

**Lakewood Presbyterian Church**  
**Order of Service for the Worship of God**

October 23, 2022

10:00 am

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*Preparation for Worship*

**The Gathering**

*In the Secret*

Andy Park

In the secret, in the quiet place  
In the stillness, You are there  
In the secrets, in the quiet hour  
I wait only for You  
'Cause I want to, I wanna know You more

Chorus 2x  
I want to know You  
I want to hear Your voice  
I want to know You more  
I want to touch You  
I want to see Your face  
I want to know You more

I'm reaching for the highest goal  
I might receive the prize  
Pressing onward, pushing every hindrance aside  
Out of my way  
'Cause I want to, I wanna know You more  
And more and more

Chorus 2x

I am reaching for the highest goal  
That I might receive the prize  
Pressing onward, pushing every hindrance aside  
Out of my way  
'Cause I want to know You more, Jesus

Chorus 2x

*I've Got Peace Like a River*

1 I've got peace like a river;  
I've got peace like a river;  
I've got peace like a river, in my soul. (Repeat)

2 I've got joy like a fountain;  
I've got joy like a fountain;  
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul. (Repeat)

3 I've got love like an ocean;  
I've got love like an ocean;  
I've got love like an ocean, in my soul. (Repeat)

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

*Fantasia in G minor*

Johann Sebastian Bach

### Prayer of Invocation

Meg Sheffield, Liturgist

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: O God, be not far from us,

**People: For we are your children.**

Leader: O God, help us to believe,

**People: For in Christ we would live abundantly.**

Leader: O God, we search for you and would worship you,

**People: For in you we live and move and have our being.**

### \*Hymn of Praise

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Hymn #367

1) Come, ye thankful people, come;  
raise the song of harvest home.

All is safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come;  
raise the song of harvest home.

2) All the world is God's own field,  
fruit in thankful praise to yield,  
wheat and tares together sown,  
unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade, and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3) For the Lord our God shall come,  
and shall take the harvest home;  
from each field shall in that day  
all offenses purge away;  
give the angels charge at last  
in the fire the tares to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in God's garner evermore.

4) Even so, Lord, quickly come  
to thy final harvest home.  
Gather thou thy people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there forever purified,  
in thy presence to abide:  
come, with all thine angels, come;  
raise the glorious harvest home!

## Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. We get mixed up so easily about what is truly important. We feel the pressure to please and impress other people and forget to ask if the things we are doing to please others are the things that matter most to you. We spend ourselves and our resources on what seems urgent instead of prayerfully prioritizing so that you get our best and not our leftovers. Forgive us when we lose our way. We don't want to miss the opportunity you have given us to live lives that are fully devoted to you. 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

Meg Sheffield

## *The Act of Offering*

## Offertory

*God, and God Alone*  
LPC Chancel Choir

Phill McHugh

## \*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

One: Creator of all, the earth is yours,  
the world and all who live in it.

**All: You have entrusted us with gifts—  
time, talent, energy, money—  
and asked us to use them to build your kingdom.  
With thanks and praise we respond to your call.**

One: We bring these gifts you have given,  
returning your generosity, paying it forward.

**All: We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears,  
our dollars and our hours.  
We commit ourselves to work for your world,  
to love and serve wherever you call.**

One: We ask your blessing on this, your church,  
as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

**All: Bless also these gifts, our investment in your future,  
that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love.  
Amen.**

1) Fairest Lord Jesus,  
Ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God to earth come down,  
thee will I cherish,  
thee will I honor,  
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2) Fair are the meadows,  
fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring.  
Jesus is fairer;  
Jesus is purer,  
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3) Fair is the sunshine,  
fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling, starry host.  
Jesus shines brighter;  
Jesus shines purer,  
than all the angels heaven can boast.

4) Beautiful Savior,  
Ruler of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine!

***The Word of God Proclaimed***

**Scripture**

Luke 18:9-14  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

**Sermon**

*I Have Kept the Faith*

Rev. Joy Laughridge

***Response of God's People***

**Affirmation of Faith\***

We believe in God,  
Creator of the universe,  
Giver of every good gift,  
Author of life itself.

We believe in Jesus Christ,  
who reminded us of the coming of God's kingdom,  
who commanded us to care for those in need,  
who taught us to store up treasures in heaven, not on earth,  
and who gave us the example of self-giving love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who inspires us to faithful stewardship of God's gifts,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
by whom all things are possible.

We believe that God has given us gifts to be shared freely and generously,  
in a spirit of love and joy.

We acknowledge that we are merely stewards of all that is God's,  
caretakers of God's home.

We believe that faithful stewardship is an act of worship,  
a means of praising God who has blessed us so abundantly.

We believe that God has great things in store for us,  
for it is in giving that we receive.

*This Affirmation of Faith was written by Allen and Sara Ewing-Merrill and posted on their blog  
forewardonthejourney.blogspot.com, November 20, 2007.*

## **Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

### **\*Hymn of Commitment**

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Hymn #32

1) I sing the mighty power of God  
that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad  
and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day.  
The moon shines full at God's command,  
and all the stars obey.

2) I sing the goodness of the Lord  
who filled the earth with food.  
God formed the creatures through the Word,  
and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,  
where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread,  
or gaze upon the sky!

3) There's not a plant or flower below  
but makes thy glories known.  
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
by order from thy throne,  
while all that borrows life from thee  
is ever in thy care,  
and everywhere that we can be,  
thou, God, art present there.

## ***Blessing and Benediction***

### **\*Benediction**

### **\*Postlude**

*Fanfare*

Jaak Nikolaas Lemmens

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**\*Indicates Congregation Standing**

<b>Duty Elders for October:</b>	Bunny George Tom Vermilya Nancy Carlton Meg Sheffield
<b>Liturgist:</b>	
<b>Senior Pastor:</b>	Rev. Joy Laughridge
<b>Director of Youth &amp; Christian Education:</b>	Brian Mitchell
<b>Director of Music &amp; Organist:</b>	Carl Marucci
<b>Parish Associate:</b>	Rev. Vickie Bossuot
<b>The Floral Arrangement</b> in the Chancel this morning is given by Michael & Megan Sullivan in honor of Megan's mother's 79 <sup>th</sup> birthday and to the glory of God.	



**Sunday, 10/23**

- 8:30 am - 9:30 am - New Elder training

**Monday, 10/24**

- 6:30 pm - Chair Yoga

**Tuesday, 10/25**

- 9 am - 1 pm - NTouch Class

**Sunday, 10/30**

- 8:30 am - 9:30 am - New Elder training
- 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm - Trunk or Treat

**Friday, 11/4**

- 6 pm UCOM Gala

**Monday, 11/7**

- 7 pm - ICARE - Community Problems Assembly

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Income Statement: Summary v Budget

For the Nine Months Ending 09/30/2022

**YTD September 2022**

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Total Income	426,592.88	408,375.00	18,217.88
Total Expense	395,407.91	408,299.12	12,891.21
Net Income	31,184.97	75.88	31,109.09

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San Jose Country Club

Dinner \* Wine & Booze Pull \* Silent Auctions \* Dancing

Live Music with **Bold City Classics** Featuring *Paris Winningham, season 21 of The Voice; Cortnie Frazier, American Idol & Postmodern Jukebox; and Linzy Lauren of musical theatre, model.*

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*Gala*  
*11.04.22*  
*6:00pm*

