

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.



MAY 20, 2018

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
DAY OF PENTECOST

May 20, 2018

10:15AM

*“And how is it that we hear, each of us,
in our own native language?”*

Acts 2:8

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

Sonata in b minor, K. 408
Sonata in D Major, "Pastoral", K. 415

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

"Praise to Thee, O Lord, for All Creation" From *Look at the World*, John Rutter

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*Joel 2:28, Acts 1:8*)

Rich Ramsay

Leader: “I will pour out my spirit on all flesh,” says the Lord;
“your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.”

**People: Christ has promised
that we shall receive power
when the Holy Spirit has come upon us;
and we shall be his witnesses
to the ends of the earth.**

Leader: Let us worship God, in spirit and in truth!

* GATHERING HYMN 128 “On Pentecost They Gathered”

MUNICH

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Almighty God: we confess that we have sinned against you:
for we have denied your saving presence in our lives,
and we have grieved your Holy Spirit.**

**Come to us in the fire of your love,
and set our minds on the things of the Spirit,
that we may bear the Spirit’s fruit in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

* 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

Genesis 11:1-9

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

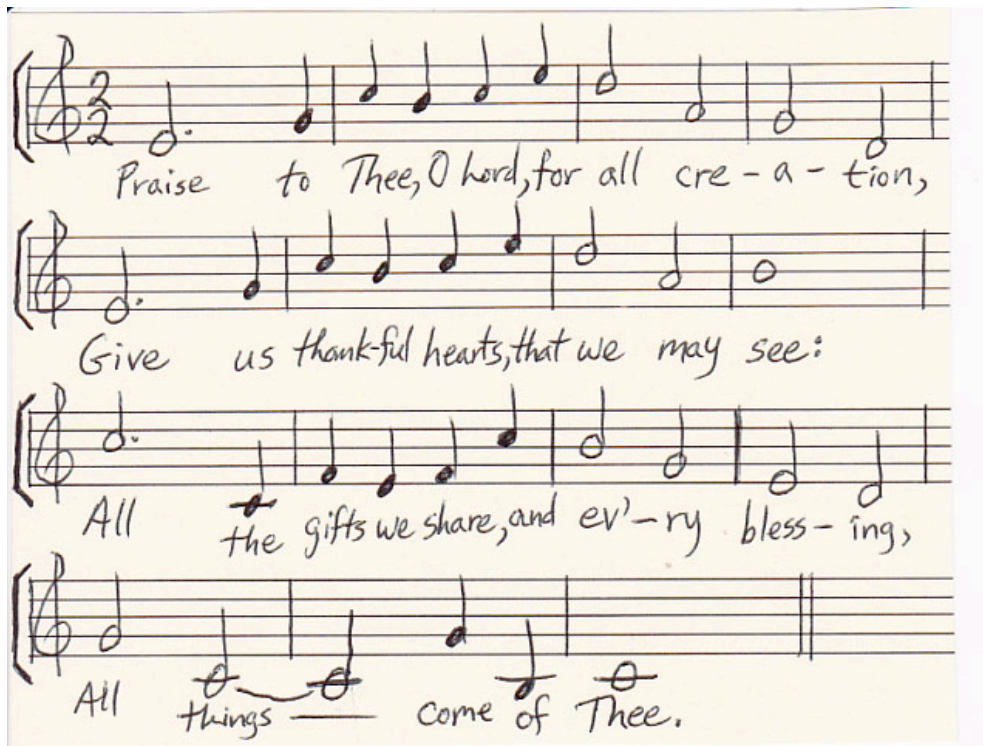
(Children through 7th Grade are excused to go with their teachers to church school.)

ANTHEM

"Look at the World"

John Rutter

Lamington Children's Choir, Adult Choir, and Congregation



SECOND READING

Acts 2:1-21

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Language of Home"

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 130

“Let Every Christian Pray”

LAUDES DOMINI

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers

in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit

who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed,

claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,

and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY Rondeau in D Major: "La Joyeuse"

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 319

“Spirit”

James K. Manley

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE

“A Gaelic Blessing”

John Rutter

* POSTLUDE

Sonata in C Major, K. 406

Domenico Scarlatti

** All who are able please stand*

Today's Worship Notes

*The flowers today have been given by the Lamington Presbyterian Church congregation
to the glory of God and in celebration of
the installation of the Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton as their new pastor.*

We gather for worship this Sunday on the third most important festival of the Christian year: Pentecost. Compared to number one and number two, though—Easter and Christmas—this remembrance of the Holy Spirit inspiring the early church seems a very distant third. Who among us has ever been to a Pentecost party? Or who shows up all decked out in a new Pentecost outfit? In truth, Pentecost seems a bit baffling. There's a deep strangeness to this story: the tongues of fire, the rushing wind, the disciples speaking other languages—and what's more, understanding everything they hear. Deep down, the wonder of Pentecost is how they understand others who are so very different. Isn't that something we could use a lot more of, in our conflicted world?

DEACONS: Hunter Lewis and Sandi Ramsay

LITURGIST: Rich Ramsay

Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton, PASTOR

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Lori Larsen, CHURCH TREASURER (*volunteer*)

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.