

Lower Marsh Creek Presbyterian Church

Sunday, August 3, 2025

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Pastor Mark

Duty Elder

Preparation for Worship – "Till I Get Home" - performed by Donna Jones

Call to Worship:

The only Son of God, Jesus Christ our Lord, loves us.

We gather to walk in the way of love.

The only Son of God, Jesus Christ our Lord, gave himself for us.

We gather to live as forgiven and redeemed people.

The only Son of God, Jesus Christ our Lord, gave us an example of prayer and praise.

We gather to praise, pray and worship in the name of Jesus.

Let us worship our God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn #560**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

God of peace, too often we reject your redemption and forge our own way.

We get caught up in our own folly and sin.

We hold fast to falsehood, deceiving others and ourselves.

We have sinned against you and against the neighbors you have called us to serve. So often bitterness and wrath, anger and arguing, slander and malice consume us.

If you should mark our mistakes or count our disobedience, Lord, who could stand?

But we pray there is forgiveness with you.

Our souls wait in hope for your Word so that we may begin anew, a new day with you. . .

(A time of silent prayer will be kept).

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri #734

Responsive Scripture Lesson: Psalm 107: 1-9

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story—

those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,

those he gathered from the lands,

from east and west, from north and south.

Some wandered in desert wastelands,

finding no way to a city where they could settle.

They were hungry and thirsty,

and their lives ebbd away.

Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble,

and he delivered them from their distress.

He led them by a straight way

to a city where they could settle.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love

and his wonderful deeds for mankind,

for he satisfies the thirsty

and fills the hungry with good things.

Musical Offering: "Thank You Lord for Your Blessings on Me" - by Donna Jones

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 13: 10-17

Sermon: "Living in Parables"

***Affirmation of Faith: The 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**

Duty Elder

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(*Those who are able, please stand)

Leading Worship: Rev. Dr. Mark Englund-Krieger, Pastor

Deb Wolf – Organist / Choir Director

Doyle Waybright, Duty Elder

Dave Diehl, Lay Reader

Jim Welsh, Sue Welsh, Linda Lapp, Kathy Michaliga and Lee Bentz (Gluten Free) Communion

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The Invitation

Sharing of Prayer Concerns and Praises

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.

It is right, it is good, and it is joyful

to give thanks to you, God of mystery and miracle.

When there was only darkness, you made light.

When we cried out to you from captivity,
you claimed us as your own.

When we forgot our love for you, you did not forget us,
sending your prophets to turn us around and your own Son.

And so we praise you:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**

Thank you for Jesus—for his teaching and healing,
his challenging and feeding, his living and dying and rising,
that we might be raised with him, and all the world made new.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest!**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on your people gathered here
and on these gifts, that we might be the Church.

For this world we now pray: end all war, mend your wounded earth, heal
those who suffer, comfort those who mourn, and infuse us with your
peace that is rooted in what is just. Through the power of your Spirit unite
us with Christ and with one another as we work and wait in hope,
confident in that day when Christ will come to make all things new
and we will feast together at his heavenly table.

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People:

*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. If you
seek a gluten-free communion bread, please indicate to one of the
servers. Please drink the cup when you are served, a sign of your
personal relationship with Christ.*

Unison Prayer after Communion:

**All glory and honor are yours, Holy God, through Christ and in the
unity of the Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

***Hymn #562 – “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”**

***Benediction: Matthew 11: 28-30**

**“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, 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.”**

***Closing Hymn: – “Closing Song” (see screen)**

Postlude: "Procession" by Handel