

**16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 12, 2021**

**Gathering
*God invites us to enter His presence***

Prelude

*Enter His Courts With Praise!
Take Time to Be Holy*

*Mason
Peterson*

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

🕯️ Call to Worship

Dennis Lesher

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

Let us worship the Triune God.

🕯️ Invocation

Dennis Lesher

O gracious and holy God,
give us diligence to seek you,
wisdom to perceive you,
and patience to wait for you.
Grant us, O God,
a mind to meditate on you,
eyes to behold you,
ears to listen for your Word,
a heart to love you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit
of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

🕯️ Hymn 20

All People the On Earth do Dwell

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Prayer of Confession

Dennis Leshner

Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift of your grace symbolized in baptism, O God, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. **Amen.**

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Dennis Leshner

The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

 Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.
A-men, A-men.*

Ordination & Installation of Church Officers

Introductions

*Bernie Hughes, Robin Miller, Susan Obenschain - Deacons
Don Titus, Jim Fox, Bonnie Mecaughey - Elders
Chuck Stauffer, Matt Steinginga - Trustees*

*(Please remain in your pew & stand when your name is
read)*

**Questions to Robin Miller on being ordained as a Deacon
And Don Titus on being ordained as a Ruling Elder.**

*Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your own personal
Lord and Savior? Do you?*

Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God, totally trustworthy, fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, the supreme, final, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice? Do you?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Westminster Confession of faith and the catechisms of this church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures? Do you?

Do you promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with the system of doctrine as taught in the scriptures and as contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church you will on your own initiative make known to your Church Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow? Do you?

Do you affirm and adopt the Essentials of our Faith without exception? Do you?

Do you promise to subscribe to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church? Do you?

Do you promise to be subject to your fellow officers in the Lord? Do you?

Installation Questions to Matt Steinginga and Chuck Stauffer on being installed as Trustees; to Don Titus on being installed as Ruling Elder; and to Bernie Hughes and Robin Miller on being installed as Deacons.

*To Don, Bernie and Robin,
Do you now reaffirm the vows you took upon your Ordination and do you recommit yourself to them in discharge of your obligation? Do you?*

*To all officers:
Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to Accept this office from love of God and sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son? Have you?*

Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in promoting the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise to you on that account? Do you?

Will you seek to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as an officer, whether personal or relative, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before this congregation of which God will make you an officer? Will you?

Are you now willing to take responsibility in the life of this Congregation respectively as a Trustee, Elder, or Deacon and will you seek to discharge your duties, relying upon the grace of God, in such a way that the entire Church of Jesus Christ will be blessed? Will you?

Question to the Congregation

Do you, the members of this congregation, receive these persons as Ruling Elders, Deacons, Trustees, and do you continue your promise to yield them and all your officers all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which the ordination or installation as an officer entitles them, according to the word of God and the Constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church? Do you?

Prayer of Ordination

“Sovereign Lord, we ask You now that You anoint these Your servants for the work that You are calling them to do. Give them the full measure of your Spirit so that they may become fully equipped. Give them the wisdom to lean on You and Your Word for advice. Give them the courage to face the trials that will come their way. May Your presence abide, Your grace sustain and Your love keep them now and forever. Amen

Declaration

I charge you based on the answers given to remain faithful to your call. Remember, God does not take the answers given lightly. May God be your guide and your help.

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it.

Offering

Offertory *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* - arr. Pethel

Adult Choir

! Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

Prayer of Dedication

Dear God, wherever we look, from next door to a world away,
we see the places where your creation groans. May these gifts be a
faithful response to those cries. **Amen.**

Hymn

By Faith

*By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness,
Who walk by faith and not by sight.*

Refrain

*We will stand as children of the promise;
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

*By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With pow'r of His promise in their hearts,
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,
A place where peace and justice reign.
Refrain.*

*By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.
Refrain.*

*By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth.
Refrain.*

*By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name.
Refrain.*

**Proclaiming
God speaks to us through His Word**

Children's Sermon

"God Keeps Baby Moses Safe"

Dan Baker

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Exodus 1:8-2:10

⁸ Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹ And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. ¹³ So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves.

¹⁵ Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ "When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and let the male children live?" ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

2 Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. ⁴ And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. ⁵ Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" ⁸ And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹ And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. ¹⁰ When the child grew older, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "Because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Sermon

"God Provides"
Rev. Tim Latham

Responding *We respond to God's Word*

Hymn

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Chorus
Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul

*Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

*Verse 1
The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes*

*Verse 2
You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find*

*Verse 3
And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore*

*Ending
Worship Your holy name
Lord I'll worship Your holy name*

Profession of Faith

**We 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, died, and buried;**

**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.**

Commissioning

God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

 **Hymn 461**

He Leadeth Me

 **Benediction & Blessing**

 **Postlude**

Let the Word Go Forth - Birchwood