

Offertory Anthem — *Thy Word*

M. W. Smith, arr. J. Schrader

(Please sing when indicated) **Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
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*The offering this afternoon will be given to the
Presbytery of Chicago Pastors' Assistance Fund*

Prayer of Dedication — the Rev. Jeff Lehn

We offer our gifts to you, Lord, with grateful, cheerful hearts. Thank you that you meet our needs on the journey, providing what we need when we need it. Tsting you, we can share what we have with others, and we do this joyfully, together, today, in Jesus' name, Amen.

Hymn No. 769, verses 1, 3, and 5 — *For Everyone Born*

FOR EVERYONE BORN

Charge and Benediction — the Rev. Kara Smith-Laubenstein

Postlude — *Postlude on LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

Hal H. Hopson

Following the service today, you are invited to join us for a reception in the Lounge, located on the same level as the Sanctuary, across from the church office.

Leading Worship

Members of the Installation Commission of the Presbytery of Chicago

Campbell Boaz—Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church of Wilmette, IL
The Rev. Lauren Cochran—Yorkfield Presbyterian Church, Elmhurst, IL
The Rev. Barbara Gorsky—Moderator, Presbytery of Chicago
The Rev. Laura Sherwood—First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights, IL
The Rev. Matthew Smith-Laubenstein—Grace Lutheran Church, Libertyville, IL
The Rev. David Thornton—Lakeview Presbyterian Church, Chicago, IL
Susan Weller—Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights, IL

Other Liturgists

Irris Boaz—Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian Church of Wilmette, IL
The Rev. Jeff Lehn—First Presbyterian Church of Wilmette, IL
Amelia Smith-Laubenstein



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**Celebration of the Installation of
Rev. Kara Smith-Laubenstein, Associate Pastor
First Presbyterian Church of Wilmette**

Sunday, May 7, 2023, 3:00 pm

Prelude

Welcome — Moderator and Teaching Elder, the Rev. Barbara Gorsky

***Call to Worship** — the Rev. Jeff Lehn

We have come to worship God, the living God,

Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

Who chooses even you and me,

to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.

Let us worship the Lord!

***Hymn No. 10, verses 1, 3, and 4** — *Sing Glory to the Name of God* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Call to Confession — Ruling Elder Susan Weller

It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. So let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

Prayer of Confession — Ruling Elder Susan Weller

Holy God, hear our prayer:

For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;

For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;

For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;

For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us;

We pray for the courage to admit our fault,

The strength to amend our actions,

And the hope that your grace awaits us.

Through Christ we pray. Amen

Word of Assurance — Ruling Elder Susan Weller

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace—in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

***Peace** — Ruling Elder Susan Weller

The peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you.

As we gather, we remember we are God's beloved children. Let us greet one another in the peace of Christ while saying, "God loves you."

***Congregational Response Hymn No. 447** — *We Are Forgiven*

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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Prayer for Illumination — Ruling Elder Campbell Boaz

First Reading: Exodus 2:11-25 (CEB) — Ruling Elder Campbell Boaz

Second Reading: Exodus 3:1-12 (CEB) — Amelia Smith-Laubenstein

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Smith-Laubenstein

***Hymn No. 69** — *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)*, congregation please sing verse 1 followed by refrain and verse 3 followed by refrain; choir will sing verse 2 and its corresponding refrain

Statement on Installation — the Rev. Barbara Gorsky

Profession of Faith (The Apostles' Creed) — the Rev. Barbara Gorsky

With the whole church, let us confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Constitutional Questions — the Rev. Barbara Gorsky and Ruling Elder Iris Boaz

Laying on of Hands

Prayer of Installation — the Rev. Lauren Cochran

Declaration of Installation and Welcome — the Rev. Barbara Gorsky

Charge to the Newly Installed — the Rev. Laura Sherwood

Charge to the Congregation — the Rev. David Thornton

Call to Offering — the Rev. Jeff Lehn