

Affton Presbyterian Church

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Service for the Lord's Day

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

↑Call to Worship

What good is it if we say we love all people, but give special treatment to a few?

God calls us to love others as deeply as we love ourselves, with no strings attached.

What good is it if we say we want God to show mercy towards us, but are quick to judge others?

God calls us to forgive our sisters and brothers, to let mercy triumph over judgment.

What good is it if we say we trust God in every moment, but live guided by our fears?

We will speak and act as those who trust God to come and live in our fearful hearts.

↑Hymn “Wonderful Words of Life”

Prayer of Confession

How glibly we say we trust you, Holy One, and how quickly our fears silence our words. We find you at the side of the poor, while we cozy up to the rich and famous. You stand behind the counter serving the hungry at the soup kitchen, while we are stocking our freezers and pantries till they overflow. We look down at those whose hands are dirty, but your hand of mercy pulls them into your embracing love.

Forgive us, O Lord, and do good to us when we have trouble doing good for others. Surround us with your love; surround us with your grace; surround us with your peace; surround us with the Spirit of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

↑Response “Gloria Patri”

↑Passing the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Philippians 3:12-18

Sermon “The Inadequacy of Instant Christianity”

↑Hymn “Tell Me the Old, Old Story”

↑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 we who are rich with your blessings, share them in common with those who have so little. May our gifts be used to sow justice, to feed the hungry, and to bring relief to those afflicted in so many ways. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord's Supper

↑Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

↑Charge and Benediction

Postlude

The people serving you...

Musician: Lynette Milles
Liturgist: Betty Greaves
Pastor: Reverend 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