



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.

OCTOBER 1, 2017

GATHERING

GATHERING SONG

I Will Give Joyful Thanks

Douglas Nolan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth!
Sing about the glory of his name!

**People: How awesome are your deeds!
Everything on earth will worship you;
they will sing your praises,
Shouting your name in glorious songs.**

Pastor: Come and see what our God has done,
what awesome miracles he performs for people!

**People: Let the whole world bless our God
and loudly sing his praises.**

**All: Our lives are in his hands,
and he keeps our feet from stumbling.**

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

**I Am*

There's no space that His love can't reach there's no place where we can't find peace
There's no end to amazing grace

Take me in with Your arms spread wide
Take me in like an orphan child never let go never leave my side

I AM holding onto you I AM holding onto you
In the middle of the storm I AM holding on I AM

Love like this O my God to find I am overwhelmed with a joy divine
Love like this sets our hearts on fire

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Welcome!

This morning we will be celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. If you have not professed faith in Christ or if you are hearing the gospel for the first time, though you will not be partaking of the sacrament, it is our privilege to welcome you here. Perhaps what you experience will raise questions for you. After the service, we will be eager to talk with you further about the joy of our life in Christ and the significance of this celebration in our life together. If you have professed faith in Jesus Christ, we are honored to be worshipping with you this morning!

Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.

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

Where is God during worship?

God is as close as the air we breathe. We don't need to ask God if we can come into His presence during worship (or invite Him into a situation causing us distress; or to be with us as we enter our work place or school on Monday morning). Jesus said, "I am with you, even to the ends of the earth" (Matthew 28:20); this means God is already here – wherever our 'here' may be! So rather than praying for God to come to us, let us pray that God enables us to recognize and applaud Him for where He is already. Will you consider starting now?

This is my resurrection song this is my hallelujah come
This is why it's to You I run (REPEAT)

There's no space that His love can't reach there's no place where we can't find peace
There's no end to amazing grace

I AM in the middle of the storm I am holding on I AM

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MORNING PRAYER

Worship Team

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I can not give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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PROCLAIMING

SONG OF INVOCATION

**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

Exodus 14:10-31

Doug Ashley

SERMON

“Set Us Free: The Fear Shift”

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

If you are a baptized Christian who actively trusts in Jesus Christ for salvation and are willing to for-sake your sin, you are welcome to take Holy Communion this morning. If you are wrestling with the claims of Jesus and his place in your life, this time is still for you. Rather than coming forward to take the elements, please remain seated and contemplate taking Christ himself. The prayers that follow are supplied for your consideration.**

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment. Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

**Prayers from Redeemer Presbyterian Church of New York City

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Doug Ashley

Forgive us, Father, for the sin alive in us. It has made us more demanding than serving, more accusing than forgiving, more defensive than approachable, more critical than patient. Thank you for the hope we have in Jesus Christ who invades these places with his grace and makes us new every morning. In his name we pray, amen.

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

Music for The Lord's Supper

Let Us Come

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Beau Sullivan

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.

*Passing of the Peace

**There Is a Fountain*

There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains lose all their guilty stains
And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day
And there may I though vile as he wash all my sins away
Wash all my sins away wash all my sins away
And there may I though vile as he wash all my sins away

E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love has been my theme and shall be till I die
And shall be till I die and shall be till I die
Redeeming love has been my theme and shall be till I die

Wash all my sins away wash all my sins away
Redeeming love has been my theme and shall be till I die

SENDING

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

**Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*
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What is a Benediction? The benediction is not just a way of ending the meeting, but an action in which God himself, speaking through the human worship leader, pronounces his favor on the people. A biblical benediction is, in effect, a summary of the gospel: "and now may the love of God, and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, Amen." Like a mother giving her child a kiss at the door before the child leaves for school, God says to his children as they leave the meeting, "I love you and will be with you as you go." (John Jefferson Davis, *Worship and the Reality of God*, 103).

**Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*

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 til I want no more feed me til I want no more

Open now 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

***BENEDICTION**

Doug Ashley

***POSTLUDE**

**Please stand as able*

*The rosebud today is given to the glory of God
and in honor of the safe arrival of
Houston Harrison Russell on September 27, 2017,
infant son of Matthew and Brandi Russell.
Congratulations to grandparents Susan and Bill Pope
and to great-grandmother Ann Smead.*

FIRST SUNDAY: Stay for Fall-themed potluck lunch in Trinity Hall immediately following worship today (no Sunday School). Everyone is welcome!

PRAYER PARTNERS: We would like for each child in our faith family, from birth to 5th grade, to be given an adult prayer partner who will commit to praying for this child for the rest of his or her life. What a blessing that will be for the praying adult and for each child. Contact Emily Holloway to sign up.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY: The Session has called for a congregational meeting immediately following worship next Sunday, October 8, for the purpose of electing the next class of Ruling Elders and Deacons.

LUNCH BUNCH RETURNS: Wednesday, October 11, 11:30 a.m. will be the next meeting of the Lunch Bunch. Reservations are helpful. Everyone is invited!

NEW MEMBER CLASS: We will be having a membership class on October 15 in room 106 of Trinity Hall immediately following Sunday school for anyone who would like more information about joining our church. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Beau Sullivan to sign up.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, October 1 — Infants: Chad & Liz Johnson & Victoria; Toddlers: Cindy Brelsford & Sarah
Sunday, October 8 — Infants: Mary Goll & Victoria; Toddlers: Kaye Ratzlaff & Sarah

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sundays at 5 p.m.—Youth dinner & fellowship
- Wednesday, October 4—Pioneer Clubs, Youth Bible studies, Chancel Choir and Worship Team rehearsals
- Friday, October 6—Mom to Mom 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, October 11—Lunch Bunch returns! 11:30 a.m. in Trinity Hall
- Sunday, October 15—New Member Class at noon in Trinity Hall

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday School 10:45

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