Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church Sunday May 5, 2024 The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Prelude

Welcome

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Announcements

Preparation for Worship: "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

The lovely melody of this hymn tune (entitled *Quebec*) was composed by Henry Baker. The reference book *Scottish Church Music* reveals that Baker graduated with a degree in music at the University of Oxford in 1867. One reason it remains popular is its "limited soprano range.

Call to Worship The Lord is our Rock; **The Lord is our Refuge.** We trust in the Lord **May the Lord let his light shine on his people.** Let us worship and pray.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #40

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

*Invitation to Confession and Repentance

*Unison Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, your Word offers freedom from sin but we confess that we have not listened or obeyed. Too often suspicion and dishonesty mar our relationships. Too often insincerity and selfishness erode our commitments. Too often envy and gossip condemn our friendships. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to look deep into our own hearts; inspire our genuine repentance. May we grow

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into the joy of our salvation with all the grace and peace which Christ pours out. In his name we ask for mercy. .

(A time of silent prayer will be kept).

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri #734

Responsive Reading: Psalm 98 Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's hornshout for joy before the LORD, the King. Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Our Family Time Joys, Concerns and Prayers Musical Offering: 8:30 "We Come As Guests Invited" 11:00 "Time of Communion/Spirit Song" Glory Singers Faithful Voices

Scripture Lesson: Acts 10: 44-48 Scripture Lesson: John 15:9-17 Sermon: Remain in my love . . . always

*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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell: the third day he rose from the dead: he ascended into heaven. and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

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*Doxology #34

*Prayer of Dedication

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The Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise**.

This is the day that you have made, O Lord. You created light out of darkness by the power of your Word and Spirit. You created life out of death, raising Jesus from the grave. We await the coming of your new creation, when we will be glad and rejoice forever, singing,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

As death came through Adam, resurrection has come through Christ. Christ our Lord is coming again to reign and to put all enemies under his feet. Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

God of grace, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of the bread and the cup. Make us one people, one body in Christ, as we seek to show your steadfast love and proclaim the good news of salvation through Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray . . .

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People:

As the Sacrament is being served, please enter a time of prayer. Please hold the bread; we will eat together as a sign of our unity in Christ. If you seek a gluten-free communion bread, please indicate to one of the servers. Please drink the cup when you are served, a sign of your personal relationship with Christ.

Unison Prayer after Communion. Make a place for us at your heavenly banquet so that we may eat and drink with thanksgiving when all things are fulfilled in your holy realm. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, hear our prayers. Amen!

*Hymn #701

"There's a Quiet Understanding"

*Benediction: 1 Peter 2: 9-10 *Choral Response: "Stone by Stone" (the Church Song) *(see screen)*

Postlude: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Leading Worship: Rev. Dr. Mark Englund-Krieger, Pastor Linda Clark, Music Coordinator/Organist Doyle Waybright, Duty Elder

(*Those who are able, please stand)

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