



Forest Lake Presbyterian Church

Head, Heart, and Hands in the Service of Christ

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 | TWENTY– FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME

Dr. Ellen Skidmore

PRELUDE

“When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”
Black/Bolks/Linn
Andrea Paschal, flute

*Liturgical Color of
Green - hope, life,
anticipation, growth.*

*During the majority of
the church year, which
is commonly called
"ordinary time", the
color that you will find
is green. Because the
color green is so often
associated with life, the
use of green during the
seasons and the times
when there is "nothing
special" going on in the
life of the church (no
big festivals or
holidays) reminds us
that God is present
among us, breathing
life into us and into our
church.*

CALL TO WORSHIP *Adapted from Psalm 5*

Through the abundance of your steadfast love I have entered your house!

I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you!

Let all who take refuge in you rejoice!

Let them ever sing for joy!

For you bless the righteous, O Lord.

You cover them with favor as with a shield.

Lead us, O Lord, in your righteousness!

HYMN NO. 305

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

verses 1 & 4

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come, sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we acknowledge we continue to fall short. Have mercy on us. For the times we have failed to forgive, have mercy on us. For the times we have failed to love, have mercy on us. For the times we have spoken out of anger, have mercy on us. For the times we have ignored our neighbor's cries for help, have mercy on us. For the times we have rested in the comforts of silence instead of justice, have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us O God, according to your steadfast love. According to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin! Amen.

*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 *Adapted from Acts 13:38*

The Apostle Paul said, "Let it be known to you that through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you!"

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

Ed Black

READING OF THE WORD

Philippians 1:27-30

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well — since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

SERMON

"The Trouble with Translations"

Ed Black

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Ellen Skidmore

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.

*The Lord's Prayer
offers a good
summary of much of
Jesus' teachings.*

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”
Wyeth/Koscher/Ferrera
Andrea Paschal, flute

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.

HYMN NO. 826

“Lift High the Cross”

verses 1 & 4

*Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

*Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.*

So shall our song of triumph ever be; praise to the Crucified for victory.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Great Day”
David Schelat

The most often asked question about The Apostles’ Creed is, “Why do we say that Jesus descended into hell?” The NT references Jesus’ descent to the place of the dead [Romans 10:7, 1 Peter 3:19 and 4:6, etc.], and an early view was that Jesus went to liberate those who had died before he came. The phrase has also been understood to affirm Jesus’ death as real. Jesus didn’t pretend to suffer or die. He died, but God broke the power of death and Jesus was resurrected. The other way the Church has understood this phrase is that there is no where we can go that is beyond God’s reach.

Sanctuary Flowers

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by Marje Warner*

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