

Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church
Sunday June 28, 2020

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Mark

Preparation for Worship - (Hymn #57) "Think About His Love"

Announcements

Susan

Call to Worship

We will sing of your steadfast love,

We will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Our God's steadfast love endures forever.

Our God's faithfulness is as high as the heavens.

Happy are those who sing praise to God Almighty.

Blessed are those who walk in righteousness and peace.

Let us worship our God.

Opening Prayer

Susan

Musical Offering – 8:30 "Because He Lives"

11:00 "How Great Thou Art"

*Invitation to Confession and Repentance

*Unison Prayer of Confession

**O Lord, you taught us to love you and our neighbor,
but we have not lived in right relationship
or walked in the light of your love.**

Forgive us for the wrongs we have done;

We know that the wage of sin is death.

Yet we trust in your gift of forgiveness,

which is freedom and life in Christ.

(A time of silent prayer will be kept)

Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Reading - Psalm 13

8:30 Dave; 11:00 Susan

How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

**How long must I wrestle with my thoughts
and day after day have sorrow in my heart?
How long will my enemy triumph over me?**

Look on me and answer, LORD my God.

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,
**and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him,"
and my foes will rejoice when I fall.**

But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart rejoices in your salvation.

**I will sing the LORD's praise,
for he has been good to me.**

Scripture Lesson Matthew 10: 40 – 42

⁴⁰ "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward."

Second Lesson Romans 6: 12 – 23

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. ¹⁸ You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to

righteousness leading to holiness. ²⁰ When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. ²¹ What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sermon: “Alive to God in Christ Jesus”

*Affirmation of Faith - (From the Presbyterian Confession of 1967)

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of our minds. Human thought ascribes to God’s superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinners. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who makes all things to serve the purpose of his love.

Musical Offering – 8:30 – “America The Beautiful”

11:00 – “Psalm 56”

The Offering

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Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Postlude – (Hymn #50) “Great Is the Lord”

Leading Worship:

Rev. Dr. Mark Englund-Krieger, Pastor

Rebecca Becker, Director of Music

Linda Clark, Organist

Susan Nunamaker, Duty Elder

Lee & Jean Bentz, 8:30 Musical Offering

Dirk Grove, 11:00 Musical Offering

Dave Diehl, 8:30 Lay Reader

Susan Nunamaker, 11:00 Lay Reader