

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

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 7<sup>th</sup> 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

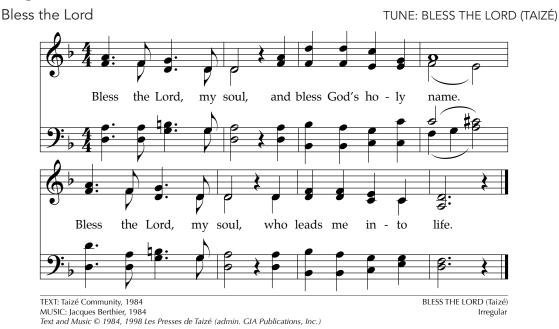
The grace of God overflows for us through Christ Jesus who came into the world to save sinners.

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)

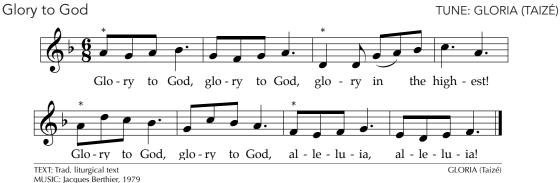


### Assurance of Forgiveness

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)



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#### \*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

## \*Hymn of Response NO. 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

## 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.

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TUNE: DIX

#### \* PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.

## \*Hymn of Sending NO. 372

O for a World

# **Congregational Meeting**

#### \*Benediction

\***Postlude** Festival

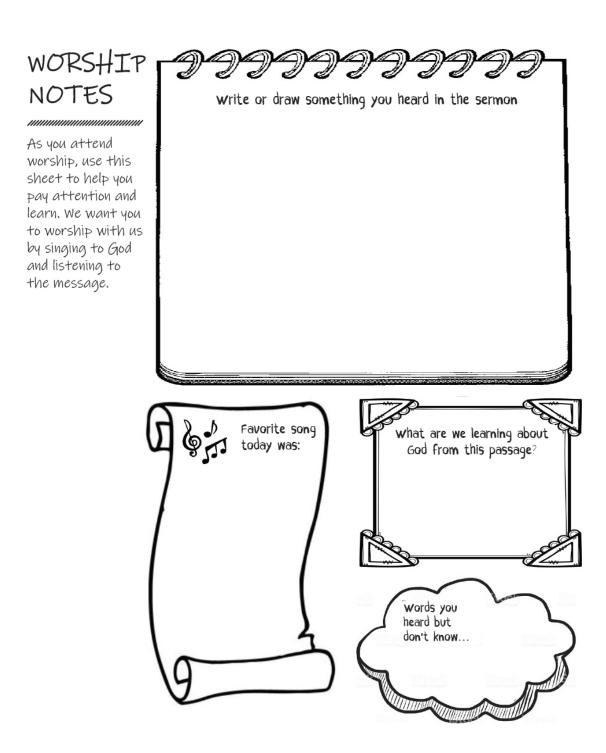
## \*Benediction Response

More Love O Zion, more love.

#### Shaker Hymn, arr. Sid Davis, 1987

Healey Willan, 1954

TUNE: AZMON



# 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

Establishment of a Quorum

Report from the Moderator

Report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC)

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. Clinton G. Roberts

Rev. Roberts

Julie Currie Folker





#### 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

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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 <sup>th</sup> 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
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
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. Pastor Kristie's day off is on Friday.

#### **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 firstchurchlf.org/ministries

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