

A WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST
AND TO THE LIFE AND FAITH OF

Elaine Kirk

October 1, 1925–April 17, 2023



Saturday, April 29, 2023

11:00 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF RIVER FOREST

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A Celebration of the Life of Elaine Kirk

Prelude	Fugue on “St. Anne”	<i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>
	Sicilienne	<i>Maria Theresia von Paradis</i>
	Gabriel’s Oboe	<i>Ennio Morricone</i>
	Largo from <i>Enigma Variations</i>	<i>Edward Elgar</i>
	Solemn Melody	<i>Henry Walford Davies</i>
	Meditation from <i>Thais</i>	<i>Jules Massenet</i>

*Call to Worship

Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand. *Isaiah 41:10*

“I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this?” *John 11:25-26*

“I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.” *John 14:27*

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
The maker of heaven and earth. *Psalms 124:8*

Because of the Lord’s great love, we are not consumed, his compassion never fails. They are new every morning.
Great is God’s faithfulness! *Lamentations 3:22-23*

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ. *Galatians 3:27*

In her baptism Elaine was clothed with Christ;
in the day of Christ's coming, she shall be clothed with glory!

*Hymn 71 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

*Prayer

Duet Children of the Heavenly Father *Eric Nelson*

Remembering Elaine Dr. Tyler Kirk
Dr. Kent Kirk

Solo How Great Thou Art *Craig Cour*

Readings from Scripture

Isaiah 55:6-13
Psalm 121

Anthem The Lord Is My Shepherd *John Rutter*
Matthew 5:1-16
John 14:1-6

***Hymn 428** When Peace Like a River

Homily

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Committal Prayer The Lord Bless You and Keep You *John Rutter*

***Hymn 72** Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Choral Benediction Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory *Sue Mitchell-Wallace*

***Pastoral Blessing and Dismissal**

Postlude Fantasia on St. Anne *Josh Ring*

** Please stand in body or spirit*

Leading Worship:

The Reverend Dr. Paul Detterman, Pastor
Dr. M. Jane Holstein, Director of Music
The Chancel Choir
Jennifer Cappelli, Violin
David Inman, Trumpet

Tricia Wlazlo, Oboe
Dr. Josh Ring, Organ
Laine Cutts, Vocalist
Kim Schubert, Vocalist
Elizabeth Harrison, Soprano

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake. Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.



***All are welcome to continue the celebration of Elaine's life
at the Oak Park Country Club immediately following the service.***

Donations in memory of Elaine may be made to the First Presbyterian
Church of River Forest (www.firstpresrf.org/give).

Hymns for the Memorial Service of

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 71

F Dm $\frac{C}{E}$ F C Dm Am B \flat F B \flat $\frac{C7}{G}$ Dm B \flat 6 C7

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a
 2 Praise to the Lord, a-bove all things so won-drous-ly reign -
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore

F Dm $\frac{C}{E}$ F C Dm Am B \flat F B \flat $\frac{C7}{G}$ Dm

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal-
 ing; shel-tering you un-der his wings, and so gent-ly sus-
 you: sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy shall dai-ly at-
 him! All that has life and breath, come now with prais-es be-

B \flat 6 C7 F $\frac{C}{E}$ F B \flat F B \flat $\frac{C}{E}$

va-tion! Come, all who hear; now to his
 tain-ing! Have you not seen all that is
 tend-you. Pon-der a-new what the Al-
 fore him. Let the A-men sound from his

F $\frac{C7}{G}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ C Am B \flat $\frac{C7}{G}$ Dm $\frac{Gm}{Bb}$ A $\frac{Gm7}{Bb}$ C7 F

tem-ple draw near, join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!
 need-ful has been sent by his gra-cious or-dain-ing?
 might-y can do, if with his love he be-friends you.
 peo-ple a-gain; glad-ly for-ev-er a-dore him.

WORDS: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
 MUSIC: Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

LOBE DEN HERREN
 14.14.4.7.8

428 When Peace Like a River

C C⁷ C C G F E G⁷ G G⁷ C Am E⁷ Am C

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
 3 My sin—O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, my sin—not in
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

Am G D G G⁷ C C E F A⁷ Dm D⁷

sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 sur - ance con - trol: that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
 part but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

G Am G C Dm⁷ C G C C Refrain
 G N.C. C C

say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
 tate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well
 more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is
 scend: "E - ven so"—it is well with my soul.

G N.C. G G⁷ C F C G C C

with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 well with my soul,

WORDS: Horatio G. Spafford (1828-1888)
 MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss (1838-1876)

VILLE DU HAVRE
 11.8.11.9.Ref.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou has been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided—
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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