



Forest Lake Presbyterian Church

Head, Heart, and Hands in the Service of Christ

OCTOBER 18, 2020 | TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME

Dr. Ellen Skidmore

PRELUDE

“Holy, Holy, Holy”
John Leavitt

CALL TO WORSHIP *Adapted from 1 Corinthians 15:56*

O Lord, open my lips.
And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Thanks be to God,
Who give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Let us worship the Lord, our God!

HYMN NO. 307 “God of Grace and God of Glory” verses 1, 3, & 4

God of grace and God of glory, on the people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Cure thy children’s warring madness; bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom’s goal, let us miss thy kingdom’s goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore. Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spare us, O Lord, from our persistent spiritual blindness. Deliver us from our pride, hatred, malice, and from all want of charity. Spare us, O Lord, from all deadly sin. Deliver us from the deceits of the world, our hardness of heart, and jealousy. Spare us, O Lord, from our arrogance when we insist on our own way and believe we are in control. Have mercy on and restore in each of us a clean heart. Amen.

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.

*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

Hear the good news!
Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
Amen.

HYMN NO. 582 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING OF THE WORD

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

SERMON

"Is Plastic OK?"

Ed Black

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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

“How Great Thou Art”

Hine/Cullen

Ryan Poole, tenor

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. 716 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” verses 1 & 3

**God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, costly cross, grave’s shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**

**Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ’s ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“God of Grace, and God of Glory”

Mike Helman

Sanctuary Flowers

*Gifts have been given to the Glory of God
and in memory of Mary Dailey,
by Randy Dailey*

The Apostles’ Creed is the most widely used confessional statement in the Western Christian Church, and next to The Nicene Creed is the most universally accepted doctrinal statement in Christendom. It has its roots in the questions asked of candidates for the Sacrament of Baptism. A new believer would be asked, “Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?” and the new Christian would respond, “I believe.” (from Presbyterian Creeds by Jack Rogers)

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