Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church Sunday, October 5, 2025 The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper World Communion Sunday

Prelude Welcome

Announcements

Reverend David C. Wright Doyle Waybright

Preparation for Worship Prelude on "Bread of Life" arr. Young

Call to Worship:

Doyle

All around the world.

People rise to greet the morning and sing praise to the Creator.

All over the earth,

People hold hands around a table and offer thanks.

All around the globe,

Some cry for food, some are filled with laughter, all search for truth.

Throughout this day, across many lands,

Sisters and brothers touch the bread of life and drink the cup of joy.

All around the world,

People sing, and we join the unending chorus of praise.

Opening Prayer

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*Unison Prayer of Confession

Risen Savior, you call us to your table of grace to enjoy your presence, to experience your healing, to be made one with your people of every time and place. But we dare not come to the table with dirty hands and sin-stained hearts. We confess we have edged you to the fringes of our lives as we have become occupied with countless so-called 'urgent' matters. We confess we have fooled ourselves into believing we are too busy to pray and too exhausted to serve. Forgive us, dear Lord, and help us do better. Help us

^{*}Hymn #1 God Is Here!

order our days and our deeds according to your will. Grant us pardon, and comfort us with the assurance of your Spirit. Then shall we be free to celebrate your feast of love with the saints of this and every time and place. Amen. (A time of silent prayer will be kept.)

Assurance of Forgiveness: II Corinthians 5:17

*Gloria Patri #734

Responsive Scripture Lesson: Psalm 137:1-6 Mike Orleski

By the rivers of Babylon- we sat and wept when we remembered Zion.

There on the poplars we hung our harps,

for there our captors asked us for songs, our tormentors demanded songs of joy; they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

How can we sing the songs of the LORD while in a foreign land? If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its skill.

May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not consider Jerusalem my highest joy.

Musical Offering: Living Bread by Martin

Faithful Voices

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lesson: II Corinthians 5:17

Sermon: "A Fresh Start: What Does It Mean to Be In Christ?"

*Brief Statement of Faith:

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offering: Your continuing, generous support of our Church 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.

*Doxology #34

*Prayer of Dedication

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The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (See Insert.)

(Online viewers: Insert is on next page)

(*Those who are able, please stand.)

Leading Worship: Pastor David C. Wright

Organist / Choir Director: Deb Wolf

Duty Elder: Doyle Waybright

Communion Servers: Alicia DeHoff, Lauren Neely, Mike Orleski, Doyle

Waybright and Lori Jackson (Gluten Free)

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The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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.

Holy God, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,

With joy we praise you and give thanks to your name.

You formed the universe in your wisdom, and created all things by your power. You set us in families on the earth to live with you in faith. We praise you for good gifts of bread and wine, and for the table you spread in the world as a sign of your love for all people in Christ.

Great and wonderful are your works, Lord God almighty. Your ways are just and true.

Therefore we lift our hearts in joyful praise, joining our voices with choirs of angels, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

The Words of Institution

The Bread and The Cup:

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.

Prayer after Communion

- *Hymn #544 The Church's One Foundation
- *Benediction
- *Closing Hymn: "Stone by Stone" (See screen.)

Postlude: An Exultant Alleluia by Smith.