



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Longview EPC is a faith family walking together to know Christ and to make him known by engaging in dynamic worship, pursuing spiritual wisdom, investing in deep relationships and affecting social renewal.

JUNE 17, 2018

GATHERING

GATHERING SONG

Never Let Go of Me

VBS singers

*Through every storm of life I know you're by my side,
So I am holding on to your promises.*

*You are the God who holds my future all my dreams;
So I am holding on. You never let go of me!*

*You gave me hope when hope was all but gone;
A second chance to sing a brand-new song.*

You opened up my eyes to see when You rescued me rescued me.

*You showed the way when there was no way out;
Cleared up my mind when you erased all doubt.*

You made me strong when I was weak, You rescued me rescued me

You are my God, I'm holding on to you.

You are my God I know you'll see me through. Hey!

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Welcome!

May each person who enters through our church doors this morning find great joy and spiritual nourishment as we worship together. Welcome to all of you today!

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

Please sign the attendance registers located at the end of each pew.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Shelley Kral

Pastor: When you're lonely

People: Jesus rescues!

Pastor: When you worry

People: Jesus rescues!

Pastor: When you struggle

People: Jesus rescues!

Pastor: When you do wrong

People: Jesus rescues!

Pastor: When you're powerless

People: Jesus rescues!

*My Lighthouse

My Lighthouse! My Lighthouse!

Shining in the darkness, I will follow you, I will follow You.

My Lighthouse! My Lighthouse!

I will trust the promise You will carry me safe to shore,

Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.

In my wrestling and in my doubts,

in my failures, You won't walk out.

Your great love will lead me through.

You are the peace in my troubled sea.

You are the peace in my troubled sea.

I won't fear what tomorrow brings.

With each morning, I'll rise and sing.

My God's love will lead me through.

You are the peace in my troubled sea.

You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Why have children in the sanctuary for the entirety of worship?

Our children are members of the covenant community (the church) so it is appropriate for them to be included in this primary activity of covenant worship (Acts 2:42; Ephesians 10:24-25). As they are, they will be present in the midst of Christians of all ages and see that it isn't their parents alone who believe, who alone worship through singing, prayer, sacraments and listening to God's word; but that there is a wonderful gathering of all kinds of people who meet week after week for this central activity. Likewise it counters the fragmenting of families so prevalent in our culture that separates us by age and robs us of intergenerational teaching. How many of us at one time or another have learned more from a child than an adult, or understood the children's lesson better than the sermon? Finally, having children in worship prepares them for the rhythms of church life, so as they grow older they can participate more freely because they understand the 'language' being spoken.

**Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

Jesus, Jesus! How I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er.
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus; O, for grace to trust Him more.

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus; just to take Him at His word,
Just to rest upon His promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend.
And I know that you are with me; will be with me to the end.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

MORNING PRAYER

MUSIC MINISTRY

Praise His Holy Name

Cornerstone Choir

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy reigns; unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me. His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow; the sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine. You are forever mine.

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) by Chris Tomlin, John Newton, Louis Giglio; 2006 sixsteps music. CCLI License No. 11081661

PROCLAIMING

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

Psalm 122

Doug Ashley

SERMON

With the End in Mind

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Upon This Rock

Cornerstone Choir

SENDING

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

**Soon and Very Soon*

Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the king!

No more cryin' there; We are going to see the King.
No more cryin' there; We are going to see the King.
No more cryin' there; We are going to see the King.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the king!

No more worry there; We are going to see the King.
No more worry there; We are going to see the King.
No more worry there; We are going to see the King.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the king!

Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the king!

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

**Please stand as able*

“**Soon and Very Soon**” is a widely popular gospel song written in 1978 by Andrae Crouch (1942-2015). It is based on Revelation 21:3-4: “And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’” While it does not appear in many hymnals, a bridge between the stanzas reveals that though the hymn text is pointed toward heaven, the composer acknowledged our earthly struggles: there are “rivers we must cross” and “mountains we must climb”, but “God will supply the strength we need . . . till we reach the other side.” May we take that confidence into our week and continuing singing Hallelujah everyday!

SUMMER...TIME! One of the best parts of the summer is TIME. With school being out and vacations being taken, summer is the prime time for TIME. Time with friends, time with family, time to relax, time to play, time to simply *be*. In that spirit, this summer we are inviting our faith family and friends to take time to *be* together. Instead of offering summer school lessons, we are offering Summer...TIME! Take the time after worship to gather in Trinity Hall and enjoy coffee and snacks and visit with old friends and make new friends. Spend a half hour as families, catching up and reaching out. Use the time to plan get-togethers with people you know, people you want to know better, and people you don't know at all! Invite someone to lunch, offer to make someone dinner, ask people to come along with your family to the movies. We are providing this TIME to help you make TIME for others. Who knows what the Lord will do as we make ourselves available to one another!

WELCOME TO TODAY'S GUEST MUSICIANS

Our guest choir today is from Cornerstone Presbyterian Church located in Leawood, Kansas. The choirs at Cornerstone are committed to sharing God's word in song with people at all ages and stages of life. Through the process of music making, they seek to establish a Christ-centered community where individuals are encouraged to grow musically and spiritually and by so doing deepen one's faith throughout their lifetime. The youth choir presenting music today is on their summer mission trip tour, from June 16th - 22nd.

WELCOME ALL VBS 2018 "SHIPWRECKED" SURVIVORS! Thank you to Jenny Hubbard and all the many volunteers who led our successful VBS this past week. Today, we hope you will enjoy the presentation and some of the music enjoyed by all those who were part of this experience.

OUR LITTLEST ONES NEED YOU! Our nursery and toddler rooms are a wonderful way to serve the youngest in our faith family. During the summer with so many people traveling, there are lots of spots available to volunteer on Sunday mornings. If you are available, especially in July or August, please contact Jenny Bond (903-736-5353) and spend about an hour serving our sweet little ones.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Monday, June 18:** Summer office hours begin (Mondays, 9-1; Tuesdays-Thursdays, 9-4; Fridays, 9-1)
- **Wednesday, June 20:** Youth movie night
- **Sunday, June 24-30:** Sr High Mission trip
- **Sunday, July 1:** Communion and 1st Sunday potluck lunch

PARENTS AND KIDS

We have special activity bags in the foyer just for you! Each week there will be something new and special in them to help you learn more about God and have fun!

FIRST SUNDAY WORSHIP AND POTLUCK: On Sunday, July 1, worship with the Lord's Supper and then join us for a Patriotic Potluck Luncheon immediately following worship service. Please bring side dishes to complement hamburgers and hot dogs provided by the church—baked beans, potato salad, chips, etc. If you wish to bring a dessert, we are asking for pies and cakes to stay with our Patriotic theme (apple pie, cherry pie, blueberry dessert, etc.). All are welcome to join!

SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:

June 17 — Jon Kral & Daniel Bond
June 24 — Buck Birdsong & Clay Brelsford

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, June 17 — Infants: Kathie Ramey & Melissa Hudson; Toddlers: Jenny Bond & Noe Nelson
Sunday, June 24 — Infants: Mary Goll & Makenzie Goll; Toddlers: Glenda Bays & Noe Nelson

USHERS & GREETERS:

Morning openers—Bob & Barbara Linthicum
June Head Usher—Clay Brelsford
June 17 — Daniel Bond
June 24 — William McCluskey, Mike McMahan, Buck Birdsong, E T Testerman

NEW TO LONGVIEW EPC? Please check the foyer for an EPC mug and brochure for you!

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday School 10:45

RULING ELDERS

Gena Bunn '18
Ginia Northcutt '18
Kathie Ramey '18
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Michael McMahan '19
Matt Yost '19
Jim Brun '20
Kerri Daugbjerg '20
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