



Forest Lake Presbyterian Church

Head, Heart, and Hands in the Service of Christ

FEBRUARY 5, 2023 | FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00 AM

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME

Rev. Ed Black

PRELUDE

“Concerto No. 2 in A Minor (after Vivaldi): Allegro”

J. S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Psalm 112:1 CEB*

Praise the Lord! Those who honor the Lord, who adore God’s commandments, are truly happy!

**Transform us, O Lord, into those who honor you and adore your commands.
Let us worship God with our words and deeds!**

*HYMN NO. 610

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of Light and Life, from the beginning of creation until this day, you have spoken to humankind about your love and purpose. The Prophets proclaimed judgment when the people worshipped idols and sought security in armies and political alliances. We too seek security in wealth and political solutions. Forgive us for trusting in the rulers of this world and fearing the armies of this world, when we should trust only in you, and fear only you. Forgive our weak faith. Forgive our lack of trust in your providential care. The Prophets also proclaimed forgiveness, redemption, and future hope. O Lord of all, speak again those words of peace and restoration and redemption to us today. Forgive our Sin. Empower us to trust. Come, Lord Jesus, Come. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is no darkness and no sin that is greater than your ability to redeem and forgive, O Lord!

Because of your love, and through Christ’s sacrifice, we are forgiven. Thank you, O Lord!

*Season of Ordinary Time;
the color of green reminds
us of the life – of the
Church, the life of the
world and our lives as
active disciples.*

*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.*

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

The Offices of Elder
Constitutional Questions of Officers Elect
Constitutional Questions to the Congregation (see insert)
Prayer of Ordination and Installation
Charge to the Officers

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Confession of 1967 – Part 1: 9.13 – 9.15 – Human Sin

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. 354** “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
Paul Manz

Ordination and Installation of Officers in Reformed Churches is always an act of the whole congregation. All Ministers, Elders and Deacons who lead in Presbyterian Churches are elected from the congregation by the congregation. Leadership is not assigned by a higher authority, but elected by the body who will be governed. This practice stems from the Protestant Reformation’s resistance to the hierarchical structure of the Roman Catholic Church in which an appointed leader (such as a Bishop) appoints the leadership of a congregation with little or no input from the congregation.

Written and adopted first by the northern stream of the Presbyterian Church in 1967 (The UPCUSA), the Confession grew out of a desire to restate the Christian faith in light of the turbulence of the 1960’s. The Confession is built around 2 Corinthians 5:19. In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself . . . “ and addresses the church’s role in the modern world. This excerpt comes from Part 1 “Human Sin” [9.13-9.15; Inclusive Language Version]

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