

Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church
Sunday, September 21, 2025

Prelude

Welcome

Reverend David C. Wright

Announcements

Phyllis Smith

Minute for Mission

Lauren Neely

Preparation for Worship –*Give Me Jesus* - Spiritual arr. Labenske

Call to Worship:

Phyllis

Be joyful in the Lord, all the earth; serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Our Lord is God, who created us; and we are the people of His grace.

Come into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.

Let him purge our hearts to bless His holy name.

Opening Prayer

Phyllis

***Hymn #82 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

*An Invitation of Repentance and Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Creator God, maker of all things! We are ruled by desires we don't fully understand. We long to possess more things, bigger things, more expensive things, but always things. We covet power, we covet honor. Forgive us, Lord, for loving what you have created more than we love you. We seek spiritual fulfillment in material ways, refusing to accept that such a quest must fail. Heal us from the spirit-killing sin of covetousness, that we may dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, not the possession of it. For Jesus' sake, Amen.

(A time of silent prayer will be kept).

*Assurance of Forgiveness (Ephesians 2:8,9)

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven

Thanks be to God

*Gloria Patri #734

Responsive Scripture Lesson Psalm 100:1-5

Dave Diehl

Shout for joy to the Lord,
all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before Him with joyful songs.**

Know that the Lord is God.

It is He who made us, and we are His;
we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

**Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;
give thanks to Him and praise His name.**

For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Musical Offering: *My Savior Leadeth Me* - Price/Besig

Faithful Voices

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 19:30 – 20:16 (NRSV)

Sermon: "A Kingdom Parable That You Won't Like!"

***Hymn #349 Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God**

*Affirmation of Faith: 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.

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***Doxology #34**

*Prayer of Dedication

Phyllis

Prayers of the People

A Time of Sharing

The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn #411 How Firm a Foundation**

*Benediction

Closing Song: *Sanctuary*

Postlude: *March Romaine* – Gounod

Leading Worship: Pastor David C. Wright

Deb Wolf – Organist / Choir Director

Phylliss Doyle-Smith - Duty Elder

David Diehl - Lay Reader

(*Those who are able, please stand)

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