



Forest Lake Presbyterian Church

Head, Heart, and Hands in the Service of Christ

MAY 22, 2022 | WILLS EMPHASIS SUNDAY

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME

Dr. Ellen Skidmore

***PRELUDE**

“Adagio from Sonata I”

J.S. Bach

Janet Marks, guest organist

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 9 (CEB)

We will thank you, Lord, with our whole heart.

We will talk about what you have done, and sing praises to your name!

***HYMN NO. 634** “To God Be The Glory”

To God be the glory; great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give im the glory: great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give im the glory: great things he has done!

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of all grace, you look into our hearts and see how we serve our own interests. We know how to get what we want. If we are strong, we use our strength to get our way. If we are beautiful, we use our beauty to get our way. If we are rich, we use our wealth to get our way. If we are smart, we use our intellect to get our way. Everyone looks out for their own best interest, leaving the poor, weak, simple and imperfect on their own. Honesty and compassion wither away from lack of exercise. We declare ourselves to be disciples of Jesus, but we are more adept at following the money. Forgive our Sin! Center our hearts in your love and strengthen our faith by your grace. Realign us right now, so that we will be able to follow Jesus in his words, his deeds and in his suffering. Forgive us, Lord! Amen.

Wills Emphasis Sunday is the day on which we remember that all that we have is gift from God, and that we are responsible to use all we have to serve God's purposes. Talking about how we plan for the use of our estate after our own deaths is an important way to live out our Christian faith. We are invited to ask ourselves, will our families and friends remember our faith, and does our estate planning reflect our faith?

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 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.

During Time with Young Disciples children are invited to come to the front for a lesson designed just for them. Parents may accompany their children if they wish. Following this lesson, children who are 1st grade or younger may choose to go downstairs for the duration of the service.

The Prayer of Illumination recognizes that Scripture is complex and always interpreted through our own experience. So, before we read Scripture, we pray that God's Holy Spirit will soften our hearts so that we can hear and to learn what is true and right when we study Scripture.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Lord, if you kept track of our sins, no one would have a chance!

But God's nature is to forgive. We give thanks for God's Grace!

***HYMN NO. 606 DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye, heavenly host; Praise Fther, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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

Psalm 67
Acts 16:9-15

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Following the Vision"

Dr. Eric 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.

OFFERING OF OURSELVES, OUR HANDS, AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“If Ye Love Me”
Phillip Wilby
Chancel Choir

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*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.

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.

*HYMN NO. 693 “Though I May Speak”

**Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.**

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

“Fanfare”
Henry Purcell

Sanctuary Flowers

*Gifts have been given to the Glory of God
and in honor of Rae Hunter
by Diane Goff*

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