



First Presbyterian Church

OF LAKE FOREST

July 10, 2022
Season of Pentecost

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

Prayer for Preparation

God of compassion, you watch our ways, and weave out of terrible happenings wonders of goodness and grace. Surround those who have been shaken by tragedy with a sense of your present love, and hold them in faith. Though they are lost in grief, may they find you and be comforted; through Jesus Christ who was dead, but lives and rules this world with you. Amen.

Prelude

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

arr. Fred Bock, 1967

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

Deuteronomy; Leviticus

Leader: See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity.

People: We will choose life that we and our children may live. We will love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength.

Leader: God bless us in our life together,

People: as we love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

*Hymn of Praise NO. 463 (stanzas 1, 3 and 5)

How Firm a Foundation

TUNE: FOUNDATION

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ve saints of the Lord.
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

TEXT: "K" in John Rippons's *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.
MUSIC: American folk melody; Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832, alt.

FOUNDATION
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***Call to Confession** *(unison)*

Have mercy on us, God, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Have mercy on us, Lord, in your loving-kindness and great compassion. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

God of mercy, you watch our ways, and weave out of terrible happenings heavenly offerings of goodness and grace. Surround us, who have been shaken by this senseless tragedy, with a strong sense of your present love. Hold us close in faith, though we be lost in our grief, that we may find you and be comforted; through Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives, and rules this world with you. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Friends, in spite of our tendency to pull apart and fall apart, in spite of our tenacity to old ways of thinking and doing, our loving God continues to call back together again, and call us forward into peace, showing us the true nature of forgiveness. God welcomes us like a mother scooping up her lost children, like a father embracing his prodigal son. We are encouraged to learn from that forgiveness, to offer it to ourselves and to others again and again and again, as God offers it to us in Jesus Christ.

Friends, trust and believe the Gospel: in Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, and our brokenness will be healed. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

*Sung Response NO. 443 (stanza 1 and 2)

There Is a Redeemer

TUNE: GREEN



1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son;
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names,



pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, hope for sin - ners slain.



Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son, and



leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

Although the refrain of this piece names all three Persons of the Trinity, the stanzas emphasize references to Jesus Christ under various titles. There is also a shift in tone between the stanzas and the refrain: the former speak about God and the latter speaks to God.

TEXT and MUSIC: Melody Green, 1982

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GREEN
Irregular

*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 Jack Leo Shannahan, child of Cornelius Ryan Shannahan and Anna Balbanova Shannahan

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 him to know and follow Jesus, and to be a faithful member of this 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

Amos 7:7-17

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.' "Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.'" Therefore thus says the Lord: 'Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 13:7-8

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to Christ.

Sermon

"The Plumb-Line"

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

*Hymn of Response NO. 458

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet

TUNE: THY WORD

Refrain

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The first staff is the refrain, starting with a G chord and ending with a D7 chord. The second staff continues the melody with G, C, D, and G chords. The third staff includes a 'Fine' section with a D chord and an Am chord. The fourth staff has Em, Bm, C, D, C, and G chords. The fifth staff has D, Am, Em, and Bm chords. The sixth staff has C, D, E, Dsus, and D7 chords, with the instruction 'to Refrain' at the end.

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path. Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path. When I feel a-fraid, and I think I've lost my way, still you're there right be-side me. Noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

The refrain of this 20th-century song is a quotation of Psalm 119:105 in the King James Version. That longest of all psalms celebrates the gift of God's law by accumulating many synonyms for it. In Christian practice, this verse has been used to give thanks for all Scripture.

TEXT: Amy Grant, 1984
MUSIC: Michael W. Smith, 1984; arr. John Sharber
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THY WORD
Irregular

Sharing of Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Holy Ghost, With Light Divine

Gottschalk/arr. Harold DeCou, 1984



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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.

*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.

*Hymn of Sending NO. 676

Day Is Done

TUNE: AR HYD Y NOS

1 Day is done, but love un-fail-ing dwells ev-er here;
2 Dark de-scends, but light un-end-ing shines through our night;
3 Eyes will close, but you un-sleep-ing watch by our side.

shad - ows fall, but hope, pre - vail - ing, calms ev - ery fear.
 you are with us, ev - er lend - ing new strength to sight:
 Death may come; in love's safe - keep - ing still we a - bide.

God, our Mak - er, none for - sak - ing, take our hearts, of love's own
 one in love, your truth con - fess - ing, one in hope of heav - en's
 God of love, all e - vil quell - ing, sin for - giv - ing, fear dis -

mak - ing; watch our sleep - ing; guard our wak - ing; be al - ways near.
 bless - ing, may we see, in love's pos - sess - ing, love's end - less light!
 pel - ling, stay with us, our hearts in - dwell - ing, this e - ven - tide.

This 20th-century hymn by a Scottish Jesuit paraphrases several traditional evening prayers and takes its shape from the familiar Welsh tune to which it is set. Its rhyme pattern requires considerable poetic skill, as only three rhymes serve for the eight lines of text.

TEXT: James Quinn, SJ, 1969, alt.
 MUSIC: Welsh melody, c. 1784

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AR HYD Y NOS
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*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

Voluntary in G

Henry Heron (~1725-1795)

Coming up...



Wednesday Night Supper

Come by the church parking lot anytime between 5:30 - 7:00 PM for a catered supper and fellowship. Bring your family and friends, and come and go as you please! If you would like to volunteer for suppers, please sign up on the church website, www.firstchurchlf.org.



Playground Church

During worship, children ages 3 and up will gather on the playground for some free play followed by bible stories, activities, games, and crafts. Please drop off and pick up your children on the playground.



Pick up a Blessing Bag!

Please help yourselves to a Blessing Bag located by the Deerpath entrance of the church. These bags, full of essential items that can easily be handed out to people in need, were graciously assembled by a group of young mothers in the community. Keep some in your car so you can hand them out when you see an opportunity to do so!

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
- 5:00 LRP&G Meeting, South Parlor
- 7:00 Deacon Meeting, Great Room/Zoom

WED

- 10:00 AM Wednesday Women's Bible Study, S. Parlor/Zoom
- 1:00 PM Adult Faith Formation Committee Meeting, Zoom
- 5:30 Wednesday Night Supper, Parking Lot
- 7:00 Taize, online

THU

- 6:00 AM Daybreakers, South Parlor/Zoom
- 9:30 Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
- 7:00 PM APNC Meeting, Zoom

FRI

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

Outdoor Summer Worship

Sunday, August 14, 10:00 AM

South Lawn
Weather Permitting



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