

Affton Presbyterian Church

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Service for the Lord's Day

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

↑Call to Worship

Our world offers many wide avenues and beautiful boulevards to walk;

Our God invites us to walk the road of service and sacrifice.

Our society suggests we put down our roots in the shallow soil of pleasure and greed.

Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of hope, watered by the rivers of joy and grace.

Our culture promotes achievement, success, climbing to the top, ringing the bell.

Our God tells us if we want to be first we need to go to the end of the line.

↑Hymn #473 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Prayer of Confession

We confess how much we are like those first disciples of Jesus, Wisdom from on high. Our cravings for more and more toss us about like leaves in the fall winds. We boast of our great wisdom yet do not understand your ways of peace and gentleness. We do not plant ourselves in your hope and grace, and so reap harvests of disorder and conflict.

Draw near to us, Gracious God, and forgive us. Draw us into your tender arms, and teach us peace, gentleness, the willingness to put the other first, the wisdom to serve instead of seize, so we might bring forth a harvest of righteousness, justice, and peace in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

↑Response “Gloria Patri”

↑Passing the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Mark 9:30-37

Sermon John Hughes, Commissioned Pastor

↑Hymn #374 “Lord, Make Us Instruments of Your Peace”

↑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

Rather than boast of all that we have and are, may we humble ourselves, as we offer our lives, our hearts, and our gifts, in putting others first, that they might discover the wonders of the kingdom of grace and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

↑Hymn #540 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

↑Charge and Benediction

Postlude

The people serving you...

Musician: Lynette Milles

Liturgist: Anna Belveal

Pastor: John Hughes, Commissioned Pastor

Please remember in your prayers...

Bill Campey, Barb Cavicchia, Jeff Maze, Joe Maze, Elmer Nesselhauf

† In the Church Triumphant †

"I am the resurrection and the life."

Diane Kauffmann

August 10, 1947 — September 12, 2021

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