



Forest Lake Presbyterian Church

Head, Heart, and Hands in the Service of Christ

OCTOBER 10, 2021 | TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME

Dr. Ellen Skidmore

PRELUDE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
Jason Payne

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 24:1; 34:3

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it;
The world and those who live in it.
O praise the Lord with me,
Let us exalt God's name together.

*HYMN NO. 309 “Come, Great God of All the Ages” verses 1, 2, & 4

Come, great God of all the ages; make your earthly mission known; speak through every deed and person; let your way and will be shown. Guide the church to true commitment; give direction now, we ask; fit us for the work of building; dedicate us to the task.

Come, Christ Jesus, flesh and spirit, sure foundation, cornerstone; help us form the church eternal; may your vision be our own. Send a message to each follower; lead all people to your way; urge us to strong faith and action as we build the church today.

Come, O come, in celebration, household of the one true God; in commitment and rejoicing let us go where Christ has trod; as we act in faith and reverence, let us, Lord, the future see; place us in the church triumphant, now and for eternity.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen

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.

*From the Book of
Common Worship*

*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**

We are followers of Jesus, yet we stumble and fall along the way. The good news is that Jesus does not condemn us, but lifts us up to continue the journey. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved. Amen.

Together: Verse 4 of #729: Lord, I want to Be a Christian

**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.**

***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.*

*When the children
leave the sanctuary,
they are escorted
downstairs to the
nursery wing by parent
volunteers. Parents
are welcome to
accompany their
children if they wish,
and beepers are
available for parents to
bring back into the
sanctuary.*

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING OF THE WORD

Gospel Reading: John 1:35-50
The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Open Invitation"

Ed Black

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

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

Dr. Ellen Skidmore

*The Lord's Prayer is
the prayer that Jesus
taught his disciples
when they asked him
to teach them to pray.
(Luke 11:1-4)*

**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, I Stretch My Hands to You”
Jay Althouse
Chancel Choir

*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. 729 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

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 more holy in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, (In my heart), in my heart, (in my heart),
Lord, I want to be more holy 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

Trumpet Tune on “Hyfrydol”
Michael Helman

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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.

*Sanctuary Flowers
Gifts have been given to the Glory of God
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by her parents, Eddie and Vivian Bolton*

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