



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Coming together
to know Christ and to make him known.

August 11, 2019

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Choir Ensemble

Music and Lyrics: John Bacchus Dykes, Reginald Heber | © 1994 Benson Publishing

*WELCOME

Jason Hubbard

Leader: Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person.
The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

**People: All of this is a gift from God,
who brought us back to himself through Christ.**

Leader: Praise the LORD!

All: The LORD's name be praised!

* Joy of the Lord

Refrain: The joy of the Lord is my strength! The joy of the Lord is my strength!
In the darkness I'll dance. In the shadows I'll sing.
The joy of the Lord is my strength!

Though the tears may fall, my song will rise. My song will rise to You.
Though my heart may fail, my song will rise. My song will rise to You.
While there's breath in my lungs I will praise You, Lord.

In the dead of night, I'll lift my eyes. I'll lift my eyes to You.
When the waters rise, I'll lift my eyes. I'll lift my eyes to You.
While there's hope in this heart I will praise You, Lord. [*Refrain*]

When I cannot see You with my eyes, let faith arise to You.
When I cannot feel Your hand in mine, let faith arise to You.
God of mercy and love, I will praise You, Lord.

Oh, You shine with glory, Lord of light. I feel alive with You.
In Your presence now I come alive. I am alive with You.
There is strength when I say, "I will praise You, Lord!" [*Refrain*]

When sorrow comes my way, You are the shield around me.
Always You remain like courage in the fight. I hear You call my name.
Jesus, I am coming. Walking on the waves, reaching for Your light. [*Refrain*]

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* 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.

Music and Lyrics: John Hughes, Peter Williams, et al.
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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.

What does it mean to worship in community with other Christians?

One important component in Christian community is expecting God to be at work in our brothers and sisters. Pastor and author Eugene Peterson writes, "A community of faith flourishes when we view each other with this expectancy, wondering what God will do today in this one, in that one. When we are in a community with those Christ loves and redeems, we are constantly finding out new things about them. They are new persons each morning, endless in their possibilities. We explore the fascinating depths of their friendship, share the secrets of their quest. It is impossible to be bored in such a community, impossible to feel alienated among such people." (From E. Peterson *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*) What are you prayerfully expecting for those in worship with you this morning?

Rehearsing the Gospel. There are many reasons we choose to make explicit the Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon. One of the principle reasons is to “rehearse” the Gospel. The Gospel—the good news of Jesus Christ—is not merely something that we receive to enter into faith. It is a perpetual, life-changing reality that we must seek to embrace at deeper and deeper levels. Put another way, we might say that growing more mature in our faith and becoming more like Jesus involves one principle reality: believing the Gospel at deeper and richer levels. The regular practice of Confession and Assurance molds our soul into a “Gospel shape” such that the pattern of the liturgy, over time, “becomes” us, as we begin to relate to God through the Gospel in our day to day lives; as in our day to day lives we find reason to confess and receive the promised assurance that is ours in Christ Jesus.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Holy God, you asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose.
I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard.*

*You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice.
I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.*

*You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.
I closed them, for I did not want to see.*

*You asked for my life, that you might work through me.
I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.*

*Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you only when it is convenient,
safe and easy. Forgive and renew me that I might take seriously the meaning of
your cross and the reality of your resurrection. Amen.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Great are You, Lord

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.

You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken, and great are You Lord.

It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise.

We pour out our praise. It's Your breath in our lungs,

So we pour out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise.

Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing, "Great are You Lord!" (Repeat)

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CHILDREN'S LESSON

Carrie Northcutt

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.

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SERMON LESSON

Luke 12:32-40

Doug Ashley

SERMON

“Getting Ready”

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.

Living Hope

Refrain: Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me.
You have broken every chain. There's salvation in Your name,
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

How great the chasm that lay between us. How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven, and spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness tore through the shadows of my soul.
The work is finished, the end is written; Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory, to wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven, the King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever, Jesus Christ my living hope. [*Refrain*]

Then came the morning that sealed the promise; Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me.
Declared the grave has no claim on me.
Jesus Yours is the victory. Whoa! [*Refrain*]

Jesus Christ my living hope.
Oh, God, You are my living hope.

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* 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

**My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

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. [*Refrain*]

When darkness veils His lovely face I rest on His unchanging grace.
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. [*Refrain*]

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. [*Refrain*]

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. [*Refrain*]

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as able*

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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. Creeds are never meant simply for head knowledge. They are reminders of important truths about who God is and what he has done that drive us to worship him with greater awe, deeper joy and increased passion. As all of us (children, youth and adults!) recite this creed this morning, let's allow the words and ideas behind them stir the affections of our hearts to pour out praise!

Sunday, August 11, 2019 Announcements & Information

TODAY, NAME IT...SING IT! The music trivia game where everyone sings along! Come join us in the Sanctuary following worship service as we sing various songs together just for fun and fellowship.

TODAY, CHURCH FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: Join us at 5:00 p.m. in Trinity Hall for fun, food, & fellowship as we enjoy watching Mary Poppins Returns! All ages invited - bring your kids and grandkids too! Pizza and popcorn will be provided. Bring dessert or snacks.

DEACON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION: Our worship service on August 18 will include ordination and installation our new Deacons: Becky Birdsong (Worship Arts), Brian Daugbjerg (Missions & Outreach), Nico Fourie (Building & Grounds), Jenny Hubbard (Children's), Fred Irwin (Finance) and Leonard Wiley (Congregational Care). Please plan to attend this important event.

NURSERY AND TODDLER VOLUNTEER TRAINING: Interested in serving in the nursery or toddler rooms this fall? Join us for the Nursery Volunteer Training on **Wednesday, August 21st at 6:00 p.m.** in Trinity Hall to see what's new. If you really want to help but cannot make this date for training, please email Carrie at childrensministry@epclongview.org.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY AUGUST 25: Potluck lunch following worship service. Please bring a salad, side or dessert to go with brisket prepared by Richard Werline. Plan to come enjoy our kick-off Sunday together. All are welcome to stay. We always have plenty of food.

DEACON AND RULING ELDER NOMINATIONS:

- Forms are enclosed explaining all of the details.
- Please continue to pray for our Church Officer Nominating Committee (CONC) as they guide us in the selection of two Deacons and four Elders. CONC members are: Eric Skoog (*Chair*), Lisa Van Zyl (*Chair-Elect*), Susan Shea, Becky Birdsong and Liz Johnson.
- There are some copies of the updated directory on the foyer table if you wish to look through it or take one. Also, our current directory is available online at www.epclongview.org/about/directory.

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.

MWL DRIVERS AND SUBSTITUTES NEEDED! Longview Community Ministries new program, Meals With Love (formerly Meals on Wheels), needs drivers (see bulletin board). Please contact Terrye Hudson at tmhud5@yahoo.com or 903-720-5325.

NEW TO LONGVIEW EPC?

Please pick up a mug in the foyer.

Fellowship coffee and snacks in the foyer.

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

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.

Church app coming soon!

THIS WEEK:

Today - 11:00 a.m. - Name It...Sing It!
5:00 p.m. - Family Movie Night
Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Thursday - 5:30 p.m. - Praise Team
7:47 p.m. - The Backyard

UPCOMING:

August 18 - Deacon Ordination and Installation during Worship Service
August 21 - 6:00 p.m. Nursery Volunteer Meeting in Trinity Hall
August 25 - Celebration Sunday
Potluck Lunch Following Worship Service

WORSHIP HOUR NURSERY:

August 11: Room 2: Leslie Carlile & Noe Nelson

August 18: Room 2: Lauren Stoddard & volunteer needed

USHERS & GREETERS:

Morning openers: Bob & Barbara Linthicum

August 11: Head Usher: Buck Birdsong
Fred Irwin, Bill & Beth Franklin

August 18: Head Usher: Rick Poland
Michael McMahan, Jason Hunt, Bob Linthicum & Cody Parks

SAFETY TEAM:

August 11: Buck Birdsong & Fred Irwin

August 18: Jason Hunt & Michael McMahan

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday Classes 10:50

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