



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

We are 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 24, 2018

GATHERING

GATHERING SONG

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Stan Pethel

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jason Hubbard

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: **The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!

People: **They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power.**

Leader: They shall make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,

People: **and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

All: ***Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your rule endures throughout all generations!***

*Beautiful One

Beautiful One, I love You.

Beautiful One, I adore!

Beautiful One, my soul must sing.

Wonderful, so wonderful is your unfailing love.

Your cross has spoken mercy over me.

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart could fully know

How glorious, how beautiful you are!

Powerful, so powerful! Your glory fills the skies.

Your mighty works displayed for all to see.

The beauty of your majesty awakes my heart to sing.

How marvelous, how wonderful you are!

You opened my eyes to your wonders anew.

You captured my heart with this love

'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as you. (Repeat)

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*Rescue

'Cause I need You, Jesus, to come to my rescue. Where else can I go?

There's no other name by which I am saved. Capture me with grace. I will follow You.

You are the source of life and I can't be left behind.

No one else will do, and I will take hold of You.

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Welcome!

Whether you are young or old; first time in a church or a long-time worshipper, full of questions and doubt or confidence and joy – or places in between all that - we are glad you are here!

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

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

Why is the Call to Worship important?

First, we live in a society that teaches us to think highly of our own ability. Americans are a fiercely independent, self-motivated people. The Call to Worship re-orient us to our dependence of God. We come to worship because God has a summons on our lives. We come to worship because God initiates with us (not the other way around). So the Call to Worship reminds us of God's sovereign reign over us. Second, in the Bible the earliest word used to describe the Church was ekklesia. (It's where we get our words "ecclesiastical" and "ecclesiology.") Its root is the Greek word kaleo, which means, "to call." The people of God, as the ekklesia, are "the called-out ones." When we hear the Call to Worship, we are being reminded of our identity as those called out and set apart by God for His holy purposes. We are reminded that we are not our own. We are reminded that we are "resident aliens" in this world. We are reminded that we are treasured and loved by God!

What does the Bible mean by "fear"? The Bible primarily uses the word fear two different ways. On the one hand fear expresses anticipation of future pain that becomes central to our thinking and behavior. We fear we will lose our freedom so our decisions are centralized around keeping our options open. We fear not measuring up so we organize our lives around proving our value by meeting a given standard. We fear illness so do everything we can to keep germs at bay. This is the type of fear referenced when scripture tells us "do not fear" or "fear not". The other type of fear expresses anticipation of a future held in God's loving and sovereign hands. This kind of fear asks us to be awed by God's power over all of life. Awed that God's grace is bigger than any sin we could ever commit (so release the guilt). Awed by God's wisdom that is working all things out on the proper timetable and in the best manner (so release the worry). Awed by God's love and care that ensures you won't miss out on anything necessary for a happy life (so release the self-pity). Awed by the holiness of God that will bring justice to all (so release the anger). This is the type of fear referenced when Scripture beseeches us to 'fear the LORD'. Which future will centralize your thoughts and actions? To which fear will you surrender?

My heart is Yours for life. I need Your hand in mine.
No one else will do. I put my trust in You.

I will follow You. This world has nothing for me.

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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 being passive in the face of the unacceptable, for scheduling ourselves into grumpiness, and for thinking more about how to get rather than how to give. In Jesus' name we humble ourselves and offer our prayer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear the good news!
"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8-9)
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us! Much we need thy tender care.
In thy pleasant pastures feed us,! For our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus; thou has bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, thou has bought us, Thine we are.

Thou has promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be.
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus; Early let us turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to thee.

PROCLAIMING

CHILDREN'S LESSON

Jenny Hubbard

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

Psalms 123

Shelley Kral

SERMON

The Master's Way

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

No Longer Slaves

Brian Johnson, et.al.

*I'm no longer a slave to fear! I am a child of God.
I'm no longer a slave to fear! I am a child of God.*

*You unravel me with a melody;
You surround me with a song of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone.*

*From my Mother's womb You have chosen me. Love has called my name.
I've been born again into your family.
Your blood flows through my veins.*

*You split the sea so I could walk right through it.
My fears were drowned in perfect love.
You rescued me so I could stand and sing,
"I am a child of God."*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, SR HIGH MISSION TRIP

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

SENDING

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

**The Doxology*

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**Thrive*

So living water flowing through; God, we thirst for more of You;
Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire.

Just to know You and to make You known we lift Your name on high!
Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide.
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.
It's time for us to more than just survive; we were made to thrive.

Here in this worn and weary land where many a dream has died;
Like a tree planted by the water, we never will run dry.

Into Your Word we're digging deep to know our Father's heart.
Into the world we're reaching out to show them who You are.

Joy unspeakable! Faith unsinkable! Love unstoppable! Anything is possible!

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Hand of the Master

**Please stand as able*

How is "Prayers of the People" different from personal prayer?

"Prayers of the People" is an occasion in our worship for speaking to our God not as individual followers of Jesus, but as the unified body of Christ located in this space at this time. Thus our liturgy is as follows:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer. (Notice it is singular rather than plural)

This morning our prayers will be focused on the High School Mission Trip to San Augustine that leaves this afternoon.

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 the foyer 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!

FIRST SUNDAY WORSHIP AND PATRIOTIC POTLUCK:

Next 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; fried and baked chicken 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!

SENIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP JUNE 24—30

Located in far east Texas, the people of San Augustine County have united with a vision of a community centered on Christ's love. A community facing many economic and physical challenges such as rising poverty finds its hope in a strong base of church and community leaders committed to seeing their community thrive. We will partner with the determined people of San Augustine County to unite their community through love and outreach based on the love of Christ—the kind of reconciliation first found in Christ and then extended to one's neighbor. The following sr. high youth and their adult sponsors are planning to participate in this important experience:

Landon Ashley, Kyle Ashley, Sophie Bunn, Katherine Burlingame, Daniel Fourie, Wren Knapp, Samuel Metzler, Jacee Pinson, Lauren Stoddard, Nicolai Van Zyl, Jason Hubbard, Phyllis Leath, Otto Mendez, Josh Newsham, Bertu Van Zyl, Raymond Wei. See the Booklet for more information..

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS HAVE BEGUN:

Mondays, 9-1; Tuesdays-Thursdays, 9-4; Fridays, 9-1

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!

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 or jennyb@epclongview.org) and plan to spend about an hour serving our sweet little ones.

SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:

June 24 — Buck Birdsong & Clay Brelsford

July 1 — Keith Moyes & Bill Bagley

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, June 24 — Infants: volunteers; Toddlers: Glenda Bays & Noe Nelson

Sunday, July 1 — Infants: Jenny Bond & Melissa Hudson; Toddlers: Larry & Carrie Northcutt & Noe Nelson

USHERS & GREETERS:

Morning openers—Bob & Barbara Linthicum

June Head Usher—Clay Brelsford

June 24 — William McCluskey, Mike McMahan, Buck Birdsong, E T Testerman

July Head Usher—William McCluskey

July 1 — Keith Moyes, Rick Poland, ET Testerman, Karen Harris

GRATEFUL FOR YOU! We continue to be encouraged by what God is doing: creating a community of people committed to changing lives through his gospel. We are very thankful for your continuing prayers, service and financial commitment - the earthly fuel of this creation. Please contact Treasurer, Gordon Northcutt, if you have any questions.

5/31/18	Tithes, Gifts, Income, (+)	Operating Expenses, (-)	Capital Exp (-)	Difference
Monthly (May)	\$ 74,600	\$ 80,548	\$0	\$- 5,948
Year to Date	\$286,001	\$372,100	\$0	\$-86,098

Unrestricted Cash Balance \$129,362

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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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