



First Presbyterian Church OF LAKE FOREST

April 2, 2023
9:00 & 10:30 AM
Palm Sunday

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



Prayer of Preparation

Holy God,
Sometimes it's hard to hear you over the hosannas.
Sometimes it's hard to hear you over the noise of city streets.
Sometimes it's hard to hear you over our racing thoughts,
our mental to-do lists,
or our desire to fit in.
Sometimes it is hard to hear you in the noisy world.
So just as you stopped traffic in Jerusalem,
stop traffic here.
Pause the rush.
Open the gates.
Dwell among us,
until your Word is all we can hear.
We are listening.
We are laying down our cloaks.
Amen.

Prelude

Hosanna

Hillsong & Israel Houghton

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.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Introit

The King is Here

Kim Walker Smith

*Opening Litany

Leader: Where is he going?

Leader: Isn't he from Nazareth?

People: Can anything good come from Nazareth?

Leader: Is he headed to Jerusalem?

Leader: Do you think Jerusalem is safe?

Leader: Does he know that Pilate is here?

People: Where is he going?

Leader: Does he know the city is dangerous?

Leader: Does he see the Pharisees watching?

Leader: Is this the one we've been waiting for?

People: Could this be the Messiah?

Leader: Where is he going?

Leader: The crowds are singing, "Hosanna!"

Leader: Should I lay down my cloak?

People: Is this the beginning of the end?

Leader: Should we follow?

Leader: Should we watch?

Leader: Should we sing, "Hosanna?"

People: Stay awake!

Leader: He's on the move.

Leader: Where is he going?

People: Listen.

Leader: Where is he going?

Leader: Watch.

Leader: Where is he going?

People: Stay close.

Leader: Where is he going?

Leader: Sing, "Hosanna."

All: Hosanna! Amen.

*Processional Hymn NO. 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

TUNE: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Word for Children & 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.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Matthew 21:1-11 (NIV)

Leader: As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

People: **God, forgive us for the times when we do not trust your word and do not follow where you lead. We long to be the ones who can go into the village ahead of you. Forgive us when we play it safe.**

Leader: This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:
"Say to Daughter Zion,
'See your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"

People: **God, forgive us for forgetting that you are always coming toward us. You are drawing near, like a king on a donkey. Help us find you in our midst.**

Leader: The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

People: Creator God, forgive us for the moments when we choose greed over generosity, or when we choose our self-image over loyalty to you. Give us the courage to be unabashed in our faith. Give us the strength to throw our coats on the road.

Leader: The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,
"Hosanna to the Son of David!"
"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"
"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

People: Son of David, give us the conviction to shout your name from the rooftop. Give us the wisdom to sing, "Hosanna!"

Leader: When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked,
"Who is this?" The crowds answered,
"This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

People: With hope in our hearts we pray to you, Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Leader: Family of faith, there will be days when we withhold our praise.
There will be days when we dare not follow.
There will be days when we ignore God's call,
When we choose comfort over courage,
and ourselves over others.
But even on those days,
even on our worst days,
we belong to God.
Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

People: Nothing can separate us from God's love. We are loved, forgiven, and sent out to serve. Hosanna! Amen.

***Sung Response NO. 196** (refrain only)

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

TUNE: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

TEXT: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851, alt.
MUSIC: Melchior Teschner, 1614; arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
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***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Meditation

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

Choral Cantata

My Song is Love Unknown

John Leavitt, 1991

1. Sinfonia
2. Hymn
3. Aria
4. Chorus
5. Aria
6. Chorus

Manda Gervase

Daina Fischer

Sharing of Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Come Find His Rest

Erik Dewar, 2021
Arr. Dan Forrest, 2022

*Come, weary one, leave thy labors;
come, lift thy head, see thy Savior and Friend.
His arms are opened wide; O soul, be satisfied.
Come find his rest.*

*Take his yoke upon thee,
for he is gentle and lowly in heart.
So learn from Christ the Lord,
thy Portion and Reward.
Come find his rest.*

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.*



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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.*

***Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in a God who walks headfirst into the world's suffering,
who lights a candle in the darkest night,
who pulls back the curtain so we can see the stars.

We believe in a God who does not shy away from the truth,
who is bold in seeking justice,
and humble in taking power.

We believe in a God who sees our hurt and wraps love around it,
cocooning us in hope,
tethering us to one another.

We believe in a God who is always carrying us
from the pain of the world
into the hope of a new day.

That is where God is headed.
That is where we follow.
May it be so.
Amen.

***Hymn of Sending, NO. 197**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

TUNE: ELLACOMBE

***Benediction**

As you leave this place,
may God bless you with seeking.
Seek out the hungry.
Seek the weary.
Seek the good in every person you pass.
Seek out the hopeful.
Seek the faithful.
Seek God in each of us.
As you seek and as you wonder,
may you find what you are looking for.
In the name of our loving God,
who is always seeking us,
go now in peace. Amen.

***Postlude**

Ride On, King Jesus

Robert Greenlee, 1996

Parts of today's worship liturgy are adapted from "Seeking" by A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

holy week

holy week labyrinth walk APRIL 5

If you are in the midst of loss and sorrow, whether in the loss of a loved one, the loss of a long held dream, or the loss of what you expected your path to be, come and walk the labyrinth together on Wednesday, April 5, at 11:00 AM. We will meet in the Great Room and Pastor Kristie will lead us in a short time of focusing before we walk the path.

maundy thursday APRIL 6

Join us for Dinner Church in the Great Room at 6:00 PM. We gather around the table for supper, worship, and communion as we reflect on the Last Supper of Jesus and his disciples. **Please sign up so we know you are coming!** firstchurchlf.org/maundy-thursday

good friday APRIL 7

Good Friday Worship, 12:00 PM
Tenebrae, 7:30 PM

easter sunday APRIL 9

Sunrise Outdoor Worship, 7:00 AM in the Memorial Garden
Easter Services, 9:00 and 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary
Easter Egg Hunt, 10:15 AM on the Parish House Lawn

You may make an offering for **Easter Flowers** online at firstchurchlf.org/easter-flowers
Envelopes are also available at the church office.

**Spring Rummage Sale for Mission:
Saturday, May 6**

**Your donations help our mission efforts!
The last day for rummage drop-off is
Thursday, April 6**

**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

- 8:45 AM Nursery open until 11:45 AM, Room 212
9:00 Worship, Sanctuary
10:00 Fellowship, Great Room
10:30 Worship, Sanctuary
11:30 Fellowship, Great Room

MON

- 9:30 AM Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
5:00 PM Engagement Committee Meeting, Zoom
7:00 Mission Committee Meeting, South Parlor/Zoom

TUE

- 9:30 AM Tuesday Women's Bible Study, Parish House
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor
Adult Bible Study, Zoom
4:00 Worship & Music Committee Meeting, Zoom
6:00 Lakeminster Ringers, Sanctuary
7:00 Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom
7:30 Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall/Room 012

WED

- 10:00 AM Wed. Women's Bible Study, South Parlor/Zoom
11:00 Holy Week Labyrinth Walk, Great Room
4:15 PM Carol Choir, Music Room
5:00 Cherub Choir, Music Room
Confirmation and Session Meeting, South Parlor
5:30 Chancel Bells, Sanctuary
7:00 Worship Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Sanctuary Choir, Sanctuary
Taizé, Live Stream

THU

- 6:30 AM Daybreakers Men's Ministry, South Parlor/Zoom
9:30 Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Dinner Church, Great Room

FRI

- 7:00 AM Men of Corinth Bible Study, Great Room/Zoom
12:00 PM Good Friday Worship Service, Sanctuary
7:30 Tenebrae, Sanctuary



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