



Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Coming together
to know Christ and to make him known.

July 5, 2020

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it

People: **The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.**

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

People: **Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!**

All: **His steadfast love endures forever!** Psalm 118:24, 27-29

* Forever

Refrain: Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us. Forever, forever.

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King.

His love endures forever. For He is good He is above all things.

His love endures forever. Sing praise! Sing praise!

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm,

His love endures forever. For the life that's been reborn,

His love endures forever. Sing praise! Sing praise!

Sing praise! Sing praise! [Refrain]

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* For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony, linking sense to sound and sight;
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
For Thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love;
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

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MORNING PRAYER

SONG OF ILLUMINATION

* Speak O, Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy word.

Take Your truth, plant it deep in us. Shape and fashion us in Your likeness.

That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

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Welcome!

Why are we here? We are here because we believe Jesus Christ is the only hope for true change. He is the only genuine hope for freedom from whatever enslaves humanity; healing from the many actions that harm us; deliverance from shame that belittles us; rescue from the evil that violates us. As well, we believe that only through Jesus Christ will the hopes hidden in our deepest desires truly be satisfied. So the main reason our church exists is so the presence of Jesus Christ and the way of Jesus Christ may be experienced in the lives of normal anxious, wounded, cautious, 'looking for more' people like you and me. So again, welcome; we're glad you're here.

SERMON LESSON

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

SERMON

“Two Kingdoms”

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

If you are a baptized Christian who actively trusts in Jesus Christ for salvation and are willing to forsake your sin, you are welcome to take Holy Communion this morning. If you are wrestling with the claims of Jesus and his place in your life, this time is still for you. Rather than coming forward to take the elements, please remain seated and contemplate taking Christ himself. The prayers that follow are supplied for your consideration.**

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth. Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief. Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment. Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, once again we have proven our warped ways. We continue to insist our problem is that we are weak when, in fact, your grace is up to that task. Our problem is, rather, our delusions of strength. We turn inward rather than upward and so repeatedly fall short of who we are in your Son, Jesus. Forgive us and change, we implore you. Make us people who arrange our lives to live from your inspiring grace rather than our illusory goodness. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Words of Institution and Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

* O Lord My Rock And My Redeemer

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer; greatest treasure of my longing soul!
My God, like You there is no other; true delight is found in You alone.
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom; Your love exceeds the heavens' reach.
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom; my highest good and my unending need.
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer; strong defender of my weary heart!
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver, and my shield against his hateful darts.
My song when enemies surround me! My hope when tides of sorrow rise!
My joy when trials are abounding! Your faithfulness my refuge in the night.
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer; gracious Savior of my ruined life!
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders; in my place, You suffered bled and died.
You rose. The grave and death are conquered! You broke my bonds of sin and shame!
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, may all my days bring glory to Your Name.

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THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC

*BENEDICTION FOLLOWED BY POSTLUDE

*Please stand as able. **Prayers from Redeemer Presbyterian Church of New York City
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NEW TO LONGVIEW EPC?

We are led by an elected and ordained group of Elders called the Session. Our Deacons and staff team carry out the vision of our faith family. For more information on our current leadership, please visit longview.epc.org/connect/leadership.

Prayer Ministry: Confidential prayer requests may be made by emailing prayerteam@epclongview.org

Children’s Activity Bags are available in the foyer. They are theirs to keep.

Our Church App is available is available on Google Play or the APP Store. Search for LONGVIEW EPC. The App keeps the church directory, current sermons, newsletters, events and more at your fingertips.

Tithes and Offerings are received through the wooden boxes found at each entrance to the sanctuary, or checks mailed to the office, and electronically via the website. The website also offers a credit/debit card option and via the APP.

LIVESTREAM

Each week our service is available on YouTube LiveStream. Video to watch anytime is available later.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday

Youth Movie Night

Summer Impact

Thursday

6:30 p.m. - Praise Team

UPCOMING

July 14 - 5:30 p.m. Finance Meeting

July 16 - 5:00 p.m. Session Meeting

July 23 - 26 Youth Mission Trip

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