



First Presbyterian Church
OF LAKE FOREST

July 2, 2023
10:00 AM
Season of Pentecost

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

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, judge of nations: make us brave to seek your will in the land you have given us, lest in our political actions, we neglect those things which belong to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision
Patriotic Medley

arr. by Marilyn Reimer
arr. by Michele Murray

The Welcome

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.*

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

People: **He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes. Praise the Lord!**

*Hymn of Praise NO. 331 (stanzas 1-3)

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

TUNE: NATIONAL HYMN

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de-fense.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.

TEXT: Daniel Crane Roberts, 1876, alt.
 MUSIC: George William Warren, 1892

NATIONAL HYMN
 10.10.10.10

***Prayer of Confession** *(unison)*

God our Father, you brought all your children to this land, and out of conflict, created in us a love of peace and freedom. We have failed you by neglecting the needs and rights of others. Forgive partisan pride that overlooks national wrong or justifies injustice. Forgive our divisions caused by racism, ignorance, prejudice and greed. Have mercy, O God, on the soul of this nation. Make us compassionate, fair and truthful to each other. Raise up in us a right patriotism that sees and seeks this nation's good. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Sung Invocation** NO. 331 *(stanza 4)*

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

TUNE: NATIONAL HYMN

Refresh thy people on their toil-some way.

Lead us from night to never-ending day.

***Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.***

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: If my people who are called by my name humble themselves
and pray and seek my face,

**People: then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and
heal their land.**

Leader: Friends, in Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 72:1-4, 12-14, 18-19

(Old Testament, page 533 in pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Reflection

"On Righteous Governance"

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

Offering



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Sharing of Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer 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.

A Musical Medley for Independence Day *(starting on page 6)*

*Closing Prayer

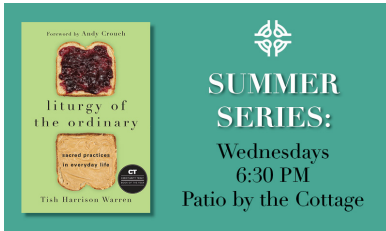
*Benediction

*Postlude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. by Joel Raney

Coming up...



Summer Series: *Liturgy of the Ordinary*

This summer, we are exploring Tish Harrison Warren's book *Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life*. It will be the theme of our Sunday worship, and there will be drop-in conversations every week! Join the 30-minute pastor-led discussions on the patio beside the cottage on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. Books are available for \$12.



Save the Date for the First Pres Mission Benefit!

Get excited for some fun and fellowship to raise funds for our Mission Partners this fall! Save the Date: Saturday, September 16. Watch for details in the coming months to register.



Playground Church

On Sundays 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. Playground Church teachers are needed! Sign up on the church website: firstchurchlf.org/sunday-school-teacher-sign-up

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

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354 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com-ing of the Lord;

3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a-cross the sea,

he is tram-pling out the vin-tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;

with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me;

he has loosed the fate - ful light-ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword.

as he died to make us ho - ly, let us live to make all free,

Refrain

God's truth is march - ing on.

while God is march - ing on.

Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le -

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry,

glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! God's truth is march - ing on.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in a key of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Treble staff, with the Bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The score consists of two lines of music. The first line ends with a double bar line, and the second line also ends with a double bar line. The tempo and style are not specified.

337 My Country, 'Tis of Thee

1 My coun - try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of

4 Our *fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of

lib - er - ty, of thee I sing: land where my

lib - er - ty, to thee we sing. Long may our

*fa - thers died, land of the pil - grims' pride,

land be bright with free - dom's ho - ly light;

from ev - ery moun - tain - side let free - dom ring.

pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our King.

God Bless America

God bless A - mer - i - ca, land that I
love. Stand be - side her and guide her through the
night with a light from a - bove. From the moun - tains to the
prai - ries, to the o - ceans white with foam,
God bless A - mer - i - ca, my home sweet home;
God bless A - mer - i - ca, my home sweet home.

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies 338

1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,
 3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!
 who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!
 thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw;
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine

and crown thy good with *broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!
 con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law!
 till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness and ev-ery gain di-vine!

339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en

3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

The first system of musical notation for 'Lift Every Voice and Sing'. It features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides harmonic support. The lyrics are: '1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en' and '3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent'.

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -

tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

The second system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff. The lyrics are: 'ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -' and 'tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the'.

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening

way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

The third system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff. The lyrics are: 'ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening' and 'way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the'.

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.

light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

The fourth system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble staff. The lyrics are: 'skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.' and 'light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.'

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget

us. Facing the rising sun of our new day be -
thee; shadowed beneath thy hand may we for - ever

gun, let us march on, till victory is won.
stand, true to our God, true to our native land.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 3/4 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the bass part providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. * With God our cre - a - tor, chil - dren all are we. Let us walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny." The score consists of five systems of two staves each. The first system starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The second system has a key signature change to two sharps (F# and C#). The third system has a key signature change to one sharp (F#). The fourth system has a key signature change to two sharps (F# and C#). The fifth system has a key signature change to one sharp (F#). The lyrics are placed below the staves, with some words spanning across measures.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with
me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was
meant to be. * With God our cre - a - tor,
chil - dren all are we. Let us
walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.

Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment

now. With ev - ery step I take, let

this be my sol - emn vow: to take each mo - ment and

live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

This Week's Calendar

TODAY	
10:00 AM	Worship, Sanctuary Playground Church, Playground
11:00	Fellowship Hour, Great Room
MON	Church Closed for the July 4th Holiday
TUE	Church Closed for the July 4th Holiday
WED	
10:00 AM	Wednesday Women's Bible Study, S. Parlor/Zoom
11:00	Resource Grp: Caregivers of Terminally Ill, Bride's Rm
7:00 PM	Children & Youth Faith Formation Mtg., S. Parlor
THU	
6:00 AM	Daybreakers Men's Bible Study, S. Parlor/Zoom
9:30	Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
10:00	Rummage Meeting, Great Room
6:30 PM	Buildings & Grounds Cmte. Mtg., S. Parlor/Zoom
FRI	
7:00 AM	Men of Corinth Bible Study, Great Room/Zoom

An Update on the All-Church Survey

After weeks of discussion and review of the data, the Survey Task Force presented their recommendations to Session on Monday, June 26, for the new worship schedule in the coming fall. Session voted to accept the following recommendations: Starting Sunday, September 10, worship will be a single service at 9:30 AM which will be predominately traditional, with Sunday School running concurrently. On Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM, following our Wednesday Night Suppers, we are introducing our new contemporary and casual service in a new timeslot, where the music will be led by our Worship Ensemble. Child care will be available for both services. Be on the lookout for a letter coming from the Task Force next week for more details including how the results of the survey formed these recommendations!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the All Church Survey! We received a total of 274 responses, and we appreciate you taking your time in giving us your feedback.



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