



# Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Coming together  
to know Christ and to make him known

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## GATHERING MUSIC

“This I Believe (The Creed)”

Praise Team

Music and Lyrics: Ben Fielding, Matt Crocker  
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## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jason Hubbard

Leader: Creation and creatures applaud you, LORD; your holy people bless you.

**People: We talk about the glories of your rule, we exclaim your splendor  
as we let the world know of your power for good.**

Leader: The LORD always does what he says and is gracious in everything he does.

**People: He gives a hand to those who are down and a fresh start  
to those ready to quit.**

**All: All eyes are on you, expectant! Everything you do is right -  
your trademark is love. (From Psalm 145:10-17)**

## \*Our God

*Refrain:* Our God is greater. Our God is stronger. God, You are higher than any other.  
Our God is healer, awesome in power, our God, our God.

Water You turned into wine; opened the eyes of the blind;  
There's no one like You. None like You.  
Into the darkness You shine. Out of the ashes we rise.  
There's no one like You. None like You. *[Refrain]*

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?  
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against? *(Repeat)*  
Then what could stand against? *[Refrain]*

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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 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.

Music and Lyrics: Catherine Winkworth, Joachim Neander  
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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 Narthex.*

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

**Worship throughout the week.** Worship isn't something we merely do on Sundays. In fact, Scripture speaks of it as a way of life (Romans 12:1). Therefore we can view corporate worship as a springboard for weekly worship. Allow your Sundays to set the pace and tone of the rest of your week. Take your worship bulletins home. Take sermon notes and bring them to regular attention throughout the week. Look up songs and hymns online and meditate on them. Re-read the passages of Scripture read in worship. Pray that the Holy Spirit would open up your heart to these and other ways you can worship this week!

**Children are worshipers, too!** We believe that our children are part of the very people of God. While His disciples tried to stop people from bringing infants to Jesus, our Lord welcomed them into his arms, and in a symbolic act he signaled that the kingdom of God was made up of little ones just like these (Luke 18:15-17). And if God truly has ordained praise from the lips of children and infants (Psalm 8:2), they are part of the people of God, called to worship! So let's model for them so much more than how to sit quietly during a sermon. Let's model for them how to worship on Sunday mornings by singing loudly, praying sincerely and responding genuinely to God's invitation to be a part of what he is doing throughout our world!

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Heavenly Father, thank you that when we were dead in our trespasses and sins you raised us to new life in Christ. In the safety of this new life we ask forgiveness:**

**for speaking words that violate peace,  
for scheduling ourselves into grumpiness,  
for thinking more about how to get rather than how to give  
for being passive in the face of injustice.**

**Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“God is sheer mercy and grace;  
not easily angered, he's rich in love.  
He doesn't endlessly nag and scold,  
nor hold grudges forever.  
He doesn't treat us as our sins deserve,  
nor pay us back in full for our wrongs.  
As high as heaven is over the earth,  
so strong is his love to those who fear him.” (Psalm 103:8-11)

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

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

### Cornerstone

*Refrain:* Christ alone, cornerstone;  
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.  
Through the storm, He is Lord,  
Lord of all. (He is Lord, Lord of all.)

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name. (Repeat) [Refrain]

When darkness seems to hide His face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil;  
My anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

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

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## CHILDREN'S LESSON

Jenny Hubbard

## SONG OF ILLUMINATION

*\*Speak, O Lord*

Speak O Lord, as we come to You; to receive the food of Your holy word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us. Shape and fashion us in Your likeness.

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises.  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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## SERMON LESSON

1 Kings 18:1-16

Shelley Kral

## SERMON

“Obadiah: The Man on the Inside”

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“Another in the Fire”

There'll be another in the fire standing next to me.  
There'll be another in the waters holding back the seas.  
And should I ever need reminding how good You've been to me.  
I'll count the joy come ev'ry battle 'cause I know that's where You'll be.

And I can see the light in the darkness  
As the darkness bows to Him.  
I can hear the roar in the heavens  
As the space between wears thin.  
I can feel the ground shake beneath us  
As the prison walls cave in.  
Nothing stands between us.  
Nothing stands between us.  
As the prison walls cave in.  
Nothing stands between us.  
Nothing stands between us.

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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

### \*How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word.  
What more can He say, than to you He hath said,  
to you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?  
Fear not! I am with thee! Oh, be not dismayed!  
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid.  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand;  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand  
When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply.  
The flame shall not hurt thee, I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine  
The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes.  
That soul, though all hell, should endeavor to shake;  
I never, no never, no never forsake.  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake;  
I will never, no never, no never forsake!

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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 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. We continue the use of the word catholic to retain our connection to the historical and global church.