

**Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church
Sunday March 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Prelude
Welcome
Announcements

Pastor Mark
Doyle

Preparation for Worship: "Melodia da Chiesa" by Smith

Call to Worship: (inspired by Psalm 32)

In times of trouble, in days of fear,

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

When we are lost and lonely, not sure of our place,

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

When we are hard-hearted and cynical,

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

When we struggle to believe God's promise of redemption,

Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Together we look to God to teach us the way we should go.

Steadfast love surrounds us, as together we place our trust in the Lord.

Opening Prayer

*Hymn #258

"At the Cross"

*Invitation to Confession and Repentance

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. . .

(A time of silent prayer will be kept).

*Assurance of Forgiveness:

*Hymn #260 verse 1 **"The Old Rugged Cross**

Responsive Scripture Lesson: Psalm 32

Blessed is the one
whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

**Blessed is the one
whose sin the Lord does not count against them
and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

When I kept silent,
my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night
your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped
as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess
my transgressions to the Lord."

And you forgave
the guilt of my sin.

**Therefore let all the faithful pray to you
while you may be found;
surely the rising of the mighty waters
will not reach them.**

You are my hiding place;
you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance.

**I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.**

Do not be like the horse or the mule,
which have no understanding
but must be controlled by bit and bridle

or they will not come to you.

**Many are the woes of the wicked,
but the Lord's unfailing love
surrounds the one who trusts in him.**

Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous;
sing, all you who are upright in heart!

***Hymn #251**

"I Come to the Cross"

Scripture Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5: 16 - 21

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 20: 1-16

Sermon: Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard: Counter-cultural

*Memory Verse: Micah 6:8 And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

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***Hymn #257 verse 1 "What Wondrous Love Is This"**

*Prayer of Dedication

Our Family Time

A Time of Sharing

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn #254**

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

*Benediction: Revelation 7: 16-17 (see screen)

*Closing Hymn: "Sanctuary" (see screen)

Postlude: "Postlude on Morning Song" by Paxton
(*Those who are able, please stand)

Leading Worship:

Rev. Dr. Mark Englund-Krieger

Deb Wolf, Organist/Choir Director

Doyle Waybright, Duty Elder