



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Coming together
to know Christ and to make him known.

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CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

"He is Exalted"

Music and Lyrics: Twila Paris, Arranged by Lloyd Larson
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Chancel Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jason Hubbard

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

People: **We know that the Lord, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;**

All: **We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

*O, Worship the King

O, worship the King, all glorious above!
And gratefully sing His power and His love.
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days;
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
O, tell of His might! O, sing of His grace!
Whose robe is the light; whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air. It shines in the light.
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain;
O, measureless might; ineffable love!
While angels delight to worship Thee above.
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall all sing Thy praise.

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*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 when darkness of sin is abounding.
Who, when the godless do triumph all virtue confounding
Sheddeth His light, chaseth the horrors of night; saints with His mercy surrounding.
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.

Music and Lyrics: Johann Michael Haydn, Robert Grant
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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 foyer.

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

O, Worship The King:

The composer of this popular hymn, Charles Grant (1778-1838), was born in India. His family moved back to England when he was seven years old. A lawyer at age 29, he became a member of Parliament at 48 and was elected Judge Advocate General at 54. At age 56 he was knighted and then appointed Governor of Bombay, India. He died at the age of 60 while serving in India. Grant was a politician and a public servant of England. He was also a devout Evangelical Christian who took every opportunity to share the Good News. He was a financial supporter of missionaries, and was loved by the people of India who established a Medical College in his honor. Several of Grant's writings, prose and poetry, were published during his lifetime. After his death, his brother gathered 12 of Grant's poems into a book titled Sacred Poems. One of those poems, O, Worship the King, was set to music by Johann Michael Haydn (1737-1806) and has appeared in church hymnals ever since. (<http://www.sharefaith.com>)

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Gena Bunn

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

**Your Words of Life*

As we gather, come and teach us. Spirit, come and speak today.
You delight to lead and guide us. It's Your Word that lights the way.
(So come,) awaken our hearts, illumine our minds; magnify Jesus Christ.
Come, renewing our faith, changing our lives with Your words of life.

Music and Lyrics: Joel and Pat Sczebel
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SERMON LESSON

Acts 2:42,45

Doug Ashley

SERMON

“Shaped into Giving People”

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 Holy Communion this morning. If you are wrestling with the claims of Jesus and his place in your life, this time is still for you. 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

Heavenly Father, we come to your table rejoicing that it is a table of grace.

For we confess to being people who far too often

Take your mercy for granted

Take the distress of others too lightly

Take ourselves too seriously

Forgive us and continue to change us through the sanctifying work of your Spirit done for the glory of your Son. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

Music for The Lord's Supper

"Remembrance (The Communion Song)"

Music and Lyrics: Matt Maher & Matt Redman, Arr. by Dave Lula
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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

*For All the Saints (Sine Nomine)

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Music and Lyrics: Ralph Vaughan Williams, William Walsham How
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*Let Us be Known by our Love

Refrain: For the glory of the Father, for the glory of the Son,
For the glory of the Spirit, let us be known by our love.
Let us be known by our love. In every word, in every deed; honor the Son.
Let our light shine in every eye. Let us be known by our love. [Refrain]
Let us be known by our joy. In every home, in every heart; sing to the Lord.
Let our life show goodness and hope. Let us be known by our joy. [Refrain]
Let us be known by our peace. In every town, in every tribe, Jesus is king!
Let us go forth, heal and restore. Let us be known by our peace. [Refrain]

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as able*

**Prayers from Redeemer Presbyterian Church of New York City

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What does "sacrament" mean?:

This morning we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper (also called Communion). We get the word "sacrament" from the Latin sacramentum, which means "mystery" or "secret." Unlike those who believe the sacraments (baptism and the Lord's Supper) are merely rites to perform as commanded by Jesus, the Bible teaches that there is something more spiritually mysterious and profound about these two acts. The mystery is that Christ is uniquely present in these observances in a way that is like no other. They are beautiful yet mysterious encounters with Jesus Himself. For instance, in the Lord's Supper, we don't merely remember Christ's sacrifice, we mysteriously "participate" in it (see 1 Cor. 10:16). And in baptism, we do not merely depict salvation, we are actually united to Christ and His death (see Rom 6:4). Sacraments are more than mere ordinances, for in them we experience Christ Himself. Our veiled understanding of the details of how this occurs is precisely why they are, and ever will be, a mystery.