



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

June 2, 2019
Commissioning Sunday

GATHERING MUSIC *The Battle Belongs to the Lord*

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*WELCOME

Jason Hubbard

Leader: Come let us sing for joy to the Lord:

People: Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come before him with thanksgiving,

All: and extol him with music and song. (*Psalm 95:1-2*)

* 1,000 Tongues

Refrain: O, for a thousand tongues to sing the glories of our Lord, God Almighty!

O, to sing the Savior's praise! A triumph of His grace! You are worthy!

You are worthy God!

We are a sea of voices. We are an ocean of Your praise.

We're gathered under one name. We are a tide that's rising.

And we cannot be contained. Gathered under one name. *[Refrain]*

We have found our anthem at the cross where sin was slain.

We're gathered under one name. Where ev'ry chain is broken

and ev'ry sorrow swept away; gathered under one name. *[Refrain]*

With all Heaven sing! And all earth below. One Holy King! One highest throne.

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[Refrain]

For a thousand tongues to sing your name, to sound your praise, to sound your praise!

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*Your Grace is Enough

Refrain: Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your faithfulness, O God. You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.

You lead us by still waters into mercy. And nothing can keep us apart.

So remember Your people. Remember Your children.

Remember Your promise, O God. *[Refrain]*

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob. You use the weak to lead the strong.

You lead us in the song of Your salvation. And all Your people sing along.

So remember Your people. Remember Your children.

Remember Your promise, O God. *[Refrain]*

Yeah Your grace is enough! Heaven reaches out to us.

Your grace is enough for me. God, I sing Your grace is enough.

I'm covered in Your love. Your grace is enough for me; for me.

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PRAYER OF ADORATION

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.

The Lord's Prayer has been a part of worship from the beginning, thus we are spending time teaching it to our children. One of the reasons we value incorporating the long-standing traditions of Christian worship is that it allows us to connect our worship with other saints over time. It helps us to realize that we are part of one Church, not only across the globe, but across the centuries. Praying the Lord's Prayer in our worship is a way that we connect with some of the earliest worship traditions of the Christian church. One of the earliest records of Christian worship is found in a document called the Didache, which dates back to as early as the first or second century. One of its passages encourages the use of the Lord's Prayer in worship (Didache 8:2). So when we pray the Lord's Prayer, we can remember, as we attend to the prayer itself, that we are praying "with the saints" of the centuries past, remembering that we are one Church, one body, one fellowship, all in Christ.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (Cwm Rhondda)

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty. Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven! Bread of heaven! Feed me till I want no more.
Feed me till I want no more.

Open Thou the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer! Strong Deliverer! Be Thou still my strength and shield.
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.
I will ever give to Thee.

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CHILDREN'S LESSON

Carrie Northcutt

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

Ephesians 6:14-17

Doug Ashley

SERMON

“Rooted & Grounded in Gospel Armor”

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.***

** A Mighty Fortress is Our God (Ein Feste Burg)*

A mighty fortress is our God, a Bulwark never failing;
Our Helper, He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing;
For still our ancient Foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing;
Dost ask who that may be: Christ Jesus it is He;
Lord Sabbaoth His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

That Word above all earthly pow'r, no thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever!

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COMMISSIONING

Katherine Burlingame: *When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."* (Matthew 9:36-10:1)

Pastor: Is it with a heart of compassion that you follow the Lord's command to be his laborer, doing his work of love and healing so that God may be glorified and enjoyed forever?

Missionaries: It is.

Pastor: Is it with a heart of compassion that you, family and friends of Longview EPC, commit to pray earnestly to the Lord that these laborers may reap a large harvest?

Congregation: It is.

Liz Johnson: *Jesus said to his disciples, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, fruit that will last..."* (John 20:21, 15:16a)

Pastor: Is it for love of Jesus Christ that you go to make a difference in people's lives, a difference that, God willing, will last?

Missionaries: It is.

Pastor: Is it for love of Jesus Christ that you commission these people so go and bear "fruit that will last"?

Congregation: It is.

Erick Van Zyl: *In what has become known as the Great Commission, Jesus told his followers to go and make disciples of all nations in the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.* (Matthew 28:19)

Pastor: Is it in obedience to Jesus and with his authority, that you go with him to tell all who will listen his story that they, too, may be disciples of Christ?

Missionaries: It is.

Pastor: Is it from the desire to bless others as you have been blessed that you commission this group of disciples to serve in Guatemala, Lake Jackson, and Longview, Texas.

Congregation: It is.

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

**Facing a Task Unfinished*

Refrain: We go to all the world with kingdom hope unfurled.
No other name has power to save but Jesus Christ The Lord.

Facing a task unfinished that drives us to our knees;
A need that undiminished rebukes our slothful ease.
We who rejoice to know Thee renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee to go and make Thee known.
We bear the torch that flaming fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming that Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same mission, the same glad message ours;
Fired by the same ambition to Thee we yield our powers.

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***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"Armor of God"

Music and Lyrics: Brian Howard | © 2001 Mission Hills Music

**Please stand as able*

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Why a 'commissioning' in the worship service? Every week, our worship is shaped by a "gospel structure"—God calls us to worship: we come, we praise His glory, we recognize our sin and confess, we are renewed in the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves to Him, and we are sent forth into the world with God's blessing. As you can see, the natural by-product of the gospel saturating our hearts is God's sending us out for the work of the ministry. In our summer mission and outreach work, God is "commissioning" these people to go forth and witness in an intense way for the duration of their mission. Some go to familiar and others to unfamiliar places, but they are all 'commissioned' to be Christ's hands and feet to those who need Jesus' special touch. That is a wondrous thing. Yet, perhaps it won't stop there. Perhaps we can let their commissioning be a call to ALL of us to go forth this summer and care for a world that so desperately needs God's grace through us!

Sunday, June 2, 2019 Announcements & Information

COMMISSIONING TODAY: Following today's worship service, we will travel with missionary passports through Trinity Hall to learn about the Jr. and Sr. High mission trips and Roar! VBS. A grilled & baked chicken lunch will follow all that traveling! All are welcome to stay!

People with last names beginning with:

A-G will begin in room 105

H-R will begin in room 107

S-Z will begin in room 108

SUMMER SUNDAYS: There is a flyer available in the foyer and in Trinity Hall for some fun summer activities following the worship service.

COME OUT & JOIN US AT THE BACKYARD THURSDAYS AT 7:47 PM on the grass by Trinity Hall for acoustic worship and witness. In the craziness of our everyday lives it can be hard to find a space to meet Jesus. The Backyard is a space created to cultivate spiritual renewal and genuine connection with Jesus and His people. We hope to see you there!

NURSERY AND TODDLER CHILDCARE SIGN-UPS:

Spots are available to serve this Summer! Visit www.epclongview.org, click the Connect tab and select the Children's Ministry page to sign-up online. Talk to Carrie if you are interested in volunteering.

LCM "TOO HOT TO COOK!" TUESDAY, JUNE 4: Your patronage of the following participating restaurants on Tuesday, June 4 allows them to make a donation to the FOOD BOX of Longview Community Ministries to help feed hungry families in the area: Bodacious (6th St. location), Café Barron's, Casa Ole, Chick fil-A, Dudley's Cajun Café, GZ Asian Bistro, McDonald's-GKC, Mi Casita, Papacita's, Pizza King, Shogun, Slim Chicken, Tele's, T Blanco's, Wendy's.

WORSHIP WITH THE LORD'S SUPPER, SUNDAY, JUNE 9: We are celebrating Communion next Sunday due to our Commissioning Sunday this week.

VBS ROAR ! "LIFE IS WILD—GOD IS GOOD": JUNE 10 - 14, 9 AM - NOON, FOR CHILDREN ENTERING 4K-5TH GRADES

REGISTRATION: Register by calling the church office or email Carrie. ONLINE Registration also available on our website home page www.longviewepc.org. or on our facebook page.

VOLUNTEERS: SIGN UP NOW! More volunteers are needed! Sign up at longviewepc.org.

***VOLUNTEER TRAININGS** will be held after lunch today and Wednesday June 5th at 5:30 p.m. All volunteers should attend one meeting. Both meetings will take place in Trinity Hall.

VBS WORKDAYS will begin tomorrow, June 3-8 from 10:00 a.m. – Noon each day.

VBS DECORATING PARTY: Next Sunday, June 9. Help decorate our campus as we prepare to serve as many as 100 kids during Roar! VBS. Lunch will be provided.

DONATIONS: There are just a few leaves left to be picked in the foyer. Don't forget to check out our **VBS Amazon Wish List**. You can click the button at longviewepc.org (all items will ship directly to the church). If you pick a leaf, make sure to write your name next to the corresponding number on the clipboard. Please deliver your donations to the church office **WITH the tag attached**. Thank you for helping us prepare for this year's ROAR VBS!

THIS WEEK:

Today - 1:00 p.m. - VBS Volunteer Training

Monday - Saturday - 10:00 a.m. - VBS Workdays

Wednesday - June 5 at 5:30 p.m. - VBS Volunteer Training

Thursday - 6:00 p.m. - Praise Team

7:47 p.m. - Backyard

UPCOMING:

June 9 - Worship with the Lord's Supper

- 10:45 a.m. VBS Decorating Party with Lunch

June 10 -14 at 9:00 a.m. - VBS ROAR!

WORSHIP HOUR NURSERY :

June 2: Room 2: Tammy Moyes & Suzi White

June 9: Room 2: Tammy Moyes & Katya Schmidt

USHERS & GREETERS

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum

June 2: Head Usher: William McCluskey

Larry Northcutt, Todd Parks, Kyle Ashley, Landon Ashley

June 9: Head Usher: Rick Poland

Jim Brun, Nico Fourie, Bob Linthicum, Tres Bainter

SAFETY TEAM:

June 2: Larry Northcutt & Todd Parks

June 9: Jim Brun & Nico Fourie

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:50

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