



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Coming together
to know Christ and to make him known

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CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“I Sing The Mighty Power of God”

Chancel Choir

Arr: Stan Pethel - Lyrics: Isaac Watts - Based on Forrest Green, © 1993 Lorenz Publishing

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Shelley Kral

Pastor: No one’s ever seen or heard anything like this,
never so much as imagined anything quite like it -

People: What God has arranged for those who love him.

Pastor: But you’ve seen and heard it because God by his Spirit
has brought it all out into the open before you.

**People: The Spirit, not content to flit around on the surface, dives into
the depths of God, and brings out what God planned all along.**

Pastor: Praise the Lord!

All: The Lord be praised! (1 Corinthians 2:9-10)

*May the Peoples Praise You

Refrain: May the peoples praise You! Let the nations be glad!

All Your blessing comes that we may praise; may praise the Name of Jesus.

You have called us out of darkest night into Your glorious light,
That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.

May our every breath retell the grace that broke into our strife
With boundless love, and deepest joy; with endless life. [Refrain]

All the earth is Yours, and all within; each harvest is Your own.
And from Your hand we give to You to make Christ known.

May the seeds of mercy grow in us, for those who have not heard.
May songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your Word. [Refrain]

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty. Worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty. All creation praise Your glorious name. [Refrain]

This our holy priv’lege to declare Your praises and Your name
To every nation, tribe, and tongue; your church proclaims! [Refrain]

May praise the Name of Jesus. May praise the Name of Jesus.

Lyrics and Music: David Zimmer, Ed Cash, et. al

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*Another in the Fire

There’s a grace when the heart is under fire;
Another way when the walls are closing in.
And when I look at the space between where I used to be and this reckoning,
I know I will never be alone.

There was another in the fire standing next to me.
There was another in the waters holding back the seas.
And should I ever need reminding of how I’ve been set free,
There is a cross that bears the burden where another died for me.
There is another in the fire.

All my debt left for dead beneath the waters.
I’m no longer a slave to my sin anymore.
And should I fall in the space between what remains of me and this reckoning,
Either way I won’t bow to the things of this world. And I know I will never be alone.

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Welcome! We are here because we believe Jesus Christ is the only hope for true change. He is the only genuine hope for freedom from whatever enslaves us; healing from the many actions that harm us; deliverance from shame that belittles us; rescue from the evil that violates us. As well, we believe that only through Jesus Christ will the hopes hidden in our deepest desires truly be satisfied. So the main reason our church exists is so the presence of Jesus Christ and the way of Jesus Christ may be experienced in the lives of normal anxious, wounded, cautious, ‘looking for more’ people like you and me. So again, welcome; we’re glad you’re here.

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

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

Changing our mindset as we step into worship. “When I walk through the doors of the church, I need to change my mindset and consciously remind myself: This is not like driving my car; I am not in control; I will go where God wants to take me; this is not a trip to the mall; this is not about “consumption”, this is not about “entertainment,” but about the praise and the presence of God—the God who is more lastingly real than the car in which I drove to get here.” (John Jefferson Davis, *Worship and the Reality of God*, 23)

Why do we pray in Jesus' name?

To pray in Jesus' name is not to recite an incantation or a formula which obligates God to listen to that prayer differently than he listens to prayers not offered in Jesus' name. Nor is it a matter of learning proper prayer etiquette (along the lines of teaching your children to be sure they say 'please' and 'thank you'). To pray in Jesus' name is to consciously offer prayer in accord with all that his name stands for. It is to pray recognizing that the only approach to God we enjoy is Jesus himself. It is to pray realizing that only because of what Jesus has done are we able to speak to the Father as Jesus himself did. It is to pray submitting our words and requests to the good and perfect will of Almighty God, as did Jesus Christ himself.

There is another in the fire standing next to me.
There is another in the waters holding back the seas.
And should I ever need reminding what power set me free,
There is a grave that holds no body and now that power lives in me.
There is another in the fire. Oh! There is another in the fire. Oh!
There is another in the fire. Oh!

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!

There is no other name but the Name that is Jesus;
He who was, and still is, and will be through it all.
So come what may in the space between, all the things unseen and this reckoning,
I know I will never be alone. I know I will never be alone.

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.
I'll count the joy come ev'ry battle, 'cause I know that's where You'll be.
I'll count the joy come ev'ry battle, 'cause I know that's where You'll be.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, by your mercy we humbly confess that once again we have failed to be grateful.

**We have envied what others have,
we have prided over who we think we are,
we have sought revenge on those who have disrespected us,
we have lusted after pleasures outside your will.**

**And all the while, we have sat in judgment over those doing the same.
Heal us and change us, O Lord. By your Spirit fill our hearts with peace and contentment
that we may live and love as you do. In your name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*The LORD upholds all those who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.
The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. The LORD is near
to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. (Psalm 145:14, 17-18)*

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins they are many His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us!
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford,
Our sins they are many His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more! Stronger than darkness new every morn;
Our sins they are many His mercy is more. (Repeat)

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CHILDREN'S LESSON

Carrie Northcutt

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.
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

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SERMON LESSON

1 Kings 18:17-40

Doug Ashley

SERMON

“Elijah: The Man with a Plan”

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.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

“I Will Trust In The Lord (Octavo)”

Chancel Choir

Music and Lyrics: Lloyd Larson, Incorporating "I Will Trust", African American Spiritual
and "Trust In Jesus", by William J. Kirkpatrick
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THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

*Doxology (Old 100th)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!

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* Before The Throne Of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea;
A great High Priest whose name is love who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heaven He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within;
Upward I look and see Him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless, Righteousness.
The Great unchangeable I AM, the King of Glory and of Grace;
One with Himself I cannot die my soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God.
With Christ my Savior and my God.

Hallelujah! My life is found in Jesus Christ. Hallelujah! For I am His and He is mine.

Words and Music: Charlie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook
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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as able*

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What is a doxology? A doxology is simply short words sung or recited in praise of God. There are numerous examples in Scripture as well as historical writings of the church. What is known to us as the “Doxology” came to its final form in 1709. The lyrics are set to the tune known as the “Old 100th” attributed to Louis Beourgeois (c. 1501-1559). It is often associated with the dedication of monetary offerings in praise of God, but it was written with a broader purpose in mind. Today, we claim that broader purpose as we praise the Lord for the ways he is at work in and through us as we proclaim his truth to the world.