

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.

**You are
witnesses
of these
things**
Luke 24:48



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
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April 15, 2018

10:15AM

“You are witnesses of these things.”

Luke 24:48

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

Sonata in b minor, K. 377
Song Without Words in G Major, Op. 62, No. 1

Domenico Scarlatti
Felix Mendelssohn

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

Valerie Fraser

Leader: This is the good news we proclaim,
of which we are witnesses:

People: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!

Leader: Walk in the light of his love.

People: Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.

Leader: Come, let us worship the one who overcame death.

People: Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord!

* GATHERING HYMN 116 “O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!”

O FILII ET FILIAE

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**You have shown yourself to us, O God,
by Word and Spirit,
with signs and wonders,
in flesh and blood,
yet still we struggle to live and believe
the good news of resurrection.
Have mercy on us. Forgive us.
Enter into the dark places of our lives
and cast out doubt and fear
so we may come to trust in you
and have new life in Jesus’ name.**

* 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 298)

IN BABILONE

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given.**

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Acts 3:12-19

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Elise Bates-Russell, Executive Director, Camp Johnsonburg

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

ANTHEM

Messiah, HWV 56

George Frideric Handel

No. 40 Air "Why Do the Nations so Furiously Rage Together"

Psalms 2:1, 2

Neil Mitchell, soloist

No. 41 Chorus "Let Us Break Their Bonds Asunder"

Psalms 2:3

SECOND READING

Luke 24:36b-48

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"The Subpoena"

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 426

"Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

CANONBURY

* AN EASTER AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

**This is the gospel which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins
according to the Scriptures,**

**that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Ms. Bates-Russell

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Messiah, HWV 56
No. 42 Recitative "He That Dwelleth in Heaven"
No. 43 Air "Thou Shalt Break Them"
John Cloys, soloist

George Frideric Handel

Psalm 2:4

Psalm 2:9

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 371

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

Messiah, HWV 56
No. 44 Chorus "Hallelujah"

G. F. Handel

Revelation 19:6; 11:15; 19:16

** 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.

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Today's Worship Notes

WE WELCOME Elise Bates-Russell, Director of Camp Johnsonburg, to present this morning's Children's Message and a Minute for Mission. Camp Johnsonburg, jointly sponsored by all the presbyteries of New Jersey, is located less than an hour's drive from here, in Warren County. The camp provides children and youth with fun, safe and professional outdoor experiences that grow them spiritually, physically, emotionally and socially. There are sleep away camping experiences throughout the summer for kids ages 6-18 with weeklong camps for most kids, although there's a half-week option for younger kids. Find out more at www.campjburg.org

WHERE HAVE THE AMENS GONE? You may have noticed a lack of “Amen” at the end of unison prayers in our order of worship, as well as at the end of many hymns. That’s because, in recent years, English-speaking Protestant churches the world over have been working to correct an error that crept into worship prayers in the 19th Century. John Henry Newman and his Oxford Movement in England led a revival of Anglican worship that sought to recover the worship traditions of the early church. Looking over ancient manuscripts, they noticed the frequent use of “Amen” and added that word to the end of many of their worship prayers. They failed to realize, though, that “Amen” — an ancient Greek word that means “So be it” — is a *response* to something someone else has said. The ancient orders of worship they were studying were for antiphonal worship: a back-and-forth exchange between two groups of worshipers. One side of the church would say something and the other side would say, “So be it!” What makes good sense in an antiphonal (responsive) prayer, though, makes little sense at the end of a unison prayer, or at the end of most hymns. In that sort of prayer or hymn, adding “Amen” is like agreeing with ourselves — which doesn’t make a whole lot of sense. So... reserving the Amens for responsive prayers is more faithful to the true meaning of the word. Feel free to say “Amen” in worship if you feel like affirming something that’s been said or sung (it’s an older liturgical tradition than applauding). And if you’re wondering how to pronounce the word, it’s *ay-men* if you’re speaking it, or *ah-men* if you’re singing it.

Welcome Guest Soloist, Neil Mitchell

Neil Mitchell, today's guest soloist, is a graduate of Westminster Choir College. He currently serves as a staff accompanist at Westminster, and gives private voice and piano lessons in the Princeton and Philadelphia areas. He is originally from Granby, Connecticut.

DEACONS: Sallye Grubel and Mary Jenkins

LITURGIST: Valerie Fraser