

Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church
Sunday April 28, 2024

Prelude



Welcome

Mark

Announcements

Lynne

Preparation for Worship: "Meditation on "Beach Spring"

 Benjamin Franklin White (1800-1879) was born in Atlanta, Georgia to a family of fourteen children. Mostly self-taught, White became a popular music teacher and co-editor of the "Sacred Tunes" collection of traditional American melodies used in many famous hymns. 

Call to Worship

Lynne

Celebrate God in this sacred space!

Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

Give praise for God's mighty deeds!

Give praise for God's resurrecting power!

Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets.

Praise God with the harp and bells!

Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

Praise God with flutes and guitars!

Praise God with cymbals and drums!

Let everything with life and breath praise God!

Let us worship God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Opening Prayer

Lynne

***Hymn #136**

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

***Invitation to Confession and Repentance**

***Unison Prayer of Confession:**

**God of the empty tomb and our empty hearts,
when we are afraid to speak our faith in the world,
forgive us and help us to find our voice.**

**When we are afraid to forgive and seek reconciliation,
forgive us and give us the power to forgive.**

**When we are confined by our hurts,
touch us with your wounded hands and set us free.
When we are locked behind our doubts and fears,
pass through our barricades, open our hearts, and give us peace. . .**

(A time of silent prayer will be kept).

*Assurance of Forgiveness

***Gloria Patri #734**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 22: 25-31

8:30 Mike, 11:00 Lynne

From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;
before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.

**The poor will eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the LORD will praise him—
may your hearts live forever!**

All the ends of the earth
will remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations
will bow down before him,

**for dominion belongs to the LORD
and he rules over the nations.**

All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;
all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—
those who cannot keep themselves alive.

**Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord.**

They will proclaim his righteousness,
declaring to a people yet unborn:
He has done it!

Musical Offering: 8:30 "Come Christians, Join to Sing"
11:00 "Sing a Sunday Song"

Glory Singers
Faithful Voices

Scripture Lesson: Acts 8: 26-40

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Sermon: Connected

*Affirmation of Faith: (From the PCUSA Book of Order, Directory for Worship)
We respond to God's grace both in public worship and service and in personal acts of devotion and discipleship. Personal life and public worship are deeply connected. Christian life springs from Christian worship, where we find our identity as believers and discover our calling as disciples. Christian life flows back into worship as we present to God the prayers of our hearts and the offering of our lives. Amen!

Offering

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***Doxology #34**

*Prayer of Dedication

Lynne

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn #466**

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

*Benediction: Romans 12: 9-13

*Choral Response: 8:30 "Sanctuary" (see screen)
11:00 "Closing Song" (see screen)

Postlude: "God Be With You 'til We Meet Again"

Leading Worship:

Rev. Dr. Mark Englund-Krieger, Pastor
Linda Clark, Music Coordinator/Organist
Lynne Orner, Duty Elder

(*Those who are able, please stand)

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