



First Presbyterian Church

OF LAKE FOREST

September 25, 2022
10:30 AM
Season of Pentecost

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

Preparation for Worship

"The Imitation of Christ" by Thomas à Kempis

Love carries a burden which is no burden; it will not be kept back by anything low or mean; Love thinks nothing of trouble, attempts what is above its strength, pleads no excuse of impossibility. It is therefore able to undertake all things, and it completes many things, where those who do not love would faint and lie down.

Though weary, it is not tired; though pressed, it is not straightened; though alarmed, it is not confounded; but as a living flame it forces its way upwards, and securely passes through all.

Prelude

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

arr. Sandra Eithun, 2022

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

More Love

Shaker Hymn, arr. Sid Davis, 1987
Richard Holmes, soloist

*More love, more love;
the heavens are blessing, the angels are calling,
O Zion, more love.*

*If ye love not each other in daily communion,
how can ye love God, whom ye have not seen?*

*Call to Worship

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness.

Come into God's presence with singing!

*Hymn of Praise NO. 330

Our Help Is in the Name of God

TUNE: OLD 124TH

*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.

Word for Children: Kindergarten Bibles

Following the Word for Children, preschool through 7th graders may leave for Children's Church. Middle Schoolers are invited to help lead Children's Church or remain in worship. Please pick up your children from room 213.

Hugh Robert Hamming
Alexa Marie Knapp
Connor Richard McNicholas
Anne Charlotte Ratay
Anne Cashman Sharp

Greyson James Sokolowski
Abigail Louise Swaine
Emerson Viergutz
Colby Jane Zilka

Call to Confession

1 Timothy 1:14-15

The grace of God overflows for us
through Christ Jesus
who came into the world to save sinners.

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Because we have seen pain without being moved,
because we forget your love with solemn pride,
because we pass by happy before poverty and sadness,

**People: Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy,
have mercy on us.**

Leader: For speaking of love without loving our sister or brother,
for speaking of faith without living your word,
because we live without seeing our personal evil, our sin,

**People: Christ have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
have mercy on us.**

Leader: For our tranquility in our affluent life,
for our great falseness in preaching about poverty,
for wanting to make excuses for injustice and misery,

**People: Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy,
have mercy on us.**

(time for silent reflection)

Sung Invocation NO. 544 (sing twice)

Bless the Lord

TUNE: BLESS THE LORD (TAIZÉ)

Musical score for 'Bless the Lord' in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The score consists of two systems of vocal melody and bass accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.' and 'Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.'

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1984
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1984
Text and Music © 1984, 1998 Les Presses de Taizé (admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

BLESS THE LORD (Taizé)
Irregular

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: How we love to hang on to the past! We get all tied up remembering, keeping count, bearing grudges. God doesn't. Your past is accepted. Let it go. Live in the freedom God hands to you afresh each day.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Sung Response NO. 583 (sing twice)

Glory to God

TUNE: GLORIA (TAIZÉ)

Musical score for 'Glory to God' in 6/8 time, key of B-flat major. The score consists of two systems of vocal melody. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!' and 'Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'. There are asterisks above the first and third measures of each line.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1979
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GLORIA (Taizé)

*Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Anthem

Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich

Felix Mendelssohn, 1831
Martin Luther

*Grant us thy peace, almighty Lord, thou source of every blessing.
Feeble and frail, trust we thy word. All things in thee possessing.
In thee is our hope and safety.*

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, your Word is a living word.

By your Spirit awaken us,

that we may see and hear your presence in the world

and in the scripture that we read today.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,

our brother and guide. Amen.

Reading from the Scripture

Romans 12:9-18

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Undistracted in Our Relationships"
with Kathy Ragnar, Executive Director of Sarah's Circle

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

*Hymn of Response NO. 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

TUNE: DIX

Sharing of our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Petition, and Intercession

Offering

A Simple Celebration

arr. Kevin McChesney, 1994



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*Doxology

*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.
Amen.*

*Closing Prayer

Leader: What we have we bring:

People: Our good intentions, our unknown motives,

Leader: Our uncertainties about life, our grasp of truth,

People: Our time, our uneasiness with what is.

Leader: We offer this in the midst of what remains unspoken

People: And affirm that it is received.

Leader: Amen.

People: Amen.

***Hymn of Sending** NO. 372

O for a World

TUNE: AZMON

Congregational Meeting

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response**

More Love

O Zion, more love.

Shaker Hymn, arr. Sid Davis, 1987

***Postlude**

Festival

Healey Willan, 1954

WORSHIP NOTES



As you attend worship, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.

write or draw something you heard in the sermon

Favorite song today was:

what are we learning about God from this passage?

Words you heard but don't know...



A Called Meeting of the Congregation

First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest

Sunday, September 25, 2022

11:30 AM in the Sanctuary and via Zoom

AGENDA

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

Establishment of a Quorum

Report from the Moderator

Rev. Roberts

Report from the
Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC)

Julie Currie Folker

Motion: To dissolve the APNC, with our thanks, in order to begin the search for a Co-Pastor

APNC Members: Julie Currie Folker, **Moderator;** Mike Adams;
Cynthia Hessemer; Grant Levin; Mary Gould Moorhead;
Dave Naccarato (relocated to Florida); John Zilka

Report from the ACNC

Motion: To elect a Co-Pastor Nominating Committee (CPNC) composed of the following persons: Dewey Winebrenner, **Moderator;** Mike Adams;
Monica Brown; Julie Currie Folker; Cynthia Hessemer; Jamie Moorhead;
Ryan Severson; Megan Small

Adjournment with Prayer

Rev. Roberts

Coming up...



Online Auction for Mission

FPCLFRUMMAGE.givesmart.com

Bid on items hand-picked from exceptional Rummage donations and help raise funds for First Pres Mission Partners! Bidding closes tonight, September 25 at 8:00 PM. You can preview items in the Great Room today!



Fall Sale for Mission

Saturday, October 1, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM No tents, just a curated collection from a few of our favorite departments to raise funds for the Mission Partners. **We are looking for volunteers especially for sale day!** Please call the church office or email rummage@firstchurchlf.org to let us know.



Lunch & Learn: Rev. Leslie Sanders

Rev. Leslie Sanders of Hope Presbyterian Church will be joining us in both worship services as guest preacher on **Sunday, October 9**. At 11:45 AM, there will be a Lunch & Learn with Rev. Sanders in hope that we can learn ways that we can better come alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ who are right in the midst of mounting challenges. **Limited seating - sign up in the lobby today!**

View our Weekly Schedule of ministries, and find details and Zoom links on our church website: www.firstchurchlf.org/ministries

Church Website: www.firstchurchlf.org
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This Week's Calendar

TODAY

8:45 AM	Nursery Open until 12:00 PM, Room 212
9:00	Worship, Sanctuary
9:15	Children's Faith Building, Rooms 215, 219 Middle School: 5-7 th grade, Stuart Room 214
10:00	Fellowship, Great Room Lunch & Learn Sign-Up, Lobby
10:30	Worship, Sanctuary
10:45	Children's Church, Tower Room 213
11:30	Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary/Zoom Fellowship, Great Room
12:00 PM	Rummage Sale Set-up Begins, Lower Level
5:00	Middle School Youth Group, Great Room
7:00	Senior High Youth Group, Great Room
8:00	Online Auction For Mission Ends

MON

9:30 AM	Rummage Sale Set-up, Lower Level
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TUE

12:00 PM	Brown Bag Book Group, Zoom
1:00	Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor Adult Bible Study, Zoom
5:00	Rummage Unload, Sheridan Parking Lot
6:00	Lakeminster Ringers, Sanctuary
7:00	Women's Evening Bible Study, Zoom

WED

10:00 AM	Wednesday Women's Bible Study, S. Parlor/Zoom
4:15 PM	Carol Choir, South Parlor
5:00	Cherub Choir, South Parlor Confirmation, Stuart Room 214
5:30	Wednesday Night Supper, Great Room Chancel Bells, Sanctuary
6:00	Children's Faith Building, South Parlor
7:00	Explorations of Faith, South Parlor/Zoom Worship Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary Taizé Service, Online

THU

6:00 AM	Daybreakers Men's Ministry, Zoom
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FRI

7:00 AM	Men of Corinth, Great Room/Zoom
10:00	Rummage Chairperson Pre-sale
1:00 PM	Rummage Volunteer Pre-sale



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Pastor on call Pastor Kristie 847.942.4057
Pastor Clint's day off is on Friday.
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Worship Participants

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts
Rev. Kristie Finley
Jim Cochrane
Dr. Tom Tropp
Dr. Barry Wenger
Susan Noble
Sanctuary Choir
Chancel Bells
Kathy Ragnar, Sarah's Circle
Rick Day, AV Support
Henry Thomas, AV Support
Georgia Sottosanto-Sorenson, AV Support

Serve, Learn & Connect

For our weekly ministries and Zoom links
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Share Joys & Concerns

Kristie Finley 224.544.1967

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Arrange a Wedding or Baptism

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John Johnson
Laura Johnson
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Mary Gould Moorhead
Brian O'Keane
Diane Quinn
Kendall Severson
Nina Strnad
David Strong
Sadie Strong
Mary Watanabe *Clerk*
Anne Winebrenner

Deacons

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Nancy Anderson
Carol Bagan
Dorothy Chantler
Mallory Ciarrocchi
Susan Daly
Wendy Darling
Peg Gronau
Nancy Hamming
Jeff Hinch
Cindy Johnson
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Susan McDowell

John McNicholas
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Lisa Murray
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