will be on the church website.

### Volunteer for Rummage!

We need your help to make this Spring Sale for Mission a success! Help us raise funds for our mission partners, and get to shop before the public by volunteering a minimum of 4 hours. Sign up at [firstchurchlf.org/rummagevolunteer](https://firstchurchlf.org/rummagevolunteer).

### Vacation Bible School: Stellar Register today! June 14 – 16 from 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM June 18 during Sunday School

This year's Vacation Bible School is out of this world, with themes of outer space, astronauts, star activities, and more! Registration is now open. For details and to register, go to [firstchurchlf.org/vbs-2023](https://firstchurchlf.org/vbs-2023).

### We are seeking Sunday School Teachers!

We need two teachers for each Sunday School classroom. This ministry brings meaning to our lives, and helps us understand scripture, while giving the gifts of Bible stories, prayer, and community to the children. Details and sign up on the church website: [firstchurchlf.org/sunday-school-teacher-sign-up](https://firstchurchlf.org/sunday-school-teacher-sign-up) For any questions, contact Susan Noble at [snoble@firstchurchlf.org](mailto:snoble@firstchurchlf.org).

### Serve, Learn & Connect

**For our weekly ministries & Zoom links**  
[firstchurchlf.org/ministries](https://firstchurchlf.org/ministries)

**Share Joys & Concerns**  
Kristie Finley 224.544.1967

**Home Communion**  
Kristie Finley 224.544.1967

**Arrange a Wedding or Baptism**  
Sarah Seccombe 224.544.1958

**Engagement & Membership**  
Diane Quinn  
[dianequinn@mac.com](mailto:dianequinn@mac.com)

**Mission**  
Stewart Kerr 224.544.1968

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**Welcome**  
*to Sunday Worship*

**April 23, 2023 | 9:00 AM**  
**EARTH DAY SUNDAY**

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



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