

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILMETTE

Sunday, July 2nd, 2023

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Experience God. Grow Disciples. Transform Lives.



WORSHIP LEADERS:

Rev. Kara Smith-Laubenstein Preaching

Rev. Jeff Lehn, Pastoral Liturgist

Laura Lyman, Liturgist

*PLEASE STAND

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND COMMON LIFE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The heavens declare the glory of God;

The skies proclaim the work of his hands.

How many are your works, Lord!

In wisdom you made them all.

The earth is full of your creatures,

The vast and spacious waters teem with living things beyond number.

You care for the land and enrich it abundantly,

You crown the year with your bounty.

Let all the earth worship the Lord!

For God spoke, and the world came to be.

***GATHERING HYMNS**

Morning Has Broken #664, verses 1 and 3

Here In This Place #401, verses 1, 3, and 4

As the Deer #626, sing twice

BUNESSAN
GATHER US IN
AS THE DEER

CALL TO CONFESSION

When Christ's light shines upon us, the sins we try to hide are revealed. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess the attitudes and actions that tarnish our lives, so that we can be cleansed and renewed. Let us pray together, first in silent prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

For our unwillingness to feel the suffering of others, and our readiness to live comfortably with injustice, forgive us, Lord. For our self-righteousness that denies guilt, and our self-interest that overshadows compassion, forgive us, Lord. For our abuse of the earth and our exploitation of its resources, forgive us, Lord. For our failings in community and our reticence to become involved, forgive us, Lord. For the times when we were too self-absorbed to care, when we were too preoccupied to listen, when we were too greedy to share, forgive us, Lord. With sorrow and remorse in our hearts, we ask that God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Holy Spirit help us to grow in love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God has forgiven us. Christ is renewing us. The Holy Spirit is transforming us. Through the Lord's grace, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and extend his love in our broken world.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children's Chapel is on hiatus for the summer. We invite children to sit with their families and worship together. Worship bags are available as is the Nursery for babies and very young children.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE - HYMN NO. 59 - *The Steadfast Love of the Lord*

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

God's mercies never come to an end.

They are new ev'ry morning, new ev'ry morning;

Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, you are beyond knowing, shrouded in wonder and mystery and yet as close to us as our very breath. By your Spirit, illuminate our hearts and minds through your Word, so that our love for you and for all your creation might grow deeper. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING - 1 Kings 19:11-13a (page 326 in the Old Testament)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Kara Smith-Laubenstein

HYMN OF INVITATION NO. 533 - *In the Singing*

BREAD OF PEACE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

BLESSING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC - HYMN NO. 501 - *Feed Us, Lord* (please join as you wish)

FEED US

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, your love is as close to us as our own hands and feet. People who need your love are as close to us as the people beside us, behind us, and in front of us. Having been nourished at your Table of love and grace, send us into your world to love each other, sure that you love us. Show us where we are needed and how we can make a difference so that the world sees the new life Jesus wants for everyone. Help us live for Jesus wherever we go, whatever we do. Amen.

CALL FOR OFFERING



Give online here

We invite you to give via our church website www.fpcw.org (see QR code), our smartphone app, or by sending a check to the church office. An offering plate is also available as you exit. We are grateful for your generosity!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE—The Doxology (OLD HUNDREDTH)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, we pray that you use these gifts to transform the world, to bring about your justice, peace, and reconciliation of all creation. Transform us as we make these offerings, so that with you we might be co-creators of your beloved community. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN NO. 338 - *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*, verses 1 and 3

MATERNA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Join us after worship in the Fellowship Garden for Lemonade on the Lawn.
Cookies and lemonade will be served.



Common Life
Week of July 2nd, 2023

Attend the Pulpit Exchange with New Life Baptist Church on Sunday, July 23

Rev. Jeff Lehn will preach as our friends at New Life Baptist Church welcome us to worship at 11:00 am and to share lunch and fellowship afterward. Please consider driving or riding in a carpool. Sign up for lunch and/or to carpool by contacting the church office (847-256-3010 | office@fpcw.org). Carpools will depart from the First Pres Wilmette parking lot at 9:15 am. New Life Baptist Church is located in Chicago's West Roseland neighborhood at 11026 S. Indiana Avenue.

Seeking Technology Committee Participants

Consider volunteering to lead or serve on a newly formed Technology Committee charged by Session to investigate and implement new technologies that will advance the mission of our church. If interested, please submit your name to the church office (847-256-3010 | office@fpcw.org).

Summer Recess for Education Programs and Fellowship Groups

Many of our education programs and fellowship groups are on hiatus for the summer. Please feel welcome to learn more about them at fpcw.org or by calling the church office at 847-256-3010. These activities will return with the start of our new program year in September.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Bill McGrath following the recent death of his brother.

In commemoration of Independence Day, the church office will close at 5:00 pm on Monday, July 3 and remain closed until 9:00 am on Wednesday, July 5.

SUMMER 2023 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 2
 10:00 am Fellowship Garden

July 9, 16, 23, and 30
 8:00 am Gillson Park
 10:00 am Chapel

August 6
 10:00 am Fellowship Garden

August 13, 20, and 27
 8:00 am Gillson Park
 10:00 am Sanctuary

September 3
 10:00 am Fellowship Garden

First Festival
Sunday
September 10
 10:00 Worship & Music
 11:00 Lunch & Games

CHURCH OFFICE

847-256-3010
 Monday-Thursday 9:00am-5:00pm
 Friday 9:00am-3:30pm

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