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First Presbyterian Church
OF LAKE FOREST

October 29, 2023
9:30 AM
Reformation Sunday

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

Prayer for Worship

from *Prayer Before the Day* by John Calvin

And as you are giving light to this world for the purposes of external life by the rays of the sun, so enlighten my mind by the effulgence of your Spirit, that he may guide me in the way of your righteousness. To whatever purpose I apply my mind, may the end which I ever propose to myself be your honor and service. May I expect all happiness from your grace and goodness only. Amen.

Prelude

Old Hundredth

Piet Post

The Welcome

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

We are a community that prays for and with one another. If you wish, we invite you to fill out a Joys & Concerns card (in the pew rack) to share your prayer request.

If you are a visitor and would like us to get in touch with you, please provide your information on the back of the Joys & Concerns card. An usher will collect them later in the service.

During the service, you are invited to stand as you are able where an asterisk () is printed, and speak or sing in unison all passages in bold.*

Let us take a few moments of silence as we prepare our hearts to worship God.



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.

Choral Introit

Nun danket alle Gott, from Cantata 79

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices;
In all His wondrous works
Forever we rejoiceth;
Who from our Mother's arms
His bounty doth bestow.
From childhood on through life
His countless blessings grow!*

*Call to Worship

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

**People: In you, we come home — to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved.
We dwell in you.**

Leader: Before the mountains were born, before you delivered the whole world,
from everlasting past to everlasting future, you are God.

**People: In you, we are home — we dream, we flourish, we fade, we rejoice.
We dwell in you.**

*Hymn of Praise NO. 385

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

TUNE: OLD HUNDREDTH

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

(silent confession...) **Your holiness, O God, commands that we confess: we have neither loved our neighbors as ourselves nor honored ourselves as your beloved creation. We have judged unjustly, regarded others ungenerously, profited at the losses of those near and distant, borne grudges, desired vengeance, and kept silence in the face of wrongdoing. We long to live in accord with your desire that your way of compassion, kindness, and honesty will govern our hearts and minds, turning us toward lives of peace. Forgive us and lead us on. Amen.**

Kyrie

Craig Phillips

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

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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 of the Children, children in preschool through 7th grade may leave for their Sunday School Faith Building classes. After worship, please pick up your children from their classrooms on the 2nd floor (rooms 213, 214, 215, 219).

Anthem

O How Amiable
from Psalm 84

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay
her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. They will be always praising thee.
The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.
O prosper thou our handiwork.
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the
stormy blast, and our eternal home.*

New Testament Lesson

(New Testament, page 25 in pew Bible)

Matthew 22:34-46

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Our Ultimate Concern"

Jon Wasson

*Hymn of Response NO. 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

TUNE: CWM RHONDDA

*Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from 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.**

**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.**

Moment for Stewardship

Scott Crawford

Invitation to the Offering



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Offertory

A Mighty Fortress

Dietrich Buxtehude

*Doxology *(unison)*

***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 Thanksgiving and Dedication

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

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.

*Hymn of Sending NO. 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

TUNE: EIN' FESTE BURG

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response

Pilgrims' Hymn

Stephen Paulus

*Even before we call on Your name to ask You, O God,
When we seek for the words to glorify You, you hear our prayer;
Unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe Your name,
And through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in You;
Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace, beyond all mortal dream.
Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages,
Amen.*

*Postlude

We All Believe in One True God, BWV 680

J. S. Bach

This Week's Calendar

TODAY

- 8:00 AM Music Rehearsal, Sanctuary
9:00 Nursery open, Room 212
9:30 Worship, Sanctuary
Sunday School, Room 213, 214, 215, 219
10:30 Fellowship, Great Room
10:45 Ken Sawyer Presentation, South Parlor
5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group, Youth Lounge
7:00 Senior High Youth Group, Youth Lounge

MON

- 9:30 AM Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room

TUE

- 9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study Group, Parish House
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor
Adult Bible Study, Zoom
5:30 Lakeminster Ringers, Bell Room
7:00 Chancel Bells, Bell Room
7:30 Boy Scouts Troop Meeting, Fellowship Hall/Rm 012

WED

- 10:00 AM Wednesday Women's Bible Study, S. Parlor/Zoom
11:00 Resource Grp: Caregivers of Terminally Ill, Bride's Rm
4:15 PM Carol Choir, Music Room
5:00 Cherub Choir, Music Room
Confirmation Class, Stuart Room 214
5:30 Wednesday Night Supper, Great Room
6:30 Offering of Music and Prayer, Sanctuary

THU

- 6:30 AM Daybreakers Men's Bible Study, Great Room/Zoom
9:30 Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
6:30 PM Buildings & Grounds Cmt. Mtg., South Parlor/Zoom
7:00 Sanctuary Choir, Music Room
Mom's Small Group, Youth Lounge

FRI

- 7:00 AM Men of Corinth Bible Study, South Parlor/Zoom



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