

Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church
Sunday April 14, 2024

Prelude

Welcome

Ron

Announcements

Moment for Mission: Sat 7

Sandy

Preparation for Worship: "The Gift of Love"

Call to Worship

We gather in the power of the resurrection of Jesus.

Let us worship with the gift of new life.

We gather as an Easter people.

Let us pray inspired by the power of God.

We gather with a sure faith in all that God is doing.

Let us praise God together, as one people, in the name of Jesus.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #358**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*Invitation to Confession and Repentance

*Unison Prayer of Confession:

Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death and resurrection among us. We need forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us in the name of Jesus. . .

(A time of silent prayer will be kept).

*Assurance of Forgiveness

***Gloria Patri #734**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 4

Answer me when I call to you,
my righteous God.
Give me relief from my distress;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

**How long will you people turn my glory into shame?
How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?**

Know that the LORD has set apart his faithful servant for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.

**Tremble and do not sin;
when you are on your beds,
search your hearts and be silent.**

Offer the sacrifices of the righteous
and trust in the LORD.

**Many, LORD, are asking, "Who will bring us prosperity?"
Let the light of your face shine on us.**

Fill my heart with joy
when their grain and new wine abound.

**In peace I will lie down and sleep,
for you alone, LORD,
make me dwell in safety.**

Musical Offering

"No Hiding Place"

Wires and Wood

Scripture Lesson: John 13: 34-35

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Sermon

Mr. Brian Nelson

*Affirmation of Faith: (From the Presbyterian Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. Amen!

Offering

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***Doxology #34**

*Prayer of Dedication

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Sandy Buhrman

***Hymn #595**

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

*Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13: 14

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

Postlude: "Love Lifted Me"

Leading Worship:

Mr. Brian Nelson, Speaker

Linda Clark, Music Coordinator/Organist

Ron Milhimes, Duty Elder

(*Those who are able, please stand)

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