



First Presbyterian Church

OF LAKE FOREST

October 18, 2020

Season of Pentecost

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God, good beyond all that is good, fair beyond all that is fair, in you is calmness, peace, and concord. Heal the dissensions that divide us from one another and bring us back to a unity of love bearing some likeness to your divine nature. Through the embrace of love and the bonds of godly affection, make us one in the Spirit by your peace which makes all things peaceful. We ask this through the grace, mercy, and tenderness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

-Dionysius of Alexandria (d.264)

PRELUDE

**Have Thine Own Way, Lord
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

arr. Diane Bish, 1993

WELCOME

***CALL to WORSHIP**

Psalms 122, 127

Leader: I was glad when they said to me,

People: "Let us go up to the house of the Lord!"

Leader: Unless the Lord builds the house,

People: then who build it labor in vain.

Leader: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,

People: we will seek your good.

**Please stand if you are able*

***HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 305**

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH

*Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

*Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

*Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

*Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!*

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

There is no distinction: all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. No matter how close is our relationship with God, we always fall short of God's expectations. We fail the One who gave us life. Confession removes our attempts to cover up our failure and gives us the opportunity of new beginnings.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We admit, O God, that we have seldom claimed the full power of the gospel. Rather we have been ashamed to speak of the good news in various settings of our lives. We join ourselves to the earth's corruption, rather than risking a protest. We battle one another rather than daring to be peacemakers. We give little thought to your laws and fail to teach them to our children. False pride keeps us from complete trust in you. Help us find release from the limits we place on ourselves. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Amid vicious gossip, God is our protection. God is a shelter and refuge, a very present help in trouble. We need not fear the changes all around us, for God is in the midst of them. We are in covenant with the One whose grace is sufficient for all our needs. Jesus Christ draws us into oneness with God. We are justified by faith, and good works will follow.

**Please stand if you are able*

***RESPONSE**

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Tune: IN THE LORD

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near, lift up your voices, the Lord is near. (REPEAT)

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Matthew 7:21–29

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?’ Then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.’

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!”

Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Lord, Lord!”

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

OFFERING

Adagio

Johann Gottfried Walter (1684–1748)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Please stand if you are able*

SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 463

How Firm A Foundation

Tune: FOUNDATION

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.*

*"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*

*"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no never forsake."*

**Please stand if you are able*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Tune

David N. Johnson, 1962

Flowers for this service have been given by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kovalcin in honor of Lawrence J Kovalcin Jr and Brenna Hope Finley's recent marriage.

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

We are so happy to have you in worship with us today. We are doing our best to follow all safety precautions and we ask that you help us by doing the following:

- ***Wear a face covering the entire time you are in the church***
- ***Remain in your seat until the service concludes***
- ***Refrain from singing***
- ***At the conclusion of the service, please take this bulletin***
- ***Maintain 6 feet distance from others who are not in your household***
- ***Please do not stop to talk with others until you are in the parking lot***
- ***If at any time in the coming week you develop symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, dry cough, muscle aches) please contact Debbie Tometz at 847-234-6250 or dtometz@firstchurchlf.org***

****Please stand if you are able***

Worship Participants

Rev. Clint Roberts

Rev. Kristie Finley

Jim Cochrane, Director of Youth Ministries

Sarah Seccombe, Director of Children's Ministries

Barry Wenger, Director of Bells and Organist

Tom Tropp, Director of Music and Arts

Ushers

Peter, Will and T.S Elliot, AV Support

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