



Homecoming Sunday

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAKE FOREST

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

HOMECOMING SUNDAY

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Psalm 122

*I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"*

PRELUDE

Daystar (When Morning Guilds the Skies)

arr. Karen L. Buckwalter, 1985

Celebration Fanfare

D. Shawn Berry, 1995

THE WELCOME

INTRODUCTION OF 2021-2022 PLANSOEN SCHOLARS

Rev. Dr. Don Dempsey

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Listen, God is welcoming us to this time of worship.

People: Young and old, rich and poor, this is a place where all belong.

Leader: Come to sing praises and put your trust in God.

People: We bring all our needs to God, our hope.

Leader: The God of Mercy calls on us to be merciful.

People: We are called to love our neighbors as ourselves.

* HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Tune: HYMN TO JOY

* CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin, trusting in God's Grace.

* Please stand if you are able.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have promised to live as your people, God. Yet, we confess that we fail you and one another. We do not honor one another as we should. As the body Christ, we are often disjointed and clumsy. We do not work together as one to your glory. We refuse your cry for help in the voices of the poor and hungry. We have not been faithful to the trust you have placed in us. Merciful God, receive us as we are, and forgive us. Encourage us with your love that we may commit ourselves anew to live as those who belong to you; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

* SUNG INVOCATION, No. 820

Nothing Can Trouble

Tune: NADA TE TURBE

Noth-ing can trou-ble; noth-ing can fright-en. Those who seek God shall nev-er go want-ing.
Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios tie - ne na - da le fal - ta.

Noth-ing can trou - ble; noth-ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.
Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. So - lo Dios bas - ta.

TEXT: Attr. Teresa of Avila, 16th cent.; para. Taizé Community, Spanish 1986, English 1995

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1986

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* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus we learn that God's love has no bounds.

People: In Christ we are forgiven and are empowered to begin anew.
Thanks be to God!

* Please stand if you are able.

* **SUNG RESPONSE, No. 441, (stanza 1)**

Hear the Good News of Salvation

Tune: NETTLETON

1 Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's love.

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a quarter note B4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords.

Such great kind - ness! Such great mer - cy! Come to us from heaven a - bove.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody includes a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The bass staff accompaniment remains consistent with the first system.

Je - sus Christ, how much I love you! Je - sus Christ, you save from sin!

The third system features a more active treble staff melody with eighth notes. The treble staff melody includes a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, and an eighth note B4. The bass staff accompaniment continues with chords.

How I love you! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.

The fourth system concludes the stanza. The treble staff melody includes a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The bass staff accompaniment ends with a final chord.

TEXT: Native American (Dakota); John B. Renville, 1879; trans. Emma Tibbets, 1955; vers. Jane Parker Huber, 1989
MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813
English Trans. Metrical Version © 1989 Jane Parker Huber (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

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*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 29:11-14 (CEB)

I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me. I will be present for you, declares the Lord, and I will end your captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have scattered you, and I will bring you home after your long exile, declares the Lord.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 7:7-12 (CEB)

Ask, and you will receive. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Whoever seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door is opened. Who among you will give your children a stone when they ask for bread? Or give them a snake when they ask for fish? If you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him. Therefore, you should treat people in the same way that you want people to treat you; this is the Law and the Prophets.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to Christ.

SERMON

"I Will Bring You Home"

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

OFFERING

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

Heather Sorenson, 2020
text by Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)

*All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy, who through life has always been my guide?*

*All the way my Savior leads me; cheers each winding path I tread,
gives me grace for every trial, feeds me daily with his living bread.*

*Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, there by faith in him to dwell,
for I know whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.*

Though my weary steps may falter, lo, a spring of joy I see!

*All the way my Savior leads me; O the fullness of His grace!
Perfect rest to me is promised in my loving Father's blest embrace.*

*When my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,
this my song through endless ages, Jesus led me all the way.*

*We will no longer be "passing the plate" during the Offering, but we invite you
to prayerfully meditate on your self-offering to God. Offering boxes for your gifts, tithes,
and prayer requests, etc., are located at each door to the Sanctuary for your convenience.*

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

— THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION —

We welcome Elder-Elect John Gescheidle and Deacons-Elects Katy Borkowski
and Mallory Ciarrocchi for ordination to ministry.

SUNG RESPONSE, No. 548, (stanza 1, see page 9)

May God Support You All Your Days

Tune: DICKINSON COLLEGE

PASTORAL PRAYERS

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, No. 297 (stanzas 1, 3, 4)**

In Christ Called to Baptize

Tune: ST. DENIO

* Please stand if you are able.

*The congregation will now walk to the Memorial Garden
for the baptism and the dedication of the Memorial Cross.*

* **MUSIC OF SENDING**

Variations on ST. DENIO

Welsh, arr. J. Bert Carlson, 1995

— **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** —

Receiving the sacrament of baptism are
Malcolm Graham Bourne, V, child of Caitlin (Brannigan) and Graham Bourne, and
Calvin McGee Small, child of Megan (Bourne) and Michael Small.

Presentation

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 faithful members of
his church?

People: We do.

The Baptism

The Welcome

**People: 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.*

* Please stand if you are able.

— THE SERVICE OF DEDICATION —

WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

First Presbyterian Church thanks the Morrison Family and others in our faith community along with the members of the Memorials Committee: Lee Gantz, John Johnson, Jerry Ligon, Frank Sibley—Committee Chair, Rev. Peter Smith, Frances Swaine, and Gale Strenger Wayne, for their generosity and efforts in providing for this Celtic Cross to grace our Memorial Garden for generations to come.

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord.

People: My heart and my flesh sing for you to the living God.

Leader: Happy are those who live in your house ever singing your praise.

People: Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Leader: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

People: O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Leader: God of all eternity, we dedicate this Memorial Cross to your glory in joyful celebration of the lives of your people who, at the end of service in the earthly church, find their rest in you. May their witness continue in this place, encouraging those who follow, that all may come at last to the home prepared by Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

People: Give us your peace in Christ Jesus, that we may live for him untroubled and unafraid.

Leader: Trusting in Jesus Christ, we dedicate this Memorial Cross in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

People: As we dedicate the Memorial Cross, O God, we rededicate our lives to the service of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory now and forever. Amen.

*** DOXOLOGY**

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessing flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

*** BENEDICTION**

Flowers in the niches are given to the glory of God from Dick and Nadyne Tracy.

*You are all warmly invited to a time of food and fellowship
on the church grounds as we celebrate Homecoming Sunday!*

*The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 26, to elect our
Associate Pastor Nominating Committee immediately following Morning Worship.*

The nominees are:

Mike Adams

Julie Folker

Cynthia Hessemer

Grant Levin

Mary Gould Moorhead

Dave Naccarato

John Zilka

SUNG RESPONSE, No. 548, (stanza 1)

May God Support You All Your Days

Tune: DICKINSON COLLEGE

548 May God Support You All Your Days

(Psalm 20)

1 May God sup - port you all your days, in times of
glad - ness and in need. May God re - mem - ber you with
grace and bless your ev - ery word and deed.

The musical score is written in 5/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a bass line on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are placed between the staves. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The music features a mix of chords and single notes, with some phrasing slurs in the vocal line.

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MUSIC: Lee Hastings Bristol Jr., 1962
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PLANSOEN SCHOLARS 2021 – 2022

To read more about the scholars: firstchurchlf.org/plansoen-2021-2022



Carolynn Boatman, Senior - Chicago, Illinois
Major in Neuroscience
Minor in Chemistry



Nicole Choma, Senior - Schaumburg, Illinois
Major in Business and Communication
Minor in Digital Media and Design



Isadora Visnjevac, Junior - McHenry, Illinois
Major in Finance and Data Science



Joshua Witherspoon, Senior - Clayton, Missouri
Major in Business



Enrique Salonga, Senior - Waukegan, Illinois
Major in Economic and Environmental Studies
Minor in Mathematics



**FALL
RUMMAGE
SALE
RETURNS!
OCTOBER 16**

Saturday, October 16, 8:00 - 3:00 PM

After over a year of online Rummage Sales, the First Pres Rummage ministry is back with an in-person sale!

VOLUNTEER for the setup or Sale Day at firstchurchlf.org/rummagevolunteer

Your Sanctuary Choir Needs You!

Your Sanctuary Choir is rapidly depleting. From a roster of over 60 singers just five years ago, we are very rapidly approaching an unsustainable number of participants. Without new participation, our Sanctuary Choir program will be discontinued in the next 2 to 3 years. If you have considered joining the choir but are waiting for a better time, we need you now, or there will not be a choir to join later.

No experience is necessary; we will gladly teach you what you need to know. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Choir Room. Please contact Tom Tropp for more information at ttropp@firstchurchlf.org.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT *Live*

Wednesday Night Suppers
5:30 - 7:00 PM

Children's Carol Choir

4:15 - 5:00 PM, Sanctuary Choir Room

Children's Cherub Choir

5:00 - 5:30 PM, Sanctuary Choir Room

Chancel Bell Choir

5:30 - 6:30 PM, Sanctuary

Faith Building

6:00 - 6:30 PM, Room 219

Taize Prayer Service

7:00 PM, Sanctuary

Explorations of Faith

7:00 PM, The Great Room

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

Worship Participants

The Reverend Clinton G. Roberts, Senior Pastor

The Reverend Kristie W. Finley, Associate Pastor

Sarah Seccombe, Director of Children's Ministries

Jim Cochrane, Director of Youth and Young Adults

Dr. Tom Tropp, Director of Music and Arts

Dr. Barry Wenger, Director of Bell Choirs and Organist

Sanctuary Choir

Lakeminster Ringers

Rick Day, AV Support and Production Leader

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