



# First Presbyterian Church

## OF LAKE FOREST

July 26, 2020

Season of Pentecost

### PREPARATION for WORSHIP

Lord, set your blessing on us  
as we begin this day together.  
Confirm in us the truth  
by which we rightly live;  
confront us with the truth  
from which we wrongly turn.

We ask not for what we want  
but for what you know we need,  
as we offer this day and ourselves  
for you and to you  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

### PRELUDE

Voluntary on LOBE DEN HERREN

Hugh S. Livingston, Jr., 2006

### WELCOME

### CALL to WORSHIP

LEADER: From the rising of the sun till its setting in the west,

**PEOPLE: God's holy name be praised.**

LEADER: On the lips of children, by babies at the breast,

**PEOPLE: God's holy name be praised.**

LEADER: In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young,

**PEOPLE: God's holy name be praised.**

LEADER: In the banquet hall of heaven and the forgotten corners of our hearts,

**PEOPLE: God's holy name be praised.**

LEADER: Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord.

**PEOPLE: AMEN. WE PRAISE THE LORD!**

*Unison*

1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice  
 2 O broth - er wind with clouds and rain, you nur - ture gifts  
 3 O broth - er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad -  
 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain

*Harmony*

and with us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 of fruit and grain. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ous of the night. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 or sor - row grieve, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*

O broth - er sun with gold - en beam, O sis - ter moon  
 O sis - ter wa - ter, flow - ing clear, make mu - sic for  
 Dear moth - er earth, who day by day un - folds such bless -  
 Christ bears your bur - dens and your fears; so, e - ven in

*Harmony*

with sil - ver gleam,            sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 your Lord to hear.            Sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ings on our way,            sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 the midst of tears,            sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 And you, most gentle sister death,  
 waiting to hush our final breath:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
 fair is the night that leads us home.  
 Sing praises! Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
 and worship God with humble heart.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
 Sing praises! Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God our Creator, your kindness has brought us the gift of a new morning. Help us to leave yesterday, and not to covet tomorrow but to accept the uniqueness of today. By your love celebrated in your Word, seen in your Son, brought nearby your Spirit, take from us what we need to carry no longer, so that we may be free again to choose to serve you and to be served by each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

We believe that God forgives and set us free; and at the day's beginning, we commit ourselves to following where Christ calls and to loving one another.

**SUNG RESPONSE, No. 59****The Steadfast Love of the Lord**

TUNE: THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD

The stead - fast love of the Lord nev - er ceas - es; God's  
 mer - cies nev - er come to an end. They are  
 new ev - ery morn - ing, new ev - ery morn - ing; great is your  
 faith - ful - ness, O Lord, great is your faith - ful - ness.

(D) (D/F#) (G) (A7sus) (A7)  
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 A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 Cm7 Fm7  
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**PASSING THE PEACE****A READING FROM SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-46

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

**SERMON****"Investments and Acquisitions"**

Rev. Clinton G. Roberts

**OFFERING****"Domine Deus"** from *Gloria*, RV 589

Antonio Vivaldi, 1716

**Susan Noble, Soprano***Lord God, King of Heaven, God the almighty Father.*

*Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;  
 Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

## JOYS and CONCERNS

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

## RECOGNITION of SERVICE: Rev. Dr. Chip Hardwick

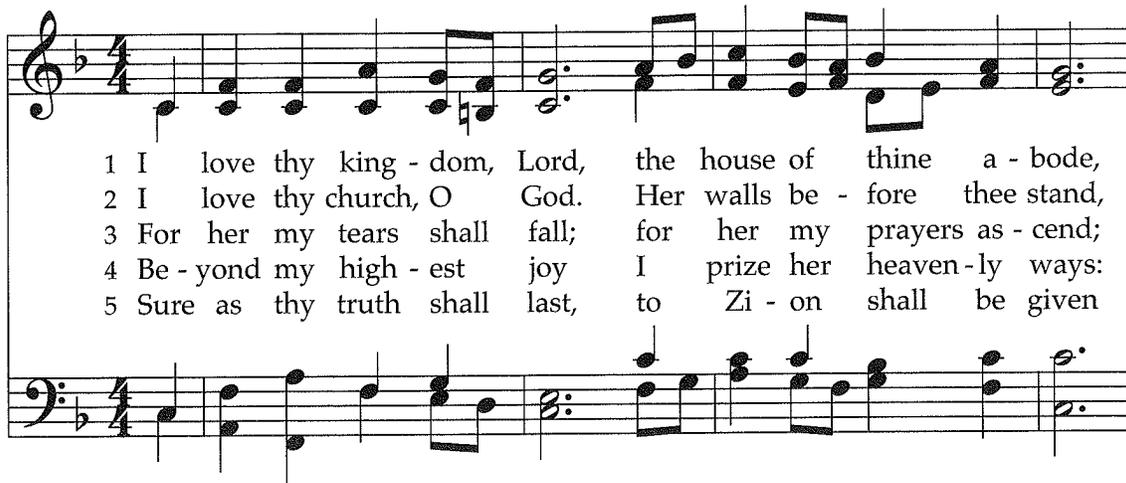
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Mike Adams, Elder

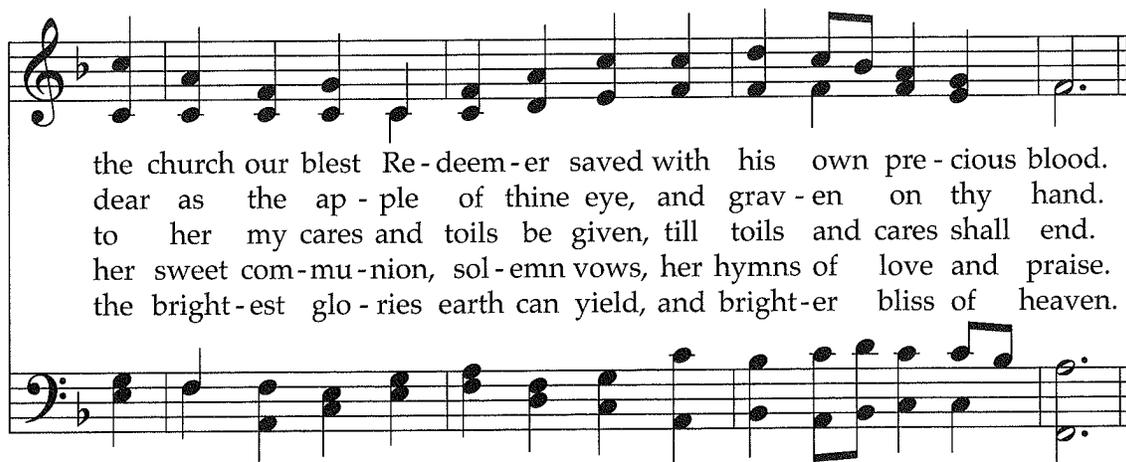
## HYMN OF SENDING, No. 310

## I Love Thy Kingdom

Tune: ST. THOMAS



1 I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,  
 2 I love thy church, O God. Her walls be - fore thee stand,  
 3 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers as - cend;  
 4 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways:  
 5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given



the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.  
 dear as the ap - ple of thine eye, and grav - en on thy hand.  
 to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.  
 her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.  
 the bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**Bound for the Promised Land**

H.S. Livingston, 2001

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

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