



Forest Lake Presbyterian Church

Head, Heart, and Hands in the Service of Christ

JANUARY 23, 2022 | THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME

Ed Black

PRELUDE

“Fanfare and Processional”
Lynn Trapp

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord’s Instruction is perfect, reviving our very being. The Lord’s commands are pure, giving light to our eyes.

We come to seek God’s presence. O Lord, revive us! Shine your light on us!

*HYMN NO. 385 “All People That On Earth Do Dwell”

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell. Come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;
we are his folks; he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good; his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

The church year is divided into liturgical seasons. For each season, a particular color is evident in our paraments and banners. This is currently the season of Ordinary Time, and the color green reminds us of the life of the Church, the life of the world, and our lives as active disciples.

A corporate prayer of confession doesn’t attempt to identify individual sins, but instead to give us words to confess the many ways in which we and all people fall short of what God intends us to be. If the particular words of this prayer do not help you name where you are separated from God and others, please make your own prayers.

*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**

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven
And freed to try again. 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

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

(From Belonging to God: A First Catechism, PC(USA) questions 3 & 4)

What makes you a child of God?

Grace—God's free gift of love that I do not deserve and cannot earn.

Don't you have to be good for God to love you?

No. God loves me in spite of all I do wrong.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON "The First Day of the Week: Begin Again!"

Dr. Ellen Skidmore

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ed Black

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.

*Learning to worship
takes time, and we
include our youngest
members in worship
by inviting them to
the front for Time
with Young Disciples.
We also provide
coloring pencils and
packets for those who
need them. (ask an
Usher) We are
patient with young
disciples learning to
worship because God
is patient with those
of us who are older
who are also learning
to worship God.*

OFFERING OF OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“Be Thou My Vision”
Arr. John Hudson
Chancel Choir

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Declaration of Faith – Chapter 9 – Christian Discipleship (ll. 7-11, 15-28 & 97-102)

We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God’s undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God’s demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.

Christ calls us to live in disciplined freedom. Jesus came to set people free by the power of the gospel. In so doing he did not abolish, but fulfilled the law and the prophets. Through his teaching and the teaching of the apostles he showed what it is to be free and obedient. We declare Christ has freed us from trying to save ourselves by obeying the law. He restores to us God’s law as a gift and delight. The law describes concretely the shape of our freedom. When we accept its discipline, it keeps our personal lives from being chaotic and increases our effectiveness in the church’s mission.

Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

A Declaration of Faith was adopted by the Presbyterian Church in the United States (a precursor to our current denomination) in 1977 as a “contemporary statement of faith, a reliable aid for Christian study, liturgy and inspiration . . .” It includes much that speaks directly to our current context and is useful for study and worship.

***HYMN NO. 307** “God of Grace and God of Glory” verse 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 waring 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, lest we 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.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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