



# First Presbyterian Church

OF LAKE FOREST

September 4, 2022  
Labor Day Sunday

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

## Prayer of Preparation

Catherine of Siena (1347-1380)

*O high eternal Trinity!  
O our redeemer and resurrection!  
O fire ever burning,  
O light-giving light:  
you are the One Who Is,  
and I am the one who is not. Amen.*

## Prelude

Simple Gifts

American Shaker tune/arr. Dale Wood 1991

## 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.*

## \*Call to Worship

from Psalm 139

Leader: Lord, you have searched us and known us, and are acquainted with all our ways.

**People: Even before a word is on our lips, O Lord, you know it altogether.**

Leader: Search us, O God, and know our hearts; test us and know our thoughts!

**People: See if there is any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting!**

## \*Hymn of Praise NO. 503

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

TUNE: O QUANTA QUALIA

## \*Call to Confession

## \*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you brought all of us to this land and out of conflict and strife, created in us a love of peace and liberty. We have failed you by neglecting the rights of others and restricting freedoms. Forgive our pride that overlooks national wrong, or justifies injustice. Forgive our divisions caused by power, prejudice or greed. Have mercy, O God, on the heart of this nation. Make us compassionate, fair, and helpful to each other. Raise up in us a right patriotism that sees and seeks this nation's good; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## \*Sung Invocation NO. 544 (sing twice)

Bless the Lord

TUNE: BLESS THE LORD (TAIZÉ)

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1984  
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1984  
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BLESS THE LORD (Taizé)  
Irregular

## \*Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 5:5

Leader: Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism.

Believe this good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## \*Sung Response NO. 583 (sing twice)

Glory to God

TUNE: GLORIA (TAIZÉ)

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "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 staff, indicating where to breathe or take a breath.

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.**

## Prayer for Illumination

### Reading from Scripture

Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it.

Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

"Melt Me; Mold Me; Fill Me; Use Me"

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

## \*Hymn of Response NO. 695

Change My Heart, O God

TUNE: CHANGE MY HEART

## Offering

Meditation on MERCY

Gottschalk/arr. Gordon Young, 1983



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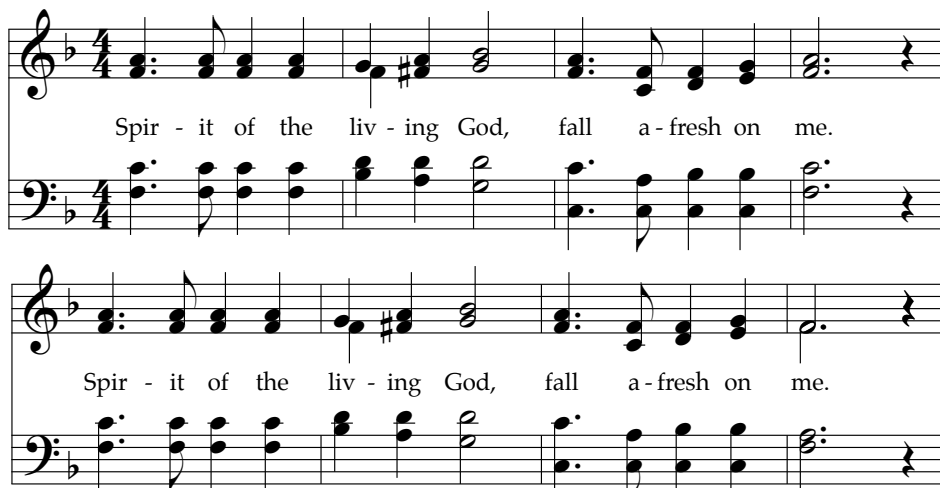
## Sharing of our Joys and Concerns

# — The Lord's Supper —

## Gathering Song NO. 288

Spirit of the Living God

TUNE: LIVING GOD



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

TEXT: Daniel Iverson, 1926; Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee; Spanish trans. anon.  
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LIVING GOD  
 Irregular

## The Invitation to the Table

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Prayers of Thanksgiving, Petition, and Intercession

### The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

**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.**

## Words of Institution

### Sharing the Bread and Cup

*All who trust in Jesus are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.*

*Please come forward, as you are able, to receive (without contact) the Bread and Cup.*

*After receiving the Elements, return to your seat and partake of the bread.*

*We will hold the cup and drink together. We are also happy to bring the elements to you.*

### Prayer After Communion *(unison)*

Liturgy of Malabar (5<sup>th</sup> century)

**Grant, O Lord Jesus, that the ears which have heard the voice of your songs may be closed to the voice of dispute; that the eyes which have seen your great love may also behold your blessed hope; that the tongues which have sung your praise may speak the truth in love; that the feet which have walked in your courts may walk in the region of light; and that the bodies which have received your living body may be restored in newness of life. Glory to you for your inexpressible gift. Amen.**

### \*Hymn of Sending NO. 515

I Come with Joy

TUNE: DOVE OF PEACE

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

Grand Choeur

Charles Callahan, 2013

## This Week's Calendar

### TODAY

- 10:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary  
Children's Playground Church, Playground
- 11:00 Fellowship Hour, Great Room

**MON** Labor Day Holiday - Church Closed

### TUE

- 8:30 AM Engagement Committee Meeting, Zoom
- 9:00 Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry, South Parlor  
Adult Bible Study, Zoom
- 4:00 Worship & Music Committee Meeting, Zoom
- 5:00 Long Range Planning & Grounds Meeting, Zoom
- 6:00 Lakeminster Ringers, Sanctuary
- 6:30 Stewardship Meeting, Parish House
- 7:00 Deacon Meeting, Great Room/Zoom
- 7:30 Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall/Rm 012

### WED

- 10:00 AM Wednesday Women's Bible Study, South Parlor/Zoom
- 5:30 PM Wednesday Night Supper, Parking Lot  
Chancel Bells, Sanctuary
- 6:45 Summer Book Club, South Parlor
- 7:00 9AM Ensemble Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
Taizé Service, online

### THU

- 6:00 AM Daybreakers Men's Ministry, South Parlor/Zoom
- 9:30 Rummage Sorting, Rummage Sorting Room
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir, Music Room  
Children's FF Committee, Stuart Rm 214/Zoom

### FRI

- 7:00 AM Men of Corinth, Great Room/Zoom



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Pastor Clint's day off is on Friday.  
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Rev. Deborah C. Roberts  
Dr. Barry Wenger  
Rick Day, AV Support  
Henry Thomas, AV Support

## Serve, Learn & Connect

For our weekly ministries and Zoom links  
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### Share Joys & Concerns

Kristie Finley 224.544.1967

### Home Communion

Kristie Finley 224.544.1967

### Arrange a Wedding or Baptism

Sarah Seccombe 224.544.1958

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### Mission

Stewart Kerr 224.544.1968

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Sadie Strong  
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Anne Winebrenner

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Wendy Darling  
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