



First Presbyterian Church

OF LAKE FOREST

August 14, 2022
Season of Pentecost

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

Prayer for Preparation

O Lord of creation, you are God both nearby and far off, you fill heaven and earth; teach me to hear your hard truths and to speak your word faithfully. Amen.

Prelude

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

Leader: Here in this place, there are no foreigners,

People: for all are welcome in God's house.

Leader: Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,

People: for love is the language of faith.

Leader: Here in our lives, there are no divisions,

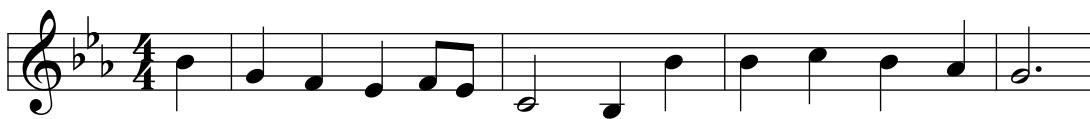
People: for God dwells in each of us.

All: Come, let us worship in unity and love.

*Hymn of Praise NO. 725

O Jesus, I Have Promised

TUNE: NYLAND



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 O let me feel you near me! The world is ev - er near:
3 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

(C) (Am7) (Dm) (G) (C) (G7) (C)
E^b Cm7 Fm B^b E^b B^b7 E^b



be now and al - ways near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

(Am) (D) (G) (F) (G)
Cm F B^b A^b B^b



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

(C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
E^b Cm7 A^b B^b E^b Fm B^b E^b



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
but, Je - sus, draw still near - er and shield my soul from sin.
O speak, and make me lis - ten, true guard - ian of my soul.
now give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

TEXT: John Ernest Bode, 1866, alt.
MUSIC: Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans, 1927
Music Adapt. and Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press

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(alternate tune: ANGEL'S STORY, 724)

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

Isaiah 5:1-7 and Psalm 80
Sara Dunning Lambert

Divine God, we try to grow happily, patiently, and faithfully in the soil you have prepared for us. You feed us, shelter us, and provide for our daily needs. Yet, we often fail to offer you the fruit of our harvest. We act as though we were abandoned children, trying to make it on our own. We feel forsaken, attacked by wild boars, cut down by our enemies, and neglected in the wilderness of our lives. Yet, through it all, you remain faithful. Renew our lives once more, and we will call your name on high. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Be assured that God's love is sufficient. In the warmth of the sun, the fertility of the soil, and the refreshment of life-giving water, we have been given all that we need. God hears our cries and comes to save us.

People: **Through Christ we may lay aside our sins; through Christ, we know we are safe.**

*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

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

— The Sacrament of Baptism —

Receiving the sacrament of baptism today is Isabella Leo Linhart,
child of Betsy and Brian Linhart.

Congregational Question

Leader: Friends, do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ,
promise to guide and nurture this child by word and deed,
with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Jesus,
and to be a faithful member of His church?

People: **We do.**

*The Apostles' Creed *(unison)*

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 sin; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Baptism

The Charge

The Welcome *(unison)*

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's church.
We are all members of the household of God and family through Jesus Christ.

Sung Response NO. 188 *(stanza 1)*

Jesus Loves Me!

TUNE: JESUS LOVES ME

***Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong.
They are weak, but He is strong.***

***Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.***

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Ruth 1:1-22

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them; and the women said, "Is this Naomi?" She said to them, "Call me no longer Naomi, call me Mara, for the

Almighty has dealt bitterly with me. I went away full, but the Lord has brought me back empty; why call me Naomi when the Lord has dealt harshly with me, and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?" So Naomi returned together with Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, who came back with her from the country of Moab. They came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Once Upon A Time..."

Rev. Kristie W. Finley

*Hymn of Response NO. 738

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

TUNE: MARYTON

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee
2 Help me the slow of heart to move
3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray

in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;
by some clear, win - ning word of love;
in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,
far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;

tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with

strain of toil, the fret of care.
 guide them in the home - ward way.
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

TEXT: Washington Gladden, 1879
 MUSIC: Henry Percy Smith, 1874

MARYTON
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Blessing of the Backpacks

Sharing of Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

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.

Offertory



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*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.

*Closing Prayer *(unison)*

Jesus, show us how to interpret this present time, that we may not be afraid of upheaval, but recognize how relationships strengthen us. Like Naomi and Ruth leading and teaching each other, may we be leaders and teachers, examples of your faithful love. Amen.

*Hymn of Sending *NO. 726 (on the following page)*

Will You Come and Follow Me

TUNE: KELVINGROVE

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

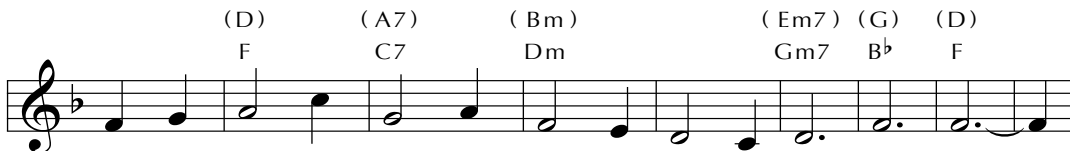
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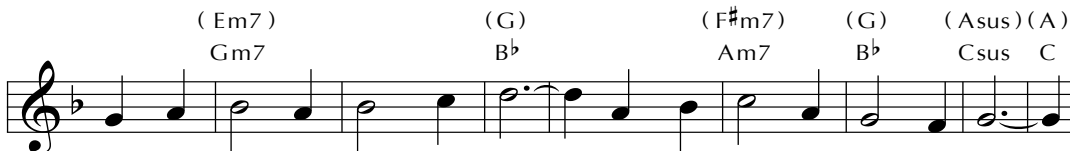
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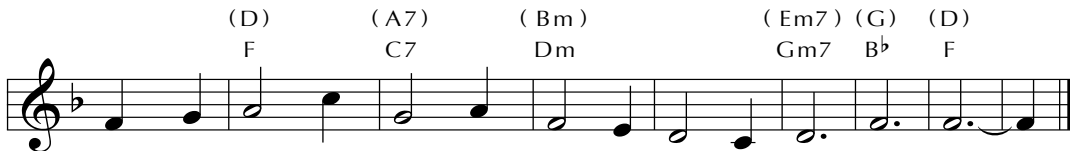
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987

MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987

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KELVINGROVE

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Coming up...



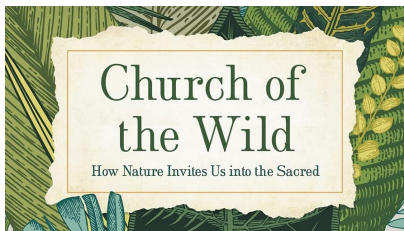
Help us prepare for our first Coffee and a Cause!

For the month of August, we are partnering with Fill-A-Heart 4 Kids and collecting NEW winter coats for kids of all ages, and \$10 gift cards to McDonalds, Walmart, and Walgreens. These donations will help us prepare for the Coffee and a Cause event on Thursday, September 1 from 9 - 10:30 AM in the Great Room. *Details on firstchurchlf.org/coffee-and-a-cause*



First Pres Organ Tour

Stay after worship on Sunday, August 21 and join Dr. Barry Wenger in the Choir Loft for a musical tour of the Casavant Organ!



August Book Club (August 17, 24, and 31)

Just as Jesus went into the mountains to pray, *Church of the World: How Nature Invites Us into the Sacred* by Pastor Victoria Loorz invites us to do the same. Come join us in reading and discussing this short book after Wednesday Night Suppers at 6:45 PM in the South Parlor. Books will be available in the church office or can be found on Amazon.

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

- 10:00 AM Worship, South Lawn
Playground Church, Playground
- 11:00 Fellowship Hour, Great Room

MON

- 9:30 AM Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room

TUE

- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor
Adult Bible Study, Zoom
- 6:30 Buildings & Grounds Committee Mtg, S. Parlor/Zoom

WED

- 10:00 AM Wednesday Women's Bible Study, S. Parlor/Zoom
- 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Supper, Parking Lot
- 6:45 August Book Club, South Parlor
- 7:00 Taize, online

THU

- 6:00 AM Daybreakers, South Parlor/Zoom
- 9:30 Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
- 7:30 PM Boy Scouts Committee Meeting, Parish House

FRI

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

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, August 28 following worship

Session has called a congregational meeting for the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee to present Jim Cochrane as their candidate for Associate Pastor of Youth and Youth Adult Faith Formation.

Festival Sunday

Sunday, September 11, 10:00 AM
Outdoor cookout following worship



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Pastor on call Pastor Clint 630.220.7814
Pastor Clint's day off is on Friday.
Pastor Kristie's day off is on Friday.

Worship Participants

Rev. Kristie W. Finley
Rev. Clinton G. Roberts
Jim Cochrane
Dr. Tom Tropp
Susan Noble
Judy Kohl, pianist
Alex McDowell, AV Support
Henry Thomas, AV Support

Serve, Learn & Connect

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Share Joys & Concerns

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Home Communion

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Arrange a Wedding or Baptism

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John Johnson
Laura Johnson
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Brian O'Keane
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Kendall Severson
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David Strong
Sadie Strong
Mary Watanabe *Clerk*
Anne Winebrenner

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Carol Bagan
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