



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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 4, 2018

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Prelude for Worship

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beau Sullivan

Pastor: The psalmist states: "Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth."

What is it that he has done?

People: He came to earth, carried our sins in his body on the cross and was raised again from the dead so that we, too, can be dead to sin and alive to what is right. By his wounds we are healed!

Pastor: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

MORNING PRAYER

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand
And wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am
For hands that should discard me hold wounds which tell me come
Beneath the cross of Jesus my unworthy soul is won

Beneath the cross of Jesus his family is my own
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams now one through grace alone
How could I now dishonor the ones that You have loved
Beneath the cross of Jesus see the children called by God

Beneath the cross of Jesus the path before the crown
We follow in His footsteps where promised hope is found
How great the joy before us to be His perfect bride
Beneath the cross of Jesus we will gladly live our lives

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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.

PROCLAIMING

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

Luke 14:25-33

Doug Ashley

SERMON

“Follow Me: Full Time”

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

If you are a baptized Christian who actively trusts in Jesus Christ for salvation and are willing to forsake 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

Shelley Kral

Heavenly Father, with our eyes fixed on Jesus—the author and perfecter of our faith, we ask you to forgive us.

Forgive us hurting people we love by our impatience and irritation, by our lack of listening and our un-kept promises.

Forgive us for thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought, and thinking of others less compassionately than they deserve.

Forgive us for giving more power to what others say about us in public than what you say about us in heaven.

Forgive us for being too busy to behold your beauty in your Word; meditate on your mercies in Christ, and hear you sing to us in the gospel.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on me. Our hope is built on nothing less, nothing more and nothing other, than Jesus’ blood and righteousness. We trust in his finished work, not in our vain promises. Amen.

(<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/scotty-smith/a-prayer-of-confession-for-sunday-may-12th/>)

Practicing Lent. Repentance is one of the Christian practices often highlighted during Lent. We offer this quote from Rev. Tim Keller for your consideration regarding this important practice: “Martin Luther opened the Reformation by nailing the ‘Ninety-five Theses’ to the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. The very first of the theses stated that ‘our Lord and Master Jesus Christ . . . willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.’ On the surface this looks a little bleak. Luther seems to be saying Christians will never make much progress in life. That, of course, wasn’t Luther’s point at all. He was saying that repentance is the way we make progress in the Christian life. Indeed, pervasive, all-of-life-repentance is the best sign that we are growing deeply and rapidly into the character of Jesus. Consider how the gospel affects and transforms the act of repentance. In ‘religion,’ the purpose of repentance is basically to keep God happy so he will continue to bless you and answer your prayers. This means that religious repentance is selfish, self-righteous, and bitter all the way to the bottom. In the gospel, however, the purpose of repentance is to repeatedly tap into the joy of our union with Christ to weaken our impulse to do anything contrary to God’s heart.” Which type of repentance do you tend to practice?

(For the entire article please see [http:// www.allsoulsseattle.org/resources_files/ All_of_Life_is_Repentance.pdf](http://www.allsoulsseattle.org/resources_files/All_of_Life_is_Repentance.pdf))

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

Music for The Lord's Supper

There Is Room for the Stranger, Lee Dengler

Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.

*Passing of the Peace

Give Us Clean Hands

We bow our hearts we bend our knees oh Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things oh Lord we cast down our idols

Give us clean hands give us pure hearts let us not lift our souls to another
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Oh God let us be a generation that seeks that seeks Your face oh God of Jacob
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SENDING

THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

**The Wonderful Cross*

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Oh, the wonderful cross, oh, the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live.
Oh, the wonderful cross, oh the wonderful cross
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

When I Survey ROCKINGHAM Isaac Watts, 1707. *The Wonderful Cross* by Chris Tomlin, Copyright 2000, WorshipTogether.com, EMI Christian Music Publishing Used by permission CCLI #11081661

*BENEDICTION

Doug Ashley

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand as able*

Community and the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is deeply personal, but never private. It is a communal action of believers gathered in Christ. Together we celebrate the promises of God, first as we remember them in the words of institution and reception of the elements, second as we respond with thanksgiving through prayer and the passing of the peace of Christ to one another. As we receive this sacred nourishment of the Lord, we affirm the Holy Spirit's connection of ourselves with Jesus Christ and his church in all times and places.

TODAY, MARCH 4 – 1st SUNDAY: Worship with the Lord's Supper. Potluck lunch in Trinity Hall following worship. The church will provide chicken—please bring salads, relishes, sides, and desserts. Everyone is welcome!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 11: Don't forget to "spring forward" when you go to bed next Saturday night (March 10) by setting your clocks ahead one hour!

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, March 4 — Infants: Tammy Moyes & Victoria;
Toddlers: volunteer needed with Sarah

Sunday, March 11 — Infants: Chad & Liz Johnson;
Toddlers: Carrie Salmon

Additional volunteers needed. Please see sign up poster in the foyer. Thanks for your help.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Today:** 5 p.m. Youth supper and fellowship
- **Wednesday, March 7:** Pioneer Clubs, Youth Bible studies, Chancel Choir rehearsal
- **Sunday, March 11:** NO Youth supper/fellowship
- **Wednesday, March 14:** *No activities for children and youth will be held during the week of Spring Break (March 11-17)*

PIONEER CLUBS ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEALS: Pioneer Clubs meets on Wednesday evenings through April 18th and we need your help feeding our kids. Life Groups, friends, and families can work together to put together a quick and simple meal. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094faaad28aafa7-pioneer> Only 4 slots left! Please email Emily Holloway for more information: eholloway@epclongview.org

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT MARCH 24: Help to make this year's Easter Egg Hunt a blast for our Faith Family and our Community! We are in need of plain sugar cookies (store bought or homemade) for the "Cookie Decorating Booth." We also need bags of individually wrapped candy, chocolate and non-chocolate, that will not melt. *No nuts please in either cookies or candy!*

There are many ways to help out this year. You may sign up on the poster board in the church gathering area. Please contact Emily Holloway, Cindy Best, or any member of the Children's Committee (Kerri Daugbjerg, Jenny Bond, Liz Johnson, Amy Guest, Mariana Sullivan, Ray Wei) to find out how to get involved.

SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:

Sunday, March 4 — Pat Frederick & Jason Hunt
Sunday, March 11 — Fred Irwin & Chad Johnson

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- **Thursday, March 29**—Maundy Thursday service at 6:30 p.m.
- **Friday, March 30**—Good Friday service at 6:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, April 1**—Easter Sunday service at 10 a.m. (no church school); fellowship before and after worship

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Worship 9:30 • Sunday School 10:45

RULING ELDERS

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Ginia Northcutt '18
Kathie Ramey '18
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Matt Yost '19
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