



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Coming together
to know Christ and to make him known

November 3, 2019

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Come Ye Thankful for the Beauty”
(Lord of all to Thee we raise, this our hymn of glorious praise!)

Music and Lyrics: "Come Ye Thankful People Come" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR (George J. Elvey),
"For The Beauty Of The Earth" DIX (Conrad Kocher)
Arranged by Pepper Choplin, © 2019 Lorenz Corporation

Chancel Choir

Welcome! This morning we will be celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. If you have not professed faith in Christ or if you are hearing the gospel for the first time, though you will not be partaking of the sacrament, it is our privilege to welcome you here. Perhaps what you experience will raise questions for you. After the service, we will be eager to talk with you further about the joy of our life in Christ and the significance of this celebration in our life together. If you have professed faith in Jesus Christ, we are honored to be worshipping with you this morning!

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

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

The Way of Praise In the Bible, "Praise the Lord" is a command like "Please take your seat". We are invited to carry out this command by acknowledging something. As Rev. Dr. Mark Futato writes, "Praising God is acknowledging who he is and what he has done. Praising is confessing what God has done in the history of salvation. Praising is confessing what God has done in our lives. We carry out the command to praise the Lord by acknowledging and confessing who God is and what he has done, and in so doing, we render honor and glory to the One who is the object of our praise." (For an example of this, see *Nehemiah 9:5-7*). This month let's practice the way of praise not only on Sunday mornings, but throughout the week as well!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Shelley Kral

Pastor: We come before you in worship, God the Father:

People: You planned creation and re-creation.

We praise You for Your wisdom and generosity.

Pastor: We come before you in worship, God the Son:

People: You executed all the Father's plans.

We praise You for Your commitment and courage.

Pastor: We come before you in worship, God the Holy Spirit:

People: You apply salvation to our individual and corporate life.

We praise You for Your diligence and sustenance.

Pastor: We come before you in worship, Almighty God!

All: We praise You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

*Praise To The Lord The Almighty (Lobe den Herren)

Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the King of creation.

O, my soul, praise Him for He is thy health and salvation.

All ye who hear now to His temple draw near.

Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, Who over all things so wondrously reigneth;

Shelters thee under His wings. Yea, so gently sustaineth.

Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.

Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do; if, with His love, He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O, let all that is in me adore Him.

All that hath life and breath come now, with praises before Him.

Let the amen sound from His people again! Gladly for all we adore Him.

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MORNING PRAYER

Gena Bunn

*Brokenness Aside

Refrain: 'Cause I am a sinner, if it's not one thing it's another;

Caught up in words, tangled in lies.

But You are a Savior and You take brokenness aside

And make it beautiful, beautiful.

Will Your grace run out if I let You down? 'Cause all I know is how to run. [*Refrain*]

Will You call me child when I tell You lies? 'Cause all I know is how to cry. [*Refrain*]

You make it beautiful. You make it beautiful. [*Refrain*]

Oh, You make it beautiful, beautiful. Oh, You make it beautiful, beautiful.

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SONG OF ILLUMINATION

**Word of God, Speak*

I'm finding myself at a loss for words. And the funny thing is it's okay.
The last thing I need is to be heard. But to hear what You would say.

Word of God speak! Would You pour down like rain,
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty?
To be still and know that You're in this place?
Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness.

Word of God, speak.

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SERMON LESSON

2 Kings 1:1-18

Doug Ashley

SERMON

“Elijah: The Man on the Hill”

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation: If you are a baptized Christian who actively trusts in Jesus Christ for salvation and are willing to forsake your sin, you are welcome to take Communion this morning. If you are wrestling with the claims of Jesus and his place in your life, rather than coming forward to take the elements, please remain seated and contemplate taking Christ himself. The prayers that follow are supplied for your consideration.**

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment. Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus we admit that we like to think of ourselves as wise. We like to think we know what we are doing. But so often we don't.

We don't know the difference between being called to flourish and being driven to success;

We don't know how to stop shifting between parenting by faith-and-grace, and manipulating by guilt-and-bribe;

We don't know what retirement means for people called to never stop spreading goodness throughout the earth.

Thank you for this table of grace that reminds us we don't have to know everything, we simply need to know you – and follow where you lead. Make that truth more real to us than ever, Jesus. In your name we pray, amen.

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Music for The Lord's Supper

David and Ellen Luna

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us. How vast beyond all measure.
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; The Father turns His face away.
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

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Behold the Man upon a cross; my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.
I will not boast in anything; no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ; His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know, with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.

Stuart Townend

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.**

*Passing of the Peace

*The Solid Rock (On Christ The Solid Rock)

Refrain: On Christ the solid Rock I stand.
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand.

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O, may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

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THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

*Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)

Refrain: Living He loved me. Dying He saved me.
Buried, He carried my sins far away.
Rising, He justified, freely forever;
One day He's coming, O glorious day! Glorious day!

One day when heaven was filled with His praises,
One day when sin was as black as could be;
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,
Dwelt among men, my example is He.
The Word became flesh and the light shined among us;
His glory revealed! [Refrain]

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming.
One day the skies with His glories will shine.
Wonderful day my beloved one bringing
My Savior Jesus is mine. [Refrain]

O glorious day! Glorious day! Glorious day!

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MISSIONARY SPOTLIGHT

Branden & Lauren Bender

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Praise Team

*Please stand as able

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How do we prepare to receive the Lord's Supper?

First of all, by knowing Jesus Christ personally as Lord and Savior. We are to come with an understanding faith. We should know Christ, and we should know what this table is all about. That is, we should "partake in a worthy manner." This meal involves a "participation in the blood of Christ" (1 Cor 10:16).

Secondly, by being reconciled with our brothers and sisters in the Lord. Our union with Jesus Christ is both an incentive and a means to unity with others (Matthew 5:23-24).

Thirdly, by repenting of all known sin. This is not a meal for perfect people. There is only one with a perfect righteousness, and that is Jesus Christ. We are to come trusting in His righteousness, but we are to come with a renewed repentance and desire to live as His obedient disciples. Scripture says, "A person ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." (1 Cor 11:28). If for any reason you are not ready to take the elements, it is always okay to use the time to consider 'taking Christ' in a different way instead.