



Forest Lake Presbyterian Church

Head, Heart, and Hands in the Service of Christ

AUGUST 1, 2021 | EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME

Ed Black

PRELUDE

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”
Robert Hobby

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Based on Psalm 34)

We will bless the Lord at all times; We sought the Lord and he answered us!
The Lord hears our prayers!

Happy are those who take refuge in God! Let us worship this God alone!

***HYMN NO. 435** “There is a Wideness In God’s Mercy”

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There’s a kindness in God’s justice, which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God’s Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Create in us clean hearts, O God; put new and right spirits within us. Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our sins. We know our Sin, our wrongdoings are always before us. Against you, you alone, have we sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. You are justified in your sentence. Wash us thoroughly from our unrighteousness and cleanse us from our Sin. Wash us, O Lord, and we shall be whiter than snow. Forgive our sin and make us whole!

*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**

When God wipes away our wrongdoings they are completely gone and we are saved.
We are now freed to try again. 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

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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(Children through 1st Grade depart to Room #E-107)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Time for Truth Telling"

Dr. Ellen Skidmore

The Scripture read in worship today is chosen from the Lectionary. A Lectionary is an assigned schedule of Scripture passages. FLPC most often follows the three-year cycle of Scripture called The Revised Common Lectionary. Preachers choose from readings from the Old Testament, The Psalms, The Gospels, or the Epistles and other writings. For more information, visit our website: flpc.org - About Us - FAQ's.

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.

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.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“You Are My All in All”

Jernigan/Arr. Larson

Deborah Joyce, soprano; Beth Mears, alto

*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.

*HYMN NO. 441

“Hear the Good News of Salvation”

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God’s love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring.
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing:
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Hymn to Joy”

Charles Callahan

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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.

Sanctuary Flowers

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and on the occasion of Tommy Stallings’ birthday
by Cindy Welborn*

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