

Prayer Before Worship

God of conversation, We come to you today thirsty—
thirsty for hope, thirsty for good news, thirsty for a glimpse of you.
So today we pray, move in our worship like a current.
Give us the courage to wade into your story
with open eyes and open hearts.
Give us the courage to drink this hour of worship in.
We are listening. We are grateful. Amen.

Gathering Song *(see insert)*

Blessed Be Your Name -Beth Redman and Matt Redman

The Welcome and Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather together—
**People: the seekers, the dreamers, the shooting-star wishers,
in hopes of seeing God.**
Leader: We gather together—
**People: the curious, the hungry, the loving, the lonely,
in hopes of finding peace.**
Leader: We gather together—
**People: those who are thirsty and those with water to spare,
in hopes of finding justice.**
Leader: So come to the well, come to the table.
Come, let us worship God. Amen.

*Song of Praise *(see insert)*

First and Only -Chris Brown, Steven Furtick and Wade Joye

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. Pickup is at rooms 215 & 219 for Preschool - 4th grade,
and room 214 for Middle School.*

Confession and Assurance *(unison)*

**Holy God, we have been on every side of this story. We have
been the one who is thirsty and in need of compassion, and we
have been the one with a bucket and a deep well. So today we
wonder: how often have we missed the opportunity to share
water with our neighbors? How often have we forgotten that
we have a bucket and the power to bring change? How often
have we simply decided that justice and compassion were not
worth the work? Forgive our fragile hearts and remind us that it
was you who sat at that well in Samaria in the heat of the day. It
was you. It is still you. With hope we pray, amen.**

Leader: Family of faith, as hard as it is to imagine: we could lose the
bucket, we could hoard the water for ourselves, we could
pretend we do not see all who are thirsty, and we would still
belong to God.

This is the good news of the gospel:

**People: God's grace is deeper than any well. We are seen,
loved, and forgiven. May this realization change and
inspire us. Amen.**

*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

Exodus 17:1-7 (Old Testament, page 64 in pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson

John 4:5-26 (New Testament, page 94 in pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to Christ.

Message

"Even a Cup of Cold Water"

Rev. Clinton Roberts

Offering *(see insert)*

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Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayers

*Affirmation of Faith

Leader: We believe that a cup of cold water given to us by a
stranger can taste like justice.

**People: We believe that honest conversation has the power to
change us.**

Leader: We believe that all God's children have a voice and
something to say.

**People: We believe that Jesus loves the outcast, the ignored,
the shamed, and the abandoned.**

Leader: We believe in asking questions.

People: We believe in curiosity.

Leader: We believe in giving people a drink.

People: May we be brave enough to give people a drink. Amen.

*Song of Sending *(see insert)*

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*Blessing

*Sending

Worship Participants

Rev. Clint Roberts
Rev. Kristie Finley
Rev. Jim Cochrane
Susan Noble
Christina Maldonado
Nathan Fivecoate

Worship Ensemble
Rick Day, AV Support Lead
Henry Thomas, AV Support
Georgia Sottosanto-Sorenson, AV Support
Ryder Gamrath, AV Support

Gathering and *Song of Sending

Blessed Be Your Name -Beth Redman and Matt Redman

Verse 1:

**Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name**

Verse 2:

**Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name**

Pre-Chorus:

**Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say**

Chorus:

**Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name**

Verse 3:

**Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name**

Verse 4:

**Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name**

Bridge:

**You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
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Verse 1:

*Draw me again into the center of your love
Where I began I know that you are still enough
Lord you restore all the desires of my heart
Just like before when I discover who you are*

Chorus:

*I need you more
I need you more than ever
I need you more
Jesus I need you more*

Verse 2:

*I will abide
Be still and know that you are God
For you are mine
And in your presence I'm alive
Here in this place
Within your shadow I am safe
Every mistake
fading into the light of grace*

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Offering

Good Good Father -Anthony Brown and Pat Barrett

Verse 1:

*I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone*

Chorus:

*You're a Good Good Father
It's who You are, It's who You are, It's who You are
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am*

Verse 2:

*I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide
Cause You know just what we need
Before we say a word*

Bridge:

*You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us*

Verse 3:

*Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
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This Week's Calendar

TODAY

8:45 AM Nursery open until 11:45 AM, Room 212
9:00 Worship, Sanctuary
 Rummage Easter Pop-Up Sale, South Parlor
9:15 Children's Faith Building, Rooms 215, 219
 Middle School: 5-7th grade, Stuart Room 214
10:00 Fellowship, Great Room
10:30 Worship, Sanctuary
10:45 Children's Church, Tower Room 213
11:30 Fellowship, Great Room
5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group, Youth Lounge
6:00 Co-Pastor Nominating Cmte., S. Parlor/Zoom
7:00 Senior High Youth Group, Youth Lounge

MON

9:30 AM Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
5:00 PM Engagement Committee Meeting, Zoom
6:00 Youth & Young Adult Faith Formation Cmte., Stuart Rm
6:30 Finance Meeting, South Parlor/Zoom

TUE

9:30 AM Tuesday Women's Bible Study, Parish House
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor
 Adult Bible Study, Zoom
5:00 Staff Support Team Meeting, Parish House/Zoom
6:00 Lakeminster Ringers, Sanctuary
7:00 Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom
7:30 Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall/Room 012

WED

7:00 AM Lenten Morning Service, Sanctuary
7:30 Lenten Breakfast, Great Room
10:00 Wednesday Women's Bible Study, S. Parlor/Zoom
4:15 PM Children's Carol Choir, Music Room
5:00 Children's Cherub Choir, Music Room
 Confirmation Class, Stuart Room 214
5:30 Wednesday Night Supper, Great Room
 Chancel Bells, Sanctuary
6:00 Children's Faith Building, South Parlor
7:00 Taizé, Live Stream
 Worship Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary

THU

9:30 AM Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
10:00 Knit One, Pray One, South Parlor
6:00 PM Adult Faith Formation Meeting, Zoom
7:00 Sanctuary Choir, Music Room
7:30 Boy Scouts Committee Meeting, Parish House

FRI

7:00 AM Men of Corinth, Great Room/Zoom

Pastor on call:
Pastor Jim
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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...

Easter Pop-up Sale Today!

Join us after worship services today for an Easter Pop-Up Sale! Shop seasonal items, bunny things, spring fashions, and select items from other departments. All proceeds of the sale support our church's mission partners.

Iona Pilgrimage 2024

Limited spots available to join us for the Iona Pilgrimage in April 2024!
 If you are interested, find more details at progressivepilgrimage.com/lakeforestiona

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kristie Finley at kfinley@firstchurchlf.org.

Guest Speaker: Rabbi Evan Moffic Thursday, April 6, 6:30 PM, Great Room

Rabbi Evan Moffic will explore with us the Jewish Seder tradition. Copies of "What Every Christian Needs to Know About Passover: What it Means and Why it Matters" is available for purchase outside the church office today.

Details: firstchurchlf.org/guest-speaker-ewan-moffic

Holy Week

This Holy Week (April 2 - 7), we invite you to visit our Prayer Stations and Labyrinth, designed for all ages, for reflection and prayer. As we seek this Lenten season, we encourage you to stay curious, open, and nimble, as you seek answers to the big questions about our lives and our faith.

Maundy Thursday Dinner Church Thursday, April 6, 6:30 PM, Great Room

We gather around the table for supper, worship, and communion as we reflect on the Last Supper of Jesus and his disciples.

Sign up by Tuesday, April 4 on the church website: firstchurchlf.org/maundy-thursday

Easter Flowers

Offerings for flowers are welcomed in memory or honor of a loved one, to beautify the sanctuary and remind us of the glory of God's creation and Christ's resurrection. Make an online offering at firstchurchlf.org/easter-flowers or in person by Tuesday, April 4 at 5:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Seccombe at sseccombe@firstchurchlf.org.

Save the Date for the Spring Rummage Sale: Saturday, May 6

Serve, Learn & Connect

For our weekly ministries & Zoom links

firstchurchlf.org/ministries

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Welcome
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