

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m.

**When the church bell is rung let us be silent for worship.**

*\*Please stand if able.*

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## THE PRELUDE

### THE GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wherever you may be in the journey of faith, Leesburg Presbyterian Church welcomes you. We are a community where persons from different faith backgrounds and understandings find unity in the wide embrace of Christ's love and call to service. If you are passing through, we extend God's blessing to you as you continue on your way. If you are seeking a home, we invite you to join us in the adventure of serving Jesus Christ in a challenging world.

### INTROIT

*As the Deer*

NYSTROM

### \*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to this gathering place:

**Friend and stranger, saint and sinner in all who gather here.**

Come with hope or hesitation;

Come with joy or yearning:

**All who hunger, all who thirst**

**For life in all its fullness.**

Generous God and Generous Saviour,

Touch us through your Spirit..

### \*HYMN 150

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

MADRID

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, you are always true to us in love,**

**And we are left wanting to say sorry,**

**For our faithlessness to you and to one another,**

**For our forgetting of the poor and the broken,**

**For our failure to cherish creation,**

**For our failure to cherish those nearest and dearest to us.**

**Give us life, O God, to change.**

**And enable us to change, that we may live.**

(A time of silence for personal prayer)

**Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### \*THE GLORIA PATRI 579

**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. Amen.**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN** (Congregation sings as children come forward and leave)  
**Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here, we are here for you.**

**OFFERTORY** *Set Me As a Seal Upon Your Heart* Song of Solomon

**\*THE DOXOLOGY No 592**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION: We dedicate our offerings, not alone for the good they can accomplish and the mission they will support, but also because giving helps us to gain perspective on what really matters. May our lives and all we give perform the works of God. Amen.**

**ANTHEM** *Holy Ground Medley* Beatty

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSON** Song of Solomon 2: 8-13 Pew Bible Pg.623

**SERMON** "The Last of the Short Books of the Summer—  
A Romance Novel?!" Rev. Deborah D. Parsons

**\*HYMN 367** *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* CHERIPONI

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
**INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE SHARING OF THE MEAL**

(All are invited to come forward to receive the Sacrament. You may take a piece of bread and either dip it in the common cup or partake of a piece of bread and then the cup from a tray. An elder will serve the bread and the cup to those who desire to remain in their pews.)

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN 306** *Fairest Lord Jesus* CRUSADERS' HYMN

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

**That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death---not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**\*RESPONSE** *Bind Us Together*

**Bind us together, Lord,**

**Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.**

**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord.**

**Bind us together in love.**

**POSTLUDE**

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### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Liturgist: Frank Gasperini

Ushers: Evelyn Rollison & Nancy Blaine

**FLOWERS ARE GIVEN** today by Caroline Milne and family to the glory of God.

**DEACON POINTS OF CONTACT:** Our Deacons are always available to take calls regarding any concerns you may have — illnesses, deaths, personal circumstances, joys — just about anything.

#### ELDERS

##### 2009

Kathy Brown  
Ben Franklin  
Pat Kropp  
Chris York

##### 2010

Frank Gasperini  
Donita Petersen  
Chuck Rodgers  
John Sawyer  
Beth Shockley

##### 2011

Jim Barnes  
Jason Hovda  
William Marsh  
Bill Wingardner

#### DEACONS

Wendy Bourloukas  
Peggy Moats  
Wynne Rodgers  
Betty Robbins  
Matt Howard  
Shirley Pearson

Nancy Blaine  
Mike Christensen  
Jennifer Morris

Rebecca Caprio  
Sheila Finney  
Tom Gurney  
Julie Koochagian

#### CHURCH STAFF

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Interim Director of Christian Education  
Director of Music  
Youth Group Coordinator  
Office Administrator  
Prayer Chain  
Bookkeeper  
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