



First Presbyterian Church

OF LAKE FOREST

June 26, 2022
Season of Pentecost

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

Prayer of Preparation

As prophets catch fire,
as disciples draw flame,
as apostles walk in the Spirit,
O Holy One, Holy Three,
fill us with fervent desire
to enter your kingdom.
Lead us by the cross of Christ
to live in the love of Christ,
now and forever. Amen.

Prelude

Gaelic Air

arr. Keith Chapman, 1979

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**

God, who rules the universe, calls us;
Christ, who took up his cross, calls us;
Holy Spirit, who frees us body and soul, calls us.
Let us faithfully answer
by worshiping the triune God.

***Hymn of Praise** *NO. 482*

Baptized in Water

TUNE: BUNESSAN

***Call to Confession**

Christ Jesus did not call down destruction
upon those who rejected him.
How much more will he show mercy
to those who seek forgiveness.
In faith, let us confess our sins.

***Prayer of Confession**

O God, Holy Trinity, help us to confess our sins. You give us a place in your creation, and you intend that we live in love with all that you have made. We confess that we abuse what you give us. By our thoughts, actions, and the medications of our hearts we show how enslaved we are to life made corrupt by sin. Far from walking in the Spirit, we stumble on paths that lead to death. O Fire of heaven have mercy on us. Satisfy the longings of our souls by taking us up into your Spirit that we may love our neighbor. Rekindle our desire to follow our Savior, Jesus Christ, whose passion for obeying you leads us to our inheritance, which is your promised kingdom. To you and the Son and the Spirit, One God, be all worship and praise now and forever. Amen.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

The crucified Christ has set us free
to live in the Spirit of life.
Hear the good news of the gospel.
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.**

— **The Sacrament of Baptism** —

Receiving the sacrament of baptism today are:
Gavin McLean Grinnell and Harper Marie Grinnell,
children of Diana and Matthew Grinnell

Congregational Question

Leader: Friends, do we, as members of the church of Jesus Christ,
promise to guide and nurture these children by word and deed,
with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Jesus,
and to be a faithful members 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

O God, by your Spirit plant your word within us that we may follow your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, and never leave him. May we find our home in your kingdom and our life in your Spirit. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 2:6-14

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking

and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Galatians 5:13-25

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to Christ.

Sermon

"The Spirit-Filled Life"

Rev. Dr. Craig Howard

Offertory

Come Thou Fount

arr. Craig Phillips, 1996



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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.

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. 36*

For the Fruit of All Creation

TUNE: AR HYD Y NOS

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German, 1990

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

WED

10:00 AM Wednesday Women's Bible Study, S. Parlor/Zoom
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

FRI **Church Closed**

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Friday, July 1, and Monday, July 4

Outdoor Summer Worship

July 10 and August 14

Sunday, 10:00 AM

South Lawn



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Flowers in the niches and fellowship hour are given in celebration of Gavin McLean Grinnell & Harper Marie Grinnell's baptisms this morning from their proud grandparents, Maureen & Dave Grinnell.

Pastor on call Pastor Kristie 847.942.4057
Pastor Clint's day off is on Friday.
Pastor Kristie's day off is on Friday.

Worship Participants

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Rev. Kristie W. Finley
Sarah Seccombe
Dr. Tom Tropp
Dr. Barry Wenger
Alex McDowell, AV Support
Henry Thomas, AV Support

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