

Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Prelude
Lighting of the Christ Candle

Always Remember Me by Blake

Welcome
Announcements
Minute for Mission

Mike Orleski

Sandy Buhrman

Call to Worship

This is the day that you have made, Lord.

Help us to rejoice in it and be glad!

Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people:

to come to you in these moments,

to confess our sins,

to receive forgiveness and give it,

to pray and sing and listen,

to renew our fainting spirits,

to rest in all your promises.

Open our eyes to see you, Lord.

Open our ears to hear your Word.

Visit us through your Holy Spirit,

and help us to celebrate our faith. Amen.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #87**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God,

you call us to step out in faith, trusting in you for all things.

We respond to your command but then sink in doubt and fear.

We hide from the challenges of bold discipleship.

We are not able to fulfill your commandments,

for our purposes are never in full accord with yours.

**Forgive us, we pray,
when we confess with our lips but do not believe in our hearts.
Help us to practice our faith in all circumstances.
Lift us out of sin into the arms of your mercy.
Though we are distracted by noise all around,
allow us to hear your voice
even when it is the sound of sheer silence....**
(Silent Prayers of Confession)

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Jesus is Lord! God raised him from the dead and we are saved through him. This is the good news we believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri #734**

Responsive Scripture Reading

Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!
**It is like precious oil poured on the head,
running down on the beard,
running down on Aaron's beard,
down on the collar of his robe.**
It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.
**For there the LORD bestows his blessing,
even life forevermore.**

***Psalm Song**

I Worship You, O LORD

Scripture

Psalm 30

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

Sermon

An Anatomy of Contrasts

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

Offering

***Doxology #34**

Prayer of Dedication

A Time of Sharing

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Response #446**

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

***Benediction**

***Closing Song #482**

Sanctuary

Postlude

How Many Are Thy Works, O God by Haydn

(*Those who are able, please stand.)

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