

Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church

Sunday, July 5, 2026

Prelude #727

America the Beautiful

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome

Reverend Brian Moss

Announcements

Lauren Neely

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-3, 6

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #68**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

ALL: Gracious and loving God, forgive us when we turn a deaf ear to your call in Jesus Christ and to the cries of those in the world who need your love and our help. Forgive us when we treat discipleship as a yoke of oppression rather than a blessing and gift for leading a faithful life as your people. O Lord, forgive our sin. Help us to know and love you with all that we are that we may love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

We pray for the strength of your Holy Spirit to equip us for our calling as followers of Jesus Christ, in whom we have our hope and put our trust. Amen.

(Silent Prayers of Confession)

*** Assurance of Forgiveness**

The apostle Paul wrote to the believers in Galatia, "For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Hear and believe the good news:
In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri #734**

Responsive Scripture Reading

Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants;

yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Special Music

Shine On Us performed by Cornerstone

Scripture

Psalm 67

This is the Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Worship of the One True King

***Affirmation of Faith**

from the Barmen Declaration

"Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption" (1 Corinthians 1:30).

ALL: As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords — areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

Offering

***Doxology #34**

Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (See Insert) (*Those who are able, please stand.)

Leading Worship: Reverend Brian Moss

Duty Elder: Lauren Neely

Organist: Deb Wolf

Special Music: Cornerstone

Communion Servers: Bev Benner, Joe Jackson, Lauren Neely, and Jed Smith

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The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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.

O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe, it is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. You formed us in your image, setting us in this world to love and to serve you, and to live in peace with your whole creation. When we rebelled against you refusing to trust and obey you, you did not reject us, but still claimed us as your own. You sent prophets to call us back to your way. Then in the fullness of time, out of your great love for the world, you sent your only Son to be one of us, to redeem us and heal our brokenness. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, 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.

Prayer

The Words of institution

With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Holy Communion

/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. Please drink the cup when you are served, a sign of your personal relationship with Christ.

Passing of the Peace

Hymn #448

In The Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful

A Time of Sharing

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Response #84**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

***Benediction**

***Closing Song**

Stone by Stone

Postlude

The Star-Spangled Banner by Ward arr. Labenske