

Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church
Sunday, June 29, 2025

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Mark

Announcements

Duty Elder

Preparation for Worship - "Morning Song" by Wolford

Call to Worship

Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people."

Lord, help us follow where you lead.

Jesus said, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Lord, help us put you first and follow you.

Jesus said, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also."

Lord, help us follow you so that we may serve you.

The peace of Christ be with all of you. Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

Hymn #443 - Trust and Obey

*Unison Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you claimed us as your own and called us to be your covenant people. We confess we do not live as people created in your image, nor do we lead lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. Jesus still calls, "Follow me" and we offer excuses because we can't do that. Jesus calls us to new life in the Spirit, and we cling to our old habits and tired traditions. Gracious God, forgive our sin. Open our ears and hearts to hear Jesus's call and give us grace and strength to respond in faith and love. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

(A time of silent prayer will be kept).

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri #734

Responsive Scripture Lesson Psalm 16

- 1 Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.
- 2 **I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing."**
- 3 I say of the holy people who are in the land,
"They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight."
- 4 **Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.
I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods
or take up their names on my lips.**
- 5 LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot
secure.
- 6 **The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely, I have a delightful inheritance.**
- 7 I will praise the LORD, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.
- 8 **I keep my eyes always on the LORD.
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.**
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,
- 10 **because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.**
- 11 You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in
your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Musical Offering – Whispering Hope

Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12: 27-31

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 28 And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31 Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

Reading from the Book of Order: F-1.03 THE CALLING OF THE CHURCH

Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body. The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world (1 Cor.

12:27–28): The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life. The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation. This new creation is a new beginning for human life and for all things. The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised new creation. The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down. The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.

Sermon: PRESBYTERIAN: The Calling of the Church

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*Doxology #34

*Prayer of Dedication

Duty Elder

Prayers of the People

A Time of Sharing

The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn #437- Jesus Loves Me**

*Benediction 2 Thessalonians 3: 16

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

*Closing Song – "A Closing Prayer" (see screen)

Postlude: - "A Tune for Trumpet" Bach arr. by Paxton.

Leading Worship:

Rev. Dr. Mark Englund-Krieger, Pastor

Deb Wolf – Organist / Choir Director

Dave Reeder and Adeline Gaydosh – Guest Musicians

Phyllis Smith, Duty Elder

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