



First Presbyterian Church

OF LAKE FOREST

September 6, 2020

Season of Pentecost

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose ways are far beyond our understanding, help us to trust your judgments so that we may do your will by loving you and one another. In the name of Jesus we pray. **Amen.**

PRELUDE

Adore and Be Still

Charles Gounod/arr. L. Smith

THE WELCOME

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful,
for the Lord takes pleasure in the people.**

Leader: Let the faithful sing for joy.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, 623

I've Got Peace Like a River

Tune: PEACE LIKE A RIVER

1 I've got peace like a riv - er; I've got peace like a
2 I've got joy like a foun-tain; I've got joy like a
3 I've got love like an o - cean; I've got love like an

*Please stand as you are able.

riv - er; I've got peace like a riv - er, in my
 foun - tain; I've got joy like a foun - tain, in my
 o - cean; I've got love like an o - cean, in my

soul. I've got riv - er, in my soul.
 soul. I've got foun - tain, in my soul.
 soul. I've got o - cean, in my soul.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Amid the countless things
 that human beings cannot fully comprehend about God,
 there stands this:

God so loves us
 as to bathe us with grace
 and feed us with mercy
 and forgive us our sins.
 Confident in the love of God,
 let us pray together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation.
 Yet we still worship the false gods of the world, forgetting that you are Lord.
 Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart**

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**nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Trusting worldly strength,
we have not trusted your word nor followed the Word made flesh.
Forgiving by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others
as you have shown mercy to us.
Forgive us yet again, we pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, hear the good news of the gospel: Who is in a position to condemn?

People: **Only Christ. And Christ died for us; Christ rose for us;
Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

SUNG RESPONSE No. 205

Ubi Caritas

Tune: UBI CARITAS

Where there is charity and love, God is there.

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,

The first line of musical notation is in 2/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,' are written below the notes. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. There is a repeat sign after the first two notes. The melody continues with a quarter note D5, a half note E5, and a quarter note F5. The accompaniment consists of chords: G2-Bb2, A2-Bb2, Bb2-C3, and D3-E3.

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

The second line of musical notation continues in 2/4 time, key of B-flat major. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.' are written below the notes. The melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. There is a repeat sign after the first two notes. The melody continues with a quarter note D5, a half note E5, and a quarter note F5. The accompaniment consists of chords: G2-Bb2, A2-Bb2, Bb2-C3, and D3-E3. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' above it.

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PASSING THE PEACE

A READING FROM SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:15–20

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

SERMON

Where Two or Three are Gathered

Rev. Kristie W. Finley

OFFERTORY

This is My Father's World

F.L. Shepherd

Susan Noble, Soprano

SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

GATHERING SONG

Come to the ta - ble of grace. _____ Come to the

ta - ble of grace. _____ This is God's ta - ble; it's

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace. _____

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CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Kristie W. Finley

The Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

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.

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.

The Word of institution

Distribution of the Elements

Closing Prayer

***HYMN OF SENDING, 306**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Tune: DENNIS

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Blest Be the Tie That Binds'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in; 2 Be - fore our *Fa - ther's throne we pour our; 3 We share our mu - tual woes; our mu - tual; 4 When we are called to part, it gives us; 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we.

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Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers. Our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear. And of - ten for each
 in - ward pain; but we shall still be
 shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

We Are God's People

Johannes Brahms/arr. Fred Boc

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Pastor Kristie day off is on Friday. Pastor Clint's day off is on Friday.

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Participants in worship:

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Sarah Seccombe

Barry Wenger

Stephanie Elliott

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Gabe Knott

Jesse Bettis

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