



Forest Lake Presbyterian Church

Head, Heart, and Hands in the Service of Christ

JULY 5, 2020 | FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”
Charles Callahan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Wannamaker

CALL TO WORSHIP

From the Gospel of Luke, chapters 4 and 8

Jesus said:
The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me
To bring good news to the poor
And release to the captives.

Happy are they who hear the word,
Hold it fast in an honest and good heart,
And bear fruit with patient endurance.

Let us worship the Lord, our God!

HYMN NO. 338

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we come together this morning to confess that we have fallen short. We confess there are times we do not act as a child of God. Forgive us, Lord, for the times we spoke in a hurtful way, vented our frustration at someone, or wrote something we now regret. Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have resisted your calls to help a needy neighbor, clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and provide drink to the thirsty. Forgive us, Lord, for failing to resist earthly temptations intended to inflate our wallet, ego, and pride. God of grace, we pray for forgiveness. Amen.

*Season of Ordinary Time;
the color of green reminds
us of the life – of the
Church, the life of the
world and our lives as
active disciples.*

An assurance of pardon is one way of claiming God's promised forgiveness and grace. We believe that when we repent of our sin and ask God to forgive us that God does in fact forgive us. We don't need a preacher or priest to ask on our behalf. God deals with us directly as believers who seek to love and to follow

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is gracious and just and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. As far as the east is from the west, that is how far God has removed our sin from us.

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

HYMN NO. 606 DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING OF THE WORD

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The roots of the Lord's Prayer are found in Scripture. In Luke 11:1-4, Jesus teaches the disciples a shorter version of this prayer in response to their request that he "teach them to pray." Matthew 6:9-13 is more like the version we use and is also Jesus' instruction in prayer. The early church added the final doxology to Jesus' basic teaching.

SERMON

"A Message from Peach Country"

Ed Black

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Bill Wannamaker

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.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY SOLO

“The Quiet Heart”

John Ness Beck

Dr. Beth Mears, mezzo-soprano

We invite you to take a moment to reflect on what you can offer to God this week as a way to extend your praise and worship. If you are visiting with us but regularly worship at another church, we encourage you to remember to give prayerfully to your “home” church.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting; Amen.

Although not written by Jesus’ disciples, The Apostles’ Creed does reflect the theological formulations of the first century church. An early form of the creed was developed around 180 CE to refute the heresy that the God revealed in Jesus Christ was different from the God revealed in the Jewish Bible (Marcionism). The creed took its present form by the eighth century.

HYMN NO. 475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

John Behnke

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