

Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

March 12, 2023

10:00 am

Preparation for Worship

The Gathering

Come & See

Lenny LeBlanc

1) Come and see the glory of the Lord
Come behold the Lamb
Come and see the mercy of the King
Bowing down before Him

2) Come and give thanks unto the Lord
Come behold the Lamb
Come and sing the praises of the King
Bowing down before Him

Chorus
For He is Lord above the heavens
Lord in all the earth
Lord of all the angels, worthy to be served
Alleluia Alleluia
[last time] Lord

God So Loved

We the Kingdom

1) Come all you weary, come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more

2) Come all you sinners, come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for

Chorus 1
For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

3) Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there, with open arms

Chorus 2
For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever

The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world

Bridge (twice)
Praise God praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him for the wonders of His love

Chorus 3
For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save

Repeat Chorus 2

4) Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

LPC Handbell Choir

Prayer of Invocation

Lisa Wetzel, Liturgist

Call to Worship

Leader: Come and worship! In wonder and awe, let us seek the face of God.

People: God invites us to come just as we are.

Leader: We come longing to experience God's embrace.

People: God wraps us in the loving arms of our Creator.

Leader: We come hungry to encounter the Word.

People: God feeds us the Bread of Life.

Leader: We come parched for renewal and restoration.

People: God quenches our thirst with living water.

Leader: We come weary and worn.

People: God shoulders our burdens and grants us peace.

Leader: Come and worship! In wonder and awe, God reveals the divine self to us.

People: We come as we are and are changed by God's love and grace.

All: Give glory to God! Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

Let All Things Now Living

1) Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us;

pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished,
all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

2) By law God enforces,
the stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Do not harden our hearts, O God, to the sound of your voice. We confess we don't listen to the Word that you send. You give us Jesus, the Word of Life in our Midst. We confess our delay in obeying the direction he brings. You promise the Holy Spirit, a source of counsel and power. We confess ignoring such guidance, since we do not respond. Forgive us our sin and help us through Christ to enter the rest you have promised.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end.
Amen, amen.



The Children's Time

Brian Mitchell

The Act of Offering

Offertory

Va, Pensiero
(Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves - from "Nabucco")
LPC Chancel Choir

Giuseppe Verdi

"The Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves." The chorus is based on Psalm 137:1-6: "By the rivers of Babylon — there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion. On the willows there we hung up our harps."

(Translation from Italian)
Go, thought, on golden wings

Go, alight on the cliffs, on the hills,
Where there are wafting the warm and gentle
Sweet breezes of our native land.

Greet the Jordan's banks
The fallen towers of Zion....
Oh, my fatherland—so beautiful and so lost!
Oh, remembrance so dear, and fated.

Harp of gold of the prophet bards,
Why do you hang silent, from the willow?
Rekindle the memories in our breast
That speak to us of the time that was.

O harp, like Jerusalem to the fates,
Draw a sound of harsh lamentation
May the Lord inspire in thee an accord
Which might infuse our suffering with virtù.

***Doxology**

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn of Preparation**

Hear the Good News of Salvation

1) Hear the good news of salvation:
Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.

2) All the sins I have committed,
to my Savior now I bring.
I bow down with tears of anguish;
Christ forgives and so I sing:
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.

The Word of God Proclaimed

Scripture

John 4:5-42

Sermon

Leave Your Jar Behind

Rev Joy Laughridge

Response of God's People

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Commitment**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1) Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty.
Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

2) 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.

3) 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.

Blessing and Benediction

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Promenade (from "Pictures at an Exhibition")

M. Moussorgsky
(arr for Organ by C.J. Marucci)

***Indicates Congregation Standing**

March 5, 2023 Attendance: 98

Upcoming Events

Sunday, 3/12

- Adult Sunday School immediately following the service in the Coleman Room

Monday, 3/13

- 6:00 pm - Parent Support in the Coleman Room
- 6:30 pm - Chair Yoga in Benz Hall

Tuesday, 3/14

- 1:30 pm - Handbell Practice in the Sanctuary
- 1:30 pm - Presbyterian Women in the Coleman Room

Wednesday, 3/15

- 5:30 pm - Band Practice in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm - Wednesday Night Dinner (Menu: Irish Stew, Soda Bread, & Dessert)
- 6:30 pm - Choir Practice in the Sanctuary
- 6:45 pm - Lenten Bible Study in Benz Hall

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Duty Elders for March:

Karen Green
Tom Vermilya
Will Dickey

Liturgist:

Lisa Wetzel

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Director of Youth & Christian Education:

Brian Mitchell

Director of Music & Organist:

Carl Marucci

Parish Associate:

Rev. Vickie Bossuot

The floral arrangement in the chancel is given to the glory of God.



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Thinking with Christ's mind • Loving with Christ's heart • Serving with Christ's hands