

Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

September 4, 2022

10:00 am

Preparation for Worship

The Gathering

God of the Sparrow
(vs 1, 3, 4, & 6)

God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise

God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life

God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid,
and I think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear
as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end. (Refrain)

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

Harolyn Sharpe, Liturgist

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs;

People: Let us sing to God with thanksgiving in our hearts.

Leader: Let everything we do or say be done in the name of the Lord Jesus.

People: Giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.

***Hymn of Praise**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Called as partners in Christ's service,
called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring
to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering,
reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer,
all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together
gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,
in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens,
breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action,
make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow
ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow
with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving
hope and confidence and peace.

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Redeeming God, we enter into the light of your presence and see ourselves with your gentle eyes. Forgive us for any unfaithfulness to your calling, for living out of our old selfishness and a tight-fisted generosity. Forgive us for being poor stewards of your gifts of time and talents. Forgive us for any hardness of heart and let us find our true treasure in your goodness and mercy. In the name of Jesus, our companion on the journey. Amen.

***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

The Act of Offering

Offertory

Loving My Jesus
LPC Band

Mark Hall and Matthew West

***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**

The Word of God Proclaimed

Scripture

Psalm 64
2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Luke 6:37-38

Sermon

A Generous Church

Rev. Joy Laughridge

The Word of God Proclaimed in Sacrament

Hymn of Preparation

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me;
fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

***Hymn of Commitment**

Blest Be the Tie
(vs. 1, 2, & 5)

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

Before our *Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

Blessing and Benediction

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Indicates Congregation Standing**

Duty Elders for August:	Nancy Carlton Debbie Wallace Karen Green
Liturgists:	Harolyn Sharpe
Senior Pastor:	Rev. Joy Laughridge
Director of Youth & Christian Education:	Brian Mitchell
Director of Music:	Tony Testino
Parish Associate:	Rev. Vickie Bossuot

The Floral Arrangement in the Chancel this morning is given by the LPC Chancel Choir with love and appreciation to Tony Testino for the outstanding music he has provided over the past six years!



Upcoming Events

Monday, 9/5

- Church Office closed in observance of Labor Day

Sunday, 9/11

- 10 am - LPC's 70th Anniversary Homecoming Service

Monday, 9/12

- 6:30 pm - Chair Yoga in Benz Hall

Wednesday, 9/14

- 6 pm - Wednesday Night Dinner - Back to School Bingo Bash
- 7 pm - Inquirer's Class in the Coleman Room

Saturday, 9/17

- 9:30 am - Bag Ladies in Benz Hall

Sunday, 9/18

- Coffee & Conversations immediately following the service in Benz Hall

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LPC FAITHFULNESS REPORT
LPC JUNE 30, 2022 YTD (preliminary)

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
REVENUES*	\$272,250	\$285,530	\$13,280
EXPENSES	\$267,351	\$274,515	(\$7,164)
INCOME	\$4,898	\$11,015	\$6117

	Available	Notes
Window Replacement Fund	\$32,000	
Irrigation & Landscaping Fund	\$21,000	If not needed for windows
Designated Capital Reserves	\$16,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking lot resurfacing • Exterior door replacement
Undesignated Capital Reserves	\$13,500	

- The Finance Ministry