

Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church
January 10, 2021

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Mark

Announcements

Karen

Preparation for Worship – #350 “The Summons (Will you come and follow me?)”

Call to Worship

Karen

The voice of the Lord is powerful;

We gather to worship the Lord.

The voice of the Lord is majestic.

We gather to lift up our prayers and praise.

The Lord gives strength to his people;

We gather seeking the Lord’s presence and power.

The Lord blesses his people with peace.

We gather to worship the Lord: father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Opening Prayer

Karen

Hymn- #239

“When John Baptized by Jordan's River”

*Invitation to Confession and Repentance

*Unison Prayer of Confession

God of all glory, you look from heaven and see us as we are—

not worthy to kneel at your feet,

not ready to welcome your way.

Forgive us, gracious God.

In Christ, stoop down to save us;

loosen the ties that bind us to sin

and set us free to love and serve you;

in Jesus’ name.

(A time of silent prayer will be kept).

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Reading - Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.

**The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is majestic.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

**He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,
Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the Lord strikes
with flashes of lightning.

**The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;
the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord twists the oaks
and strips the forests bare.

And in his temple all cry, “Glory!”

**The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord is enthroned as King forever.**

The Lord gives strength to his people;
the Lord blesses his people with peace.

First Lesson - Acts 19: 1-7

Second Lesson – Mark 1: 4-11

Sermon – “Remember your Baptism”

*Affirmation of Baptism:

Through our baptism we were made citizens of God's kingdom, and freed from the bondage of sin. We remember and celebrate our baptism, giving thanks in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Hymn #244

"O Love, How Deep, How Broad"

Offering

Your continuing, generous support of our Church during this time of national emergency is greatly appreciated. Please use the Offering plate at the back of the sanctuary for your gifts, or please mail your offering and tithes to the Church office.

Ordination and Installation of Officers (*see insert*)

*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 - #679 "Baptized in Water"

Leading Worship:

Rev. Dr. Mark Englund-Krieger, Pastor

Linda Clark, Organist

Karen Golden, Duty Elder

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OUR MISSION

“To glorify God, deepen and enrich the spiritual life
Of the family of believers, and to reach out to the
Community with the love of Jesus Christ.”

Service of Ordination and Installation

A Litany of Different Gifts

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Statement on Ordination: (The Clerk of Session)

Constitutional Questions: (From the Book of Order W-4.0404)

Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the church universal, and God's Word to you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture and continually be guided by our confessions?

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

(For Ruling Elders)

Will you be a faithful Ruling Elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

(For Deacons)

Will you be a faithful Deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need? In your ministry, will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

For the congregation: (The Clerk of Session)

Do we, the members of the church, accept these members as Ruling Elders or Deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

The Laying on of Hands: *(All the Ruling Elders of the congregation are encouraged to come forward for the Laying on of Hands on our newly elected Elders and Deacons.)*

Unison Prayer for Ordination:

God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.

Declaration: