

**Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church**

**Sunday, April 19, 2026**

**Prelude**

*Cornerstone/The Solid Rock* arr. by Labenske

**Welcome & Announcements**

Bev Benner

**Minute for Mission**

Cathy Michaliga

**Call to Worship**

Followers of Jesus,

by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

**Alleluia!**

By his rising we are free from the fear of death.

**Alleluia!**

By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

**Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

**Opening Prayer**

**\*Hymn #366**

*And Can It Be*

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

**ALL: Almighty God,**

**our world is filled with corruption:**

**power disguises itself as truth;**

**convenience masquerades as goodness;**

**selfish pleasure imitates love.**

**We confess to you, O God,**

**that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin.**

**By the power of the Holy Spirit,**

**save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience,**

**that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection**

**and receive the promise of everlasting life. Amen.**

*(Silent Prayers of Confession)*

**\*Assurance of Forgiveness**

Followers of Jesus:

God has promised salvation to us,

to our children,  
and to all who are near and far.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gloria Patri #734**

**Responsive Scripture Reading**

1 Peter 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile.

**You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.**

He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake.

**Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.**

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart.

**You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.**

**Hymn #316**

*Alleluia*

**Scripture Lesson  
Sermon**

Galatians 4:7  
Bondslave

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

**A. That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

**Offering**  
**\*Doxology #34**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**A Time of Sharing**  
**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Response #359** *Give Thanks*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Closing Song** *Sanctuary*

**Postlude** *Glory to Our God and King by Ritter*

**(\*Those who are able, please stand.)**

Guest Preacher: Bruce Dietrick  
Organist / Choir Director: Deb Wolf  
Duty Elder: Bev Benner  
Lay Reader: Cathy Michaliga

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