

THE LAMINGTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*We are a family of faith wrapping our arms around God's world
and making Jesus Christ a way of life*

through **worship**, as we praise and glorify God;
through **study**, as we listen for God's Word in body, mind and spirit;
through **mission**, as we embody God's love in service to the world;
through **giving**, as we express gratitude to God;
through **fellowship**, as we love and care for one another.

Then the Spirit said to Philip,



“Go over to this chariot and join it.”

Acts 8:29

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
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April 29, 2018

10:15AM

*“As they were going along the road, they came to
some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look! Here is water!
What is to prevent me from being baptized?’”*
Acts 8:36

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

Sonata in E Major, K. 381

Domenico Scarlatti

WELCOME

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

INTROIT

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Duncan Rose

Leader: Because the story must be shared,

People: We gather together.

Leader: Because Christ lives,

People: We offer our worship.

Leader: Because the love of God knows no limits,

People: We voice our praise.

Leader: Because joy fills our spirits,

People: We celebrate.

Leader: By the grace and power of God,

People: Christ is risen and we are set free!

* GATHERING HYMN 495 “We Know That Christ Is Raised”

ENGELBERG

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of mercy,

**we confess that we have not borne
the fruit of the Spirit.**

We have not loved others as you have loved us.

**We have denied the promises of baptism
and cut ourselves off from you.**

**Forgive us, restore us,
that we may abide in your love
and live out your mercy,
for the sake of Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray.**

* KYRIE

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (Hymn 576)

Jacques Berthier

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children through 7th Grade are excused to go with their teachers to church school.)

ANTHEM

Messiah, HWV 56

George Frideric Handel

No. 49 Recitative "Then Shall Be Brought to Pass"

1 Corinthians 15:54

Bess Ploener, soloist

No. 50 Duet "O Death, Where is Thy Sting?"

1 Corinthians 15:55, 56

Bess Ploener and John Cloys, soloists

No. 51 Chorus "But Thanks Be to God"

1 Corinthians 15:57

SECOND READING

Acts 8:26-40

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Water Is Thicker than Blood"

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 358

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

BARONITA

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostles' Creed*)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy
Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY Menuet en Rondeau in C Major

Jean-Philippe Rameau

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING

* SENDING HYMN 311 "We Meet You, O Christ"

NORMANDY

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Messiah, HWV 56
No. 52 Air "If God Be For Us,
Who Can Be Against Us?"
Katie Cloys, soloist

G. F. Handel

Romans 8:31, 33, 34

** All who are able please stand*

Welcome to Lamington: If you are a guest, please fill out the information card in the pew and return it in the offering plate or to the pastor or usher at the end of the service. The church office hours are Monday-Friday from 10:00AM-3:00PM, phone: (908) 572-7013, email: lamingtonchurch@gmail.com. If you have a pastoral emergency and need assistance immediately, please contact Pastor Carl Wilton at (908) 910-5360.

Today's Worship Notes

In Acts 8, the Holy Spirit leads the Apostle Philip to a man very different from himself. He's from a different nation and a different race. Religious law bars him from full participation in Temple worship. Yet the Spirit shows Philip these are no barriers to God's love. God judges the heart alone.

DEACONS: Julie Murray and Laurel Rose

LITURGIST: Duncan Rose

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Erin & Greg Mistele

Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton, PASTOR

James Goldsworthy, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Regina Morris, OFFICE MANAGER

Bess Ploener, DIRECTOR OF HANDBELLS & ALTO SECTION LEADER

Katie Cloys, SOPRANO SECTION LEADER

John Cloys, TENOR SECTION LEADER

Andrew Stack, BASS SECTION LEADER

Mary Ann Scott and Susan Scott, SUNDAY NURSERY CARE

Lori Larsen, CHURCH TREASURER (*volunteer*)

Prayer Requests, Joys, and Concerns

Prayer Request Cards can be found in the pews. Please place your request(s) in the offertory plate, or email/phone the church office at lamingtonchurch@gmail.com / (908) 572-7013. Please remember to keep the church office updated on prayer requests submitted.

The Upcoming Week

Sunday, April 29	8:45AM 10:15AM 10:30AM 11:45AM	Choir Practice Worship Church School Lamington Bell Choir
Sunday, May 6	8:45AM 10:15AM 10:30AM after worship 11:45AM	Choir Practice Worship Church School Basket Day Set-Up Lamington Bell Choir