



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

*Coming together
to know Christ and to make him known*

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CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"In Christ We Live"

Chancel Choir

Music and Lyrics: John L. Bell
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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jason Hubbard

Leader: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.

People: **For the Lord God is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.**

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done glorious things;
let this be known in all the earth.

**All: Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of God,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

*Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost, but He brought me in. Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for me!
Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed! I'm a child of God. Yes, I am!
Free at last! He has ransomed me. His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, He died for me!
Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed! I'm a child of God. Yes, I am!
In my Father's house, there's a place for me. I'm a child of God. Yes, I am!
I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am!
You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am!
I am who You say I am.
Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed! I'm a child of God. Yes, I am!
In my Father's house, there's a place for me. I'm a child of God. Yes, I am!

Music and Lyrics: Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan
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*One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)

Higher than the mountains that I face, stronger than the power of the grave,
constant through the trial and the change; one thing remains. One thing remains.
Your love never fails. It never gives up; never runs out on me.
Your love never fails. It never gives up; never runs out on me. Your love.
On and on and on and on it goes. It overwhelms and satisfies my soul.
And I never, ever have to be afraid. One thing remains. One thing remains.
In death, in life; I'm confident and cover'd by the power of Your great love.
My debt is paid. There's nothing that can separate my heart from Your great love.
Your Love. Your Love. Your Love. Your Love.

Music and Lyrics: Brian Johnson, Christa Black Gifford et al.
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Welcome! Those who love Jesus and those who are searching, welcome! We gather to hear from God, to learn from God, to talk to God, and to go out with God. Visitors, we are eager to share with you the joy we have in knowing Jesus. Family members, it is a blessing to be with you once again. May we all grow in knowledge and love of Christ as we worship.

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

Please sign the friendship pads located at the end of each pew.

Where is God during worship?

God is as close as the air we breathe. We don't need to ask God if we can come into His presence during worship (or invite Him into a situation causing us distress; or to be with us as we enter our work place or school on Monday morning). Jesus said, "I am with you, even to the ends of the earth" (Matthew 28:20); this means God is already here – wherever our 'here' may be! So rather than praying for God to come to us, let us pray that God enables us to recognize and applaud Him for where He is already. Will you consider starting now?

Why Confession? Because Christians aren't perfect.

In worship we confess our sins in order to remind us that, even though we have a relationship with Jesus that has set us right with God, we still struggle with doubt, unbelief, disobedience, hypocrisy, and rebelliousness. Jesus is without fault. We are guilty. Jesus is faithful. We are rebellious. Everything Jesus does is perfect. We (as the Anglican prayer says) "have sinned in thought, word, and deed...by what we have done and by what we have left undone." This is why we will never tire of confessing our sin and resting on God's grace alone. We're continually needing to acknowledge that, because of our imperfection, apart from Jesus Christ, we have no hope to be the people God's holy character requires, we have no hope to be the people our love for God desires. But with Jesus, all of that changes. So confession in worship will come in many forms. Sometimes it will be explicit. Sometimes it will be in a song or prayer. But because of who God is and who we are, we must do it.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, Holy One, that this week we were:

- **quick to take offense and slow to forgive.**
- **focused on correcting people rather than loving them.**
- **intent on being served rather than serving.**

Forgive us not because we vow to do better, but because of Jesus, who loves, forgives and serves as we were meant to. In his name we pray. Amen.

"If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,

Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness,

so that we can, with reverence, serve you." (Psalm 130:3-4)

Leader: Friends, believe the truth of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and free.

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled,
When strivings cease!

My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This Gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save,
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on Him was laid: here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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CHILDREN'S LESSON

Jenny Hubbard

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

**Speak, O Lord*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us.
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness.

That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

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SERMON LESSON

1 Kings 21:1-16

Doug Ashley

SERMON

“Naboth: The Man of Determination”

THE 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.*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Eye of the Storm”

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THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

*Doxology (Old 100th)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!

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*Thrive

Joy unspeakable! Faith unsinkable!
Love unstoppable! Anything is possible!

Refrain: Just to know You and to make You known, we lift Your name on high.
Shine like the sun! Make darkness run and hide.
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.
It's time for us to more than just survive; we were made to thrive.

Here in this worn and weary land where many a dream has died;
Like a tree planted by the water, we never will run dry.

So living water, flowing through; God, we thirst for more of You.
Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire. *[Refrain]*

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as able*

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Praise Team

Tithes and Offerings at Longview EPC. Jesus calls us to give our ‘first fruits’ (the best and first of our resources - be they financial, intellectual, physical or relational) to God for his glory and the furthering of his kingdom. In so doing we live the gospel of Jesus Christ by enacting our conviction that everything we have is a gift from God (1 Chronicles 29:14) and that he will take care of all our needs (Deuteronomy 14:23). Regarding financial giving, we practice in congruence with scriptures such as 2 Kings 12:9 and Mark 12:41 where tithes and offerings were collected in boxes as people came and went from the temple. Longview EPC collects tithes and offerings in the wooden boxes found at all the entrances to the church sanctuary. Not taking a monetary offering during the worship service is in hopes of enabling visitors exploring the Christian faith to be present at worship without feeling obligated to contribute monetarily. Also, it reminds believers that giving is an extension of worship that may occur any day of the week and through a variety of means. Towards this end, electronic giving is available at <http://www.epclongview.org/serve/giving>.

Are tithes and offerings the same thing? No. Scripture teaches that tithing is a means of teaching us to put God first in our lives, trusting that He will take care of all of our needs (Deuteronomy 14:23). Generally, a tithe (which literally means ‘tenth’ or ‘ten percent’) is the first ten percent of a person or family’s income given to the all-purpose work of the Lord. An offering is financial giving above the tithe to a specific cause. An example of an offering received at Longview EPC is the **Mercy Fund**. This fund was established in response to Scriptures such as Galatians 6:10 which says: “So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.” (See also Acts 6:3 and 1 Timothy 5:3,16). This fund enables us to come alongside a brother or sister who is facing significant hardship by providing confidential financial assistance for short-term, emergency situations or unforeseen circumstances that may require long-term assistance. Designated donations to this fund may be made at any time. To apply for funds contact a Pastor or a Ruling Elder.