



First Presbyterian Church

OF LAKE FOREST

July 31, 2022
Season of Pentecost

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

Prayer of Preparation

Giver of holy wisdom, save us from the foolishness of putting our trust in passing things. As you have ransomed our life from death, keep us firmly in your care, that we may not treasure this world's wealth but enjoy the eternal riches of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prelude

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

arr. David Cherwien, 1993

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: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

People: Our God, we put our trust in you.

Leader: Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation.

People: In you have we trusted all the day long.

*Hymn of Praise NO. 665

As Morning Dawns

TUNE: WAREHAM

*Call to Confession

We are called to examine our faithfulness to God's covenant with us. God, in whose presence we gather, promises us grace and pardon when we acknowledge our weakness and shame. Let us confess our sin to almighty God.

*Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, whose Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, we recognize and confess that we have failed to respond fully to your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ you have offered us new life, fulfillment, and the freedom to serve you. We confess that we are captive to sin, that our sin binds us with false pride, and that the wrong we do is made worse by the good we leave undone. Reconcile us to you and to all people. God of mercy, forgive all our sin and strengthen us anew for life as you intend it; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Sung Invocation

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chris - te e -
le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Tune: James A. Kriewald, 1985

Words: Ancient Greek

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*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*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: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 49:1-13

Hear this, all you peoples;
give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
both low and high, rich and poor together.

My mouth shall speak wisdom;
the meditation of my heart
shall be understanding.

I will incline my ear to a proverb;
I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.

Why should I fear in times of trouble,
when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,
those who trust in their wealth
and boast of the abundance of their riches?

Truly, no ransom avails for one's life,
there is no price one can give to God for it.

For the ransom of life is costly,
and can never suffice that one should live on forever
and never see the grave.

When we look at the wise, they die;
fool and dolt perish together and
leave their wealth to others.

Their graves are their homes forever,
their dwelling places to all generations,
though they named lands their own.

Mortals cannot abide in their pomp;
they are like the animals that perish.

Such is the fate of the foolhardy,
the end of those who are
pleased with their lot.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to Christ.

Sermon

"Rich Toward God"

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

*Hymn of Response *NO. 816*

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

TUNE: WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

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.

Offertory

Meditation on Italian Hymn

arr. Gerald Near, 1995



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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.
Amen.

*Closing Prayer *(unison)*

William Bright (1824-1901)

Loving God,
you want us to give thanks for all things,
to fear nothing except losing you,
and to lay all our cares on you,
knowing that you care for us.
Protect us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties,
and grant that no clouds in this mortal life
may hide from us the light of your immortal love
shown to us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of Sending *NO. 815*

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

TUNE: FESTAL SONG

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Postlude for Organ

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel (1805-1847)

Coming up...



Wednesday Night Supper

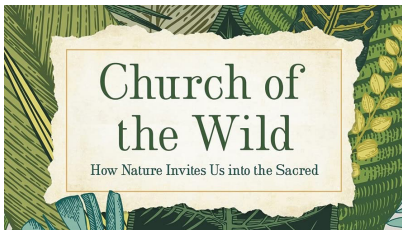
Come by the church parking lot anytime between 5:30 - 6:45 PM for a catered supper and fellowship. Bring your family and friends, and come and go as you please! If you would like to volunteer for suppers, please sign up on the church website, www.firstchurchlf.org.



Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 14

Bring your backpacks to worship on Sunday, August 14! Join us on the South Lawn for our last outdoor worship service this summer when we will be blessing backpacks in preparation for back-to-school.



August Outdoor Book Club (August 10, 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 on four evenings after Wednesday Night Suppers at 6:45 PM on the Cottage Patio (Deerpath Room in inclement weather). 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, Sanctuary
Children's 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
- 4:00 Worship & Music Committee Meeting, Zoom

WED

- 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Supper, Parking Lot
- 7:00 Taizé Service, online

THU

- 6:00 AM Daybreakers Men's Ministry, South Parlor/Zoom
- 9:30 Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
- 7:00 PM Children's Faith Formation Mtg, Stuart Rm 214/Zoom

FRI

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

Outdoor Summer Worship

Sunday, August 14, 10:00 AM
South Lawn, weather permitting
Please bring your own lawn chairs.



Give

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Serve, Learn & Connect

For our weekly ministries and Zoom links
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