



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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

June 30, 2019

GATHERING MUSIC

Tender Heart

Jim Taylor

*WELCOME

Doug Ashley

Pastor: Gather us near, Heavenly Father.

People: That being close to you we will understand your intention for creation.

Pastor: Gather us near, Savior Jesus.

People: That living in you we will create communities of faith and peace.

Pastor: Gather us near, Holy Spirit.

People: That treasuring the past we will boldly shape the future.

**All: That we, women, men, boys and girls, may together be cool water
for a thirsty world.**

* Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing,

Help us to praise:

Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,

Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword,

Our prayer attend!

Come, and Thy people bless, and give Thy word success:

Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear

In this glad hour;

Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart

And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

Music/Lyrics: Tune: ITALIAN HYMN / Felice de Giardini | Music and Lyrics are in the Public Domain

* And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's love?

Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued?

Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God shouldst die for me?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!

Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,

Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

[Refrain]

Music/Lyrics: Tune: SAGINA, Charles Wesley | Music and Lyrics are in the Public Domain

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;

He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode;

On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?

With salvation's walls surrounded, thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

Savior, if of Zion's city I through grace a member am,

Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name;

Fading is the world's best pleasure, all its boasted pomp and show;

Solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

Music/Lyrics: Franz Joseph Haydn / John Newton | Music and Lyrics are in the Public Domain

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.

Come, Thou Almighty King is one of our oldest and most popular English hymns. At first it was set to the same tune as "God Save the King" (or on this side of the Atlantic, "My Country 'Tis of Thee"). The story is told that during the Revolutionary War, British soldiers entered a church in Long Island one Sunday morning and ordered the congregation to sing, "God Save The King." The organist began playing the tune, but when it came time to sing, the congregation sang "Come, Thou Almighty King" instead!

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.

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

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;
Join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

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 aye we adore Him.

Music/Lyrics: Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN / Catherine Winkworth, Joachim Neander | Music and Lyrics are in the Public Domain

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Triune God, in your economy we are all broken people in need of your transformation and healing. Forgive us for being unwilling to see the depth of our brokenness with as keen an eye as we see the brokenness of others. Forgive our demand to rank certain kinds of brokenness as worse than others. Forgive our resistance to joining hands with others in the healing process. We affirm this morning that you are, even now, healing every kind of brokenness, and that you call us to join you in that healing work. Enable us to rejoice in that invitation. In the tender and tenacious name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus! Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son!
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown!
Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.
Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels heaven can boast.
Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

Music/Lyrics: Tune: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU / Attributed to August Heinrich Hoffmann von Fallersleben and Joseph August Seiss | Music and Lyrics are in the Public Domain

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Carrie Northcutt

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

**Show Us Christ*

Prepare our hearts, O God, help us to receive
Break the hard and stony ground, help our unbelief
Plant Your Word down deep in us, cause it to bear fruit
Open up our ears to hear, lead us in Your truth.
Show us Christ, show us Christ
O God, reveal Your glory through the preaching of Your Word
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord

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SERMON

“Faith Without Limits”

* *Be Thou My Vision*

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
 Naught be all else to me save that thou art –
 Thou my best thought by day or by night,
 Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
 Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
 Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
 Thou and thou only first in my heart,
 High King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.
 High King of heaven, my victory won,
 May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 Still be my Vision, O ruler of all.

Music/Lyrics: Tune: IRISH HYMN / Mary Byrne | Music and Lyrics are in the Public Domain

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles’ Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

* *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne:
 Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
 Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
 And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
 Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave,
 And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save;
 His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 Crown Him the Lord of love! Behold His hands and side,
 Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
 All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me:
 Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Music/Lyrics: Tune: DIADEMATA /Matthew Bridges | Music and Lyrics are in the Public Domain

* **BENEDICTION*** **POSTLUDE**

**Please stand as able*

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The Apostles’ Creed, “descended into hell” and “catholic church”.

The Apostles’ Creed is one of the oldest statements of the Christian faith. The apostles didn’t write it, but it expresses the gospel truths that they taught from the very beginning of Christianity. It is a creed that is used in churches of many denominations all around the world. Some are confused by the idea of Jesus “descending into hell.” But many helpfully define a biblical understanding of hell as, at its core, eternal separation from God. When we see it in this light, we can certainly understand that at the cross, Jesus Christ experienced such separation when the sin of the world was thrust upon him. Also, the word “catholic” is being used here as a generic adjective, meaning “worldwide” or “universal” not as a reference to the Roman Catholic Church.

Sunday, June 30, 2019 Announcements & Information

MISSIONARY MESSAGING TODAY: Write letters to send to our global missionaries following the worship service. Meet in the Carlton room.

SUNDAY, JULY 7 CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AND

PATRIOTIC POTLUCK: Following worship service, we will enjoy church provided hamburgers and hotdogs celebrating 4th of July. Please bring sides such as potato salad, cole slaw, apple pie, home made ice cream or other desserts.

SR HIGH MISSION TRIP TODAY - JULY 5: Sumpango - a Mayan community located about an hour from the capital city of Guatemala City - will give students a wide variety of construction and relational ministry opportunities as they serve and worship at a local orphanage.

Next Step Ministries is "a faith-based nonprofit organization which provides students with the opportunity to develop and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ while mobilizing them to make a real difference in the world" by conducting "life-changing, one-week mission trips to various places across the globe."

Our youth and leaders will be serving the people of Sumpango in multiple areas such as working within a local church to provide a VBS, building onto and repairing the local church, and working within the school which is located within the church. Also, our youth will be partnering with a local mission which builds homes and working alongside the homeowner in the construction of these homes. These homes are concrete in nature and are much more stable than the tin homes which many of the people live in within Sumpango.

Additionally, our students will be working in an HIV orphanage. These children are seen as the lepers of their community; they long to be held and loved on. Our youth will be showering these children with the love of Jesus Christ. The following Sr High youth and their adult sponsors are planning to participate in this important experience:

Kyle Ashley, Landon Ashley, Katherine Burlingame, Olivia Ferguson, Cameron Foy, Aidan Frazier, Carolyn Hale, Jason Hubbard, Kristi Hunt, Jack Hunt, Phyllis Leath, David Luna, Otto Mendez, Noelani Nelson, Joshua Newsham, Ginia Northcutt, Cody Parks, Lauren Stoddard, Lisca Van Zyl, Nicolai Van Zyl, Ray Wei, Allison Yancey, Andrew Yancey.

SHAMPOO FOR SHELTERS HYGIENE PRODUCTS NEEDED: shampoo, conditioner, razors, shaving cream, and body wash. These items (new, unopened) can be placed in the bright green bin in the foyer. The products will be distributed each month to some of the following shelters: Hiway 80 Rescue Mission, House of Hope Hospitality Rooms, Hope Haven for Women, and Family Promise of Longview. Special thanks to Project Coordinator Ainsley Daugbjerg.

WORSHIP HOUR NURSERY :

June 30: Room 2: Kathie Ramey & Katya Schmidt

July 7: Room 2: Tammy Moyes & Katya Schmidt

USHERS & GREETERS

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum

June 30: Head Usher: Bill Bankston

Michael McMahan, Tres Bainter, ET Testerman

July 7: Head Usher: Buck Birdsong

Becky Birdsong, Ralph & Kathy Diamond

SAFETY TEAM:

June 30: Bill Bankston & Michael McMahan

July 7: Buck & Becky Birdsong

MUSIC FUNDAMENTALS CAMP JULY 29 - AUGUST 2: 10:00 a.m. - noon daily. **For 1st - 5th grade.** Every child deserves to know about music fundamentals. Our camp will provide a week of fun activities to provide children with the basics in reading music for themselves. Along with the basics, each day includes a mini-concert, snacks and break-time activities. Learning how to learn music opens up a world of possibilities for every child. The camp also includes extra musical activities and snacks. Space is limited to 40 students, so register now! Cost is \$10, which includes musical instruction and T-shirt. Go to our website (www.longviewepc.org) and click on the Music Camp link to register. We look forward to seeing you there!

NEW TO LONGVIEW EPC?

Please pick up a mug in the foyer.

For more information, please see the "Summer Sundays" flyer near the coffee.

Prayer Ministry: Confidential prayer requests may be made by emailing prayerteam@epclongview.org or by using the cards located in the friendship pads.

Tithes and Offerings: are received through the wooden boxes found at each entrance to the sanctuary, or checks mailed to the office, and electronically via the website. The website also offers a credit/debit card option.

Parents and kids: Special activity bags in the foyer.

Blankets are available on the table in the rear of the sanctuary for your comfort.

THIS WEEK:

Today - 10:50 a.m. - Missionary Messaging

Thursday & Friday - Office Closed in observance of Independence Day

UPCOMING:

July 7 - Worship Service with the Lord's Supper followed by Patriotic Potluck

July 11 - 7:47 p.m. The Backyard

July 14 - Cards & Carnations

July 21 - Missionary Messaging

July 24 - 6:00 p.m. & July 27 10:00 a.m. A Vocal Workshop with Beth Porter (see flyer on bulletin board)

July 28 - 11:45 a.m. Olde Fashioned Hymn Sing and/or Family Pool Party at the Carlile's

July 29 - August 2 10:00 a.m. - Noon Music FUNDamentals Camp
6:00 p.m. - Youth Movie Night

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:50

RULING ELDERS

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