

Affton Presbyterian Church

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Service for the Lord's Day

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

↑Call to Worship

To abide in you; to find strength in you;

to worship you in these moments,

we gather, O God.

To challenge the evil around us; to bring healing to the hurt;

to offer hope to the vulnerable,

we follow, Jesus our Brother.

To learn how to live; to put away our old gods;

to stick with God in every moment,

we listen, Holy Spirit.

↑Hymn#473 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Prayer of Confession

Yes, Watcher of the faithful, we could put on the comfortable shirt of faith, but prefer fear with its frayed cuffs and stains on the front. We could slip on the loafers of peace, but squeeze into the size-too-small stiff dress shoes of anger. We could wrap truth around our lives yet continue to punch holes in the belt of falsehood so it always fits.

Hear us, Faithful heart, and rescue us from our worst selves. When we are lonely, you offer us your heart as a refuge. When we are broken, you knit us back together. When we are afraid, you promise to draw us into your embrace. When we are faithless, you continue to call us to follow Jesus the Christ, the only Word we need in the midst of so many hollow promises. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

↑Response “Gloria Patri”

↑Passing the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Acts 2:42-47

Sermon "What Today's Church Can Learn from the First Century Church"
Rev. Doug Mankell

↑Hymn#441 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

↑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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Please place offerings in collection plate on the table upon entering or exiting the building. Checks can also be mailed to the church or donations made online.

↑Response of Praise "Doxology"

↑Prayer of Dedication

May these simple gifts transform into shoes for those who have none, into clothes for kids heading off to school, into faith, hope, peace, and grace for all of your children, Holy God. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

↑Hymn #442 "The Church's One Foundation"

↑Charge and Benediction

Postlude

The people serving you...

Musician: Lynette Milles
Liturgist: Anna Belveal
Pastor: Rev. Doug Mankell

Please remember in your prayers...

Bill Campey, Diane Kauffmann, Dave Maze, Jeff Maze, Joe Maze,
Elmer Nesselhauf

ZOOM Instructions for homebound:

Meet with us online or via phone at 10 am:

Look under "Updates" on our site to join online.

or call 312-626-6799 and when prompted.

enter the Meeting ID: 942 617 477 (followed by #).

When asks for a Participant ID number, dial #.

*On the phone, dial *6 to mute or unmute yourself.*

If asked for a password, enter 3410.

Liturgy from Thom M. Shuman: lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com