



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Coming together
to know Christ and to make him known

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CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"That's Why We Praise Him"

Music and Lyrics: Tommy Walker, Arranged by: David Luna
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Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, let us worship and bow down.
Let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

Doug Ashley

People: Yes! For he is our God and he watches over us without ceasing. (*Psalm 95*)

**How Can I Keep From Singing*

Refrain: How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough? How amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing!

There is an endless song, echoes in my soul;
I hear the music ring and though the storms may come,
I am holding on; to the rock I cling. [*Refrain*]

I will lift my eyes in the darkest night, for I know my Savior lives.
And I will walk with You knowing You'll see me through;
and sing the songs You give. [*Refrain*]

I can sing in the troubled times; sing when I win.
I can sing when I lose my step, and fall down again.
I can sing 'cause You pick me up; sing 'cause You're there.
I can sing 'cause You hear me Lord, when I call to You in prayer.
I can sing with my last breath;
Sing for I know that I'll sing with the angels
And the saints around the throne. [*Refrain*]

How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing!

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**All Praise to Him*

All praise to Him, the God of light; who formed the mountains by His might.
All praise to Him, who names the stars that sing His fame in skies afar.
All praise to Him who reigns in love. Who guides the galaxies above,
Yet bends to hear our every prayer with sovereign pow'r and tender care.
All praise to Him, whose love is seen in Christ the Son, the servant King.
Who left behind His glorious throne to pay the ransom for His own.
All praise to Him, who humbly came to bear our sorrow, sin and shame.
Who lived to die, who died to rise; the all-sufficient sacrifice.

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Welcome! To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

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

Why is our worship service an eclectic blend of contemporary and classic styles?

Many of us have come from varying different styles of worship and we run the risk of being divided over musical tastes and the “right” way to worship. While these risks are real and even daunting at times, there are many things that lead us to believe that a blended service is important and here are a few reasons:

1) There is no “one, perfect way” to worship. Jesus bids us to come and worship him just as we are. This is because it is Jesus, not us, who perfects our services to be holy and pleasing to God. Every human expression, no matter how excellent, is fallible and partial to our own experiences. The blended worship style remembers it is not our musical tastes that we worship, but Jesus, who perfects human endeavors to come and have fellowship with him and each other.

2) The love of God compels us to seek unity. From the very beginning churches were divided over culture. We see this in Acts 6 where Luke records that Hellenistic Jews and Hebraic Jews vied for priority within the local church. We also see this in the book of Galatians, where Paul rebuked Judaizers for trying to convert Gentile believers into the norm of Jewish culture, not to the gospel of Jesus. Differing opinions are not new. From the 1st century onward, Christians had to, in faith, come to terms with those who have different cultural takes on things.

This is precisely why Jesus prayed that our oneness with each other will be like that of Him and the Father (*John 17:21*). It is the will of our Lord Jesus that Christians seek unity through the gospel, in spite of our personal differences. This is especially true in how we worship. Blended services aim to draw us closer to that unity.

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All praise to Him, whose pow'r imparts the love of God within our hearts.
The Spirit of all truth and peace; the fount of joy and holiness.
To Father, Son and Spirit now our souls we lift, our wills we bow.
To You, the Triune God, we raise with loving hearts our song of praise.

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To You, the Triune God, we raise
with loving hearts our song of praise.

Music and Texts: Bob Kauflin and Matt Merker
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PRAYER OF ADORATION

Gena Bunn

Great is Thy Faithfulness

*Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness. Great is Thy faithfulness.
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
byAll I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not.
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest;
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. [*Refrain*]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth!
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside. [*Refrain*]

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CHILDREN'S LESSON

Carrie Northcutt

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 22:13-40

Shelley Kral

SERMON

“Micaiah: The Man of Sarcasm”

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“O, Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer”

Chancel Choir

Music and Lyrics: Nathan Stiff
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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Gordon Northcutt

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

*My Lighthouse

Refrain: My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, shining in the darkness, I will follow You!
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, I will trust the promise;
You will carry me safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.

In my wrestling, and in my doubts; in my failures, You won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through; You are the peace in my troubled sea;
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

In the silence, You won't let go. In the questions, Your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through; You are the peace in my troubled sea;
You are the peace in my troubled sea. *[Refrain]*

Fire before us, You're the brightest; You will lead us through the storms.
Fire before us, You're the brightest; You will lead us through the storms. *[Refrain]*

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Praise Team

**Please stand as able*

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3) Moments of discomfort cause us to stretch in our ability to love God and others. Jesus said “A new command I give you: Love one another.” (John 14:34). One cannot help but have preferences in worship styles (this is normal to the human experience and not a bad thing in itself). However, we must make room for, and also grow in, our ability to love and value those who don't think, act, live, or worship just like us. How deep will our love for one another go? Today we gently exhort you to pray for, and extend love to, brothers and sisters who worship differently from you. When it is hard, remember that Jesus said, “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” *(John 13:35)*