



First Presbyterian Church

OF LAKE FOREST

April 24, 2022
Earth Day

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

Prayer for Preparation

In your great mercy you call us to care for your creation,
to uphold one another, and to pray for your world.
Hear our prayers for the healing of the earth . . .
For clean water, that all may drink . . .
For the right use of resources
and the careful tending of the land and the seas . . .
For people and places damaged by war . . .
For those who suffer, those whose needs are known to us,
and those whose needs are known only to you . . .
in Christ through whom all things were made. Amen.

Prelude

Jubilate, Amen
Come, Christians, Join to Sing

arr. Ruby Shaw Hollis, 1990
Dan R. Edwards, 2010

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.

*Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 104

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all.

People: The earth is full of your creatures!

Leader: Yonder is the sea, great and wide, filled with your Creation;

People: We all look to you for provision and care.

Leader: You provide for us as long as we live,

People: Then we return to the dust of the earth

Leader: You send out your Spirit and we spring to life

People: The entire world blooms and blossoms.

Leader: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live,

People: I will sing praise to my God while I have being!

Leader: Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise *NO. 15 (stanzas 1-3, 6)*

All Creatures of Our God and King

TUNE: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Call to Confession

Beloved of God, we come together in worship this day aware of the goodness of God, but also of our own brokenness. Recognizing the ongoing creative power of God to heal and regrow, let us pray together.

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious and merciful God, we come to you as people in need of reconciliation. We have not loved you with our whole hearts nor have we cared for our neighbors as we ought. Although Christ has risen and defeated death, we still live lives of doubt and fear, seeking earthly gain and selfish profit. Forgive us we pray. Fill our hearts with your Spirit that unites all your creation so we may see our interconnectedness and be strengthened for service to you and all you have created. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

Leader: Anyone in Christ therefore is a new creation: the old life has gone and a new life has begun. Friends, hear the good news:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

*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**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Word for Children

Following the Passing the Peace, preschool through 7th graders may leave for Faith Building classes. After worship, please pick up your children from their classrooms on the 2nd floor (rooms 213, 214, 215, and 219).

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, your Word is a living word.
By your Spirit awaken us, that we may see
and hear your presence in the world
and in the scripture that we read today.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our brother and guide. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 1:26-31

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And

to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

New Testament Lesson

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Revelation 22:1-2

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to Christ.

Sermon

"The Stewardship of Life"

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

***Hymn of Response** *(see insert, stanzas 1, 3, 4)*

Touch the Earth Lightly

Offertory

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Sandra Eithun, 2009



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*Doxology *(unison)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Sharing of 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. 716*

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

TUNE: BEACH SPRING

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Recessional

Grayston Ives, 1992

Coming up...



Spring Rummage Sale
Saturday April 30
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Shop treasures, clothing, accessories, toys, and more while supporting our mission partners!
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TODAY IS SETUP SUNDAY! We need your help to make this sale a success. Join us after worship, and we can prepare our church for Saturday's sale together!



Save the Date!
Festival Sunday
May 22

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Sunday, May 22

Join us on Festival Sunday, May 22 to celebrate the end of another program year, our graduating Seniors, and 4th graders flying up to 5th grade! Worship with us at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary, and meet us on the courtyard for a cookout afterwards!



First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest is seeking...

our Director of Children's Faith Formation

- Full-time, flexible hours
- Competitive compensation and benefits
- Collaborative work environment

Detailed job description on www.firstchurchlf.org/cff
Inquiries may be sent to Shan.McNichols@jobs@firstchurchlf.org

First Pres is seeking our

Director of Children's Faith Formation!

This individual will be primarily responsible for developing and implementing faithful programming for children and their parents.

Details and how to apply: <https://firstchurchlf.org/cff>

View our Weekly Schedule of ministries, and find details and Zoom links on our church website: www.firstchurchlf.org/ministries

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This Week's Calendar

TODAY

7:30 AM	Earth Day Sunrise Worship, Lake Forest Beach
10:00 AM	Worship, Sanctuary
10:15	Children's Faith Building, Room 213, 214, 215, 219 Middle School: 5-8th Grade, Stuart Room 214
11:00	Fellowship Coffee Hour, Great Room
7:00 PM	Senior High Youth Group

MON

9:00 AM	Rummage Sale Set-Up
7:00 PM	Session Meeting, Great Room/Zoom

TUE

9:00 AM	Rummage Sale Set-Up
6:00 PM	Lakeminstler Ringers, Sanctuary
7:00	9 AM Service Team, Stuart Room 214/Zoom Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom

WED

9:00 AM	Rummage Sale Set-Up
7:00 PM	Taizé, Online Youth & Young Adults Faith Formation, Zoom Explorations of Faith, Zoom

THU

6:00 AM	Daybreakers Men's Bible Study/Zoom
7:00 PM	APNC, Zoom

FRI

7:00 AM	Men of Corinth Bible Study, Great Room/Zoom
10:00	Rummage Chairman Pre-Sale
1:00 PM	Rummage Volunteer Pre-Sale

SAT

8:00-3:00 PM	Rummage Sale
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Pastor Clint's day off is on Friday.
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Jim Cochrane
Sarah Seccombe
Dr. Tom Tropp
Dr. Barry Wenger
Sanctuary Choir
Chancel Bells
Rick Day
Alex McDowell, AV Support
Aaron Helms, AV Support

Serve, Learn & Connect

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

Share Joys & Concerns

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