



# Forest Lake Presbyterian Church

Head, Heart, and Hands in the Service of Christ

AUGUST 9, 2020 | NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

### PRELUDE

“I Love to Tell the Story”  
Robert Hobby

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ed Black

### CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 105

O Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name; make his deeds known to all people!  
Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Pursue the Lord and his strength;  
seek his face always!

**God alone is faithful. We will only worship the Lord!**

### HYMN NO. 65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

verses 1 and 3

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell’s destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (based on Genesis 37)

**God of all ages, you know us better than we know ourselves, and you know that we are not holy. Like Jacob, we scheme and plan to get what we want, even if it comes at someone else’s expense. Like Jacob, we play favorites and give more to those we love than we give to our enemies. Like Joseph, we believe we are special and deserve special treatment. We speak brashly and think of ourselves in the best possible light, while speaking critically of others. Like Reuben, we are reluctant to speak up for what is right, preferring to keep quiet when we see evil or injustice. Forgive our sin. Take the filters from our eyes and hearts so that we may see ourselves and others as you see us. Then, in humility teach us to love and to receive love, so that we may know you and love you. 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 our way of claiming God's free and unmerited grace. Every Sunday we ask for God's forgiveness, and seek again to live in ways that honor God and reflect God's love onto the world.*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The Good News is that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners!

**The Good News is that those who seek, believe and live in God's merciful love are forgiven of Sin!**

The Good News is that through Christ we are forgiven of the past and given a new future in which we can be changed!

**The Good News is that we claim God's forgiving, renewing love for ourselves and for the world that God loves. Thanks be to God!**

## **HYMN NO. 581 GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

## **TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**INSTALLATION OF PW OFFICERS** - Moderator Caroline Streater

**PRAYER OF INSTALLATION** - Dr. Ellen Skidmore

**PW LIFETIME MEMBER AWARD** - Stuart Hunter and Beth Rozek

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**READING OF THE WORD**

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

*This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**SERMON**

“Which Family Values?”

Dr. Ellen Skidmore

## **TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Ed Black

**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

“Lord of the Troubled Sea”  
Ken and Jane Nedema  
*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 Confession of 1967 – Part 1: 9.13 – 9.15 – Human Sin (Inclusive Language Version)

**Wise and virtuous men and women through the ages have sought the highest good in devotion to freedom, justice, peace, truth, and beauty. Yet all human virtue, when seen in the light of God’s love in Jesus Christ, is found to be infected by self-interest and hostility. All people, good and bad alike, are in the wrong before God and helpless without God’s forgiveness. Thus everyone falls under God’s judgment. No one is more subject to that judgment than those who assume that they are guiltless before God or morally superior to others. God’s love never changes. Against all who oppose the divine will, God expresses love in wrath. In the same love, God bore judgment and shameful death in Jesus Christ, to bring all people to repentance and new life. God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.**

*The Confession of 1967 addresses the church’s role in the modern world. It calls the church to obedient action, particularly in response to social problems such as racial discrimination, nationalistic arrogance, and family and class conflict. It sees the life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ as the pattern for the church’s mission today and calls on all Christians to be reconciled to God and to one another.*

### HYMN NO. 729 “Lord, I Want to be a Christian” verses 1, 2, and 4

**Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
In my heart, (In my heart) in my heart, (in my heart)  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.  
In my heart, (In my heart) in my heart, (in my heart)  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.  
In my heart, (In my heart) in my heart, (in my heart)  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.**

### CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

“Allegro”  
William Boyce



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