



First Presbyterian Church

OF LAKE FOREST

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Season of Pentecost

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

As Jesus Christ does not only teach humility, but also bestows it, let us begin by asking Him to give us a love for that virtue...No prayer could be more pleasing to Jesus Christ; we can feel sure of that; He will infallibly grant our request if we sincerely wish it to be granted. But many who pray for humility would be extremely sorry if God were to grant it to them.

...But there are truly those, though not very many, who ask God in all sincerity to grant them humility and offer themselves to carry all the humiliating crosses that He is pleased to send them. This offer on their part is a real consecration. From that moment they should feel that they are not their own, but belong to Jesus Christ and are fighting under His standard.

-Jean Nicolas Grou

PRELUDE

Holy Is the Lord

Franz Schubert, arr. Fred Bock

THE WELCOME

CALL to WORSHIP

from Psalm 19

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

People: The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes.

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.

People: But who can detect their errors? Clear us from hidden faults.

Leader: Let the words of my mouth

**People: And the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord,
Our rock and our redeemer.**

**Please stand if you are able.*

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

**Please stand if you are able.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: The proof of God’s amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.
Because we have faith in him, we dare with confidence to approach God.
Let us ask God to forgive us.

**People: God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. Judge us with love,
and lift the burden of ours sins. We confess that we are twisted by pride.
We see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small.
We have failed in love, forgotten to be just, and have turned away from your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin, for the sake of Jesus your Son, our Savior.
Amen.**

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. If anyone is in Christ, they become new
people altogether—the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new.
Friends: believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Leader: Let us now obey the Lord. This is his command: to give allegiance to his Son Jesus Christ
and to love one another.

People: Thanks be to God.

SUNG RESPONSE No. 654

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

Tune: IN THE LORD

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics: "In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -". The bass staff provides harmonic accompaniment. The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff continues the melody with lyrics: "joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your". The bass staff continues the accompaniment. There are triplets indicated by a '3' above the notes in the second system.

**Please stand if you are able.*

voic - es, the Lord is near, lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.

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SHARING THE PEACE of CHRIST

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:17, 21–26

‘Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil.

‘You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, “You shall not murder”; and “whoever murders shall be liable to judgement.” But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, “You fool”, you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Inside-Out Righteousness”

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

OFFERTORY

I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847

Susan Noble, Soprano

**Please stand if you are able.*

***DOXOLOGY, No. 606**

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

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

***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.**

SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

***HYMN OF SENDING No. 169**

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Tune: REST

1 *Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man-kind, for-give our fool-ish
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard be-side the Syr - ian
 3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee, O calm of hills a -
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv-ings
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool-ness and thy

ways; re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in
 sea the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let
 bove, where Je - sus knelt to share with thee the
 cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and
 balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak

**Please stand if you are able.*

pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 us, like them, with - out a word rise up and fol - low thee.
 si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love!
 let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
 through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Ludwig van Beethoven,
Arr. Fred Bock

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Sarah Seccombe

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Susan Noble

**Please stand if you are able.*