



Forest Lake Presbyterian Church

Head, Heart, and Hands in the Service of Christ

OCTOBER 24, 2021 | THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Toccata in G Major”
Wilhelm Pachelbel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

What does the Lord require of us?

**To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.
Let us worship God!**

Adapted from Micah 6:8

*HYMN NO. 611 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o’er us, joining all in heaven’s plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for the times we are blind to those in need. You call us to love our neighbor, but many in our world go to bed hungry or without shelter as we continue to build up our own kingdoms. You call us to tame our tongues, but there are times our spoken or written words are hurtful. You call us to follow you, but we sometimes fail to hear those calls, choosing instead to follow our own selfish desires. God, have mercy on us, 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 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** *Hebrews 7:23-25*

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Praise 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

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING OF THE WORD

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"What do you see?"

Ed Black

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

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

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.

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.

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)

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“Who At My Door Is Standing?”
Arr. K. Lee Scott
Chancel Choir

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of 1967, inclusive language version, 9.21-9.22

The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace.

*HYMN NO. 697 “Take My Life” verses 1, 2, 5, & 6

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee: take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them
be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine
own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude on “Old Hundredth”
Fred Bock

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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.

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