



First Presbyterian Church

OF LAKE FOREST

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

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

SEASON OF PENTECOST

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Proverbs 8:13-14

*The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil.
Pride and arrogance and the way of evil
and perverted speech I hate.
I have good advice and sound wisdom;
I have insight, I have strength.*

PRELUDE

Dr. Barry J. Wenger

Psalm Prelude: Psalm 40:1-3

Craig Phillips, 2004

THE WELCOME

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Isaiah 51:4, Psalm 27:1

Leader: Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light for the peoples.

People: **The Lord is my light and my salvation. Should I fear anyone?
The Lord is the fortress of my life. Should I be frightened of anything?**

*** HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Tune: ST. DENIO

* Please stand if you are able.

* CALL TO CONFESSION

When we pass through deep water or go through times of fiery trial, the Lord our God is with us. With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us confess our sin.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of the world. Although Christ is among us our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.

We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

* SUNG INVOCATION, No. 820

Nothing Can Trouble

Tune: NADA TE TURBE

Nothing can trouble; nothing can frighten. Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios tie - ne na - da le fal - ta.

Nothing can trouble; nothing can frighten. God alone 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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* Please stand if you are able.

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Because we were buried with Christ in these waters, we are also raised to life with him. Believe the gospel! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

* SUNG RESPONSE, No. 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Tune: GLORY TO GOD

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a 12/8 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of four lines of music. The lyrics are: "1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me, and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free. As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men." The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests and a final double bar line.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text; adapt. Paul M. Vasile, 2008
MUSIC: Paul M. Vasile, 2008
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GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

* PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WORD FOR CHILDREN

Following the Word for Children, preschool through 7th graders may leave for Faith Building classes. After worship, please pick up your children from their classrooms on the 2nd floor (rooms 213, 214, 215, and 219).

* Please stand if you are able.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 54

Save me, O God, by your name, and vindicate me by your might.
Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

For the insolent have risen against me, the ruthless seek my life;
they do not set God before them.

But surely, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.
He will repay my enemies for their evil. In your faithfulness, put an end to them.

With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name,
O Lord, for it is good.

For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph
on my enemies.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

For Everyone Born

Brian Mann, 2006, arr. Tom Trenney
Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1998

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,*

Refrain

*and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!*

*For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong,*

Refrain

* Please stand if you are able.

*For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free,*

Refrain

NEW TESTAMENT READING

James 3:13-18

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"When 'Wisdom' Comes from the Wrong Place"

Bill Tammeus

OFFERTORY

Jesus, My Refuge

Johann Crüger, arr. Gerald Near, 1997

*** 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.*

*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

* Please stand if you are able.

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. 24

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Tune: HOLY MANNA

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Christian Lutkin (1858–1931)

* POSTLUDE

Festival Voluntary, Op. 87

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

You are invited to join Bill Tammeus for a discussion about religious extremism and what we can do to unplug it at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary following worship.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting to vote on the All Church Nominating Committee's Slate of Nominees to serve on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee on Sunday, September 26, immediately following worship.

Slate of Nominees

Mike Adams

Mary Gould Moorhead

Julie Folker (Currie)

Dave Naccarato

Cynthia Hessemer

John Zilka

Grant Levin

* Please stand if you are able.



**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

To give online or fulfill your pledge: FirstChurchLF.org/give
Pastor Clint's day off is on Monday. Pastor Kristie's day off is on Friday.

Worship Participants

Bill Tammeus, Presbyterian Elder and author of *Love, Loss and Endurance*

The Reverend Kristie W. Finley, Associate Pastor

Sarah Seccombe, Program Administrator / Director of Children's Faith Formation

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

Rick Day, AV Support and Production Leader

Alex McDowell, AV Support

Aaron Helms, AV Support



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