

ORGAN POSTLUDE

My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker

F. W. Markull

The **flowers** are given by William McCorkle to the glory of God and in celebration of the lives of William Frantz McCorkle (1924-2002), Evelyn Pankey McCorkle (1920-2015), and Douglas Carroll Chase (1928-1976), pastor of this church 1958-1974.

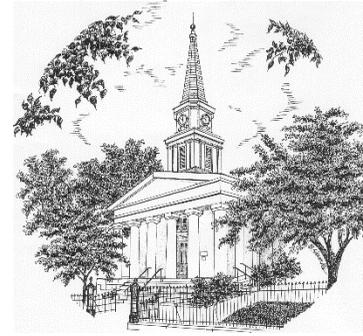
Thank you to Hardin Marion for assisting with worship this morning.

Thank you to our worship team - Maggie Irby (moderator), Jan Hathorn (waiting room), Skip Hess (soundboard) and Chuck Skoog, Pam Luecke, and Charles Lauck (usher team).

Thank you to our song leader, Pat Tichenor, and to the choir. The text of the choir's anthem is taken from a hymn by the Anglo-Irish poet, John Hopkins (b. 1675). The English organist-composer, Ernest Bullock (1890-1979) created this anthem, using a tune from an 18th-century hymn collection, Richard Langdon's *Divine Harmony* (1774). The anthem text: *Give laud unto the Lord, from heaven that is so high. Praise him in deed and word above the starry sky; and also ye, his angels all, armies royal, praise joyfully. Ye boundless realms of joy, exalt your maker's fame; his praise your song employ above the starry frame. Your voices raise, ye cherubim and seraphim, to sing his praise.*

The organ prelude and postlude are from a collection (1857) of hymn-based pieces by the Prussian musician, Friedrich Wilhelm Markull (1816-1887).

Please keep the Pastor Nominating Committee in your prayers as they seek God's will for future pastoral leadership at LPC. They are: Kara Braddick, Ainsley Carter, Mary Dugan, Helen Fure, Margie Page, Mac Baker, Bob James, John Morman, Mike Strickler.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
7 November 2021
11:00AM

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

ORGAN PRELUDE Deal with Me in Your Grace, O God F. W. Markull

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH *Our Generosity, Dedication Sunday* Dave Hawkins

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest.

We shall put our trust in the Lord who gives rest to God's beloved.

Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God of compassion and justice, take pity on us as we confess our sin. We are not the stewards Christ calls us to be. Riches possess us while others go hungry. We mismanage creation with our pollution and strife. Your goodness is betrayed by our lust for power. We abuse your provision for us by our selfish desires. Help us hear once again Christ's call

to be faithful, and through him forgive us as we repent of our sin and turn from it.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn 706, v. 3 [tune: *Duke Street*]

Commit Your Way to God the Lord

Salvation comes from God alone: the faithful know their help is sure.

To heav-en, all our needs are known, and in God's strength we are secure.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 146 p. 549

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 12: 38-44 p. 46

SERMON *Everything She Had* Rev. Tom Groome

*HYMN OF REFLECTION 708 *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION IN SONG - Hymn 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

***Glory to God, whose goodness on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

World without end, without end, Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

PRAYER OF PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

DEDICATION OF FINANCIAL GENEROSITY COMMITMENTS

Opening Words

Anthem *Give Laud unto the Lord* 18th-century tune, arr. E. Bullock

*Hymn 609 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known,
Creator, Word and Spirit one.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN 192 *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining*

*BLESSING IN WORD

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE [tune: *Austrian Hymn*] Hymn 23, v. 2

***You have called us to be faithful in our life and ministry.
We respond in grateful worship, joined in one community.
When we blur your gracious image, focus us and make us whole.
Healed and strengthened as your people,
we move onward toward your goal.***