



First Presbyterian Church

OF LAKE FOREST

May 8, 2022
Season of Easter

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

Prayer for Preparation

Thomas H. Troeger

God made from one blood all the families of earth,
the circles of nurture that raised us from birth,
companions who join us to work through each stage
of childhood and youth and adulthood and age.

...Make wide that wisdom and that grace to include
the races and viewpoints our families exclude
till peace in each home bears and nurtures the bud
of peace shared by all you have made from one blood.

Prelude

Glad Adoration

Christian Guebert, 2018

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.

Introit

Gabriel's Oboe

Ennio Morricone/arr. Kevin McChesney, 1986

***Call to Worship**

Isaiah 66:13; 1 John 3:1; Romans 8:17; Mark 3:35

Leader: For thus says the Lord: "As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you;"

**People: "See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called
children of God."**

Leader: "And if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ."

People: "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

***Hymn of Praise** *NO. 14*

For the Beauty of the Earth

TUNE: DIX

***Call to Confession**

From age to age is God's faithfulness. From day to day is our striving.
Let us confess to our faithful God our failure and our stress.

***Prayer of Confession**

Faithful God, patient Friend, you are as near to us as breath and as constant as
the waves on the shore. Yet how often our lives fail to mirror your ways.
We are sometimes absent from our children, giving in to the pressures at work
or yielding to the lure of success and money. We are at times distant from one
another, for though we are in the same place, our hearts and minds wander and
stray. We choose not to listen, to only half-hear the words of another.

Faithful God, patient Friend, restore our sense of belonging to each other.
Heal our relationships and encourage us to be caring fathers, strong mothers
and wise friends. Teach us the way of love and the path of Jesus. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: God hears the confession of our hearts and lips.
Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven all our sins,
and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life.

**People: We believe the good news of Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God!**

***Sung Response** NO. 14 (stanza 4)

For the Beauty of the Earth

TUNE: DIX

***For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:***

Refrain

***Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.***

***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 is Hays Thomas Watkins V,
child of Hays Thomas Watkins IV and Rita Jean (Dejnak) Watkins.

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 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 1:14-17

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!"

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Mark 3:31-35

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to Christ.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 3:14-17

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to Christ.

Sermon

"Wholly Family"

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

Musical Interlude

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Robert Lowry/arr. Cathy Moglebust, 2014

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

The Gift of Love

Janet Linker, 1999



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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.*

*Prayer of Dedication *(unison)*

Eternal God, our creator, you set us to live in families. We commend to your care all the homes where your people live. Keep them, we pray, free from bitterness, and from pride in self. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, moderation, patience, and godliness. Light the fire of kindness among us all, that we may show affection for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn of Sending NO. 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

TUNE: AR HYD Y NOS

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

"And I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh" from *Trinitas*

Eleanor Daley, 2007

This Week's Calendar

TODAY

- 10:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:15 Children's Faith Building, Room 213, 214, 215, 219
Middle School: 5-8th Grade, Stuart Room 214
- 11:00 Fellowship Coffee Hour, Great Room

MON

- 6:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting, S. Parlor/Zoom

TUE

- 12:00 PM Brown Bag Book Group, Parish House Conf. Room
- 1:00 Tuesday Adult Bible Study, South Parlor
Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor
- 5:00 Staff Support Team Meeting, South Parlor
- 6:00 Lakeminster Ringers, Sanctuary
- 6:30 Boy Scouts Troop 46, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 9 AM Service Team, Stuart Room 214/Zoom
Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom

WED

- 10:00 AM Wednesday Women's Bible Study, S. Parlor/Zoom
- 1:00 PM Adult Faith Formation Committee Mtg, Zoom
- 5:30 Wednesday Night Supper, Great Room
Chancel Bells, Sanctuary
- 6:00 Children's Faith Building, Deerpath Room
- 7:00 Taizé, Chapel
Officer Training, South Parlor

THU

- 6:00 AM Daybreakers Men's Bible Study/Zoom
- 7:00 PM APNC, South Parlor, Zoom
Children's Faith Formation Mtg, Stuart Rm 214
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

FRI

- 7:00 AM Men of Corinth Bible Study, Great Room/Zoom
- 9:15 Coffee and a Cause, Great Room



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Flowers in the niches are given in celebration of this morning's baptism of Hays Thomas Watkins, son of Hays & Rita Watkins, grandson of Tom & Wendy Watkins.

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Pastor Clint's day off is on Friday.
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