

Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church
Sunday November 22, 2020

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Mark

Preparation for Worship - "Give Thanks"

Announcements

Ray

Call to Worship

Ray

O come, let us sing to the Lord!

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Our Lord is a great and gracious God;

Our God is far above all rule and authority, power and dominion.

Let us worship our God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Opening Prayer

Ray

Musical Offering– "We Gather Together"

LMCPC Music Team
(and congregation on verse 4)

Verse 4 – With voices United, our praises we offer,
To thee in thanksgiving, glad anthems we raise.
Thy strong arm will guide us,
For thou art beside us,
To Fa-ther, Son and Spir-it, forever be praised!

*Invitation to Confession and Repentance

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm.

You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead.

You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others.

Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. In the name of Jesus we ask for forgiveness. . .

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Reading - Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.**

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Hymn #721

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Scripture Lesson Ephesians 1: 15-23

15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, **16** I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. **17** I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. **18** I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, **19** and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength **20** he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, **21** far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. **22** And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, **23** which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Scripture Lesson Matthew 25: 31-46

31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he

will sit on his glorious throne. **32** All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. **33** He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

34 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. **35** For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, **36** I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? **38** When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? **39** When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. **42** For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, **43** I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

44 “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

45 “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

46 “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Sermon - “Incarnational Ministry”

*Affirmation of Faith - (from Colossians 1):

Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God

was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

Musical Offering – “Thanks Be To God”

Glory Singers/Chancel Choir

The Offering

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Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

*Benediction

***Choral Response 8:30 “Sanctuary”**

Lord, prepare me, to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true,
With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living,
Sanctuary, Lord for You.

11:00 “Closing Prayer”

The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place.
Guide us and protect us, and lead us in Thy grace.
Wherever life may take us, as we go our separate ways,
Help us share with others the things we’ve shared today.
May the Peace of God the Father, and the love of Christ,
His Son,
Guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us, each one.
May the blessing of the Spirit fill us from within.
God bless us and return us to this fellowship once again.

Postlude - “We Plow the Fields and Scatter”

Leading Worship:

Rev. Dr. Mark Englund-Krieger, Pastor

Linda Clark, Organist

Ray Wright, Duty Elder