

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.

“See, I am setting a plumb line



in the midst of my people Israel.”

Amos 7:8

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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July 15, 2018

10:15AM

“Then the Lord said, ‘See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel...’”
-Amos 7:8b

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
People: **And also with you.**

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Duncan Rose

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
People: The world, and those who live in it;
Leader: For God has founded it on the seas,
People: And established it on the rivers.
Leader: Let us worship God!

* GATHERING HYMN 229 “For All That Dwell Below the Skies”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Lord God, forgive us.
We have grown comfortable with the mundane
and suspicious of the spectacular:
We work and see in it little purpose;
We play and see in it little pleasure;
We fret and see in it little point.**

Startle us, we pray,
with truth that will shake us, and
with love that will not let us go.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ.

* 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)

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

Jacques Berthier

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Amos 7:7-17

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Church school is on summer recess. Nursery Care is available for the very young children.)

SOLO

Auf dem See, Op. 59, No. 2

Johannes Brahms

Auf dem See

Blauer Himmel, blaue Wogen,
Rebenhügel um den See,
Drüber blauer Berge Bogen
Schimmernd weiß im reinen Schnee.

Wie der Kahn uns hebt und wieget,
Leichter Nebel steigt und fällt,
Süßer Himmelsfriede lieget
Über der beglänzten Welt.

Stürmend Herz, tu auf die Augen,
Sieh umher und werde mild:
Glück und Friede magst du saugen
Aus des Doppelhimmels Bild.

Spiegelnd sieh die Flut erwidern
Turm und Hügel, Busch und Stadt,
Also spiegle du in Liedern,
Was die Erde Schönstes hat.

Carl Simrock

Judith Bettina, soprano

SECOND READING

John 14:1-11

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

SERMON

"The Truth Standard"

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 324

"Open My Eyes That I May See"

OPEN MY EYES

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

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Gebet

Hugo Wolf

Gebet

Herr, schicke was du willst,
Ein Liebes oder Leides;
Ich bin vergnügt, daß beides
Aus Deinen Händen quillt.

Wollest mit Freuden
Und wollest mit Leiden
Mich nicht überschütten!
Doch in der Mitten,
Liegts holdes Bescheiden.

Prayer

Lord, send what You will,
Love or sorrow;
I am content that both
Spring from Your hands.

May You with love
And may You with sorrows
Not overwhelm me!
For in the middle
Lies modest contentment.

Eduard Mörike

Judith Bettina, soprano

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 386

“O for a World”

AZMON

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Französische Ouverture, BWV 831
Gigue

Johann Sebastian Bach

** 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 care emergency and need assistance immediately, please contact Pastor Carl Wilton at (908) 910-5360.

Today's Worship Notes

*The flowers on the Communion Table have been given to the Glory of God and
in loving memory of Jim and Tommy Connors by Marlene and Family.*

Truth seems under attack today. In many fields of human endeavor, the strategic lie is accepted as routine, a necessary cost of doing business. The scriptures tell a very different story: that truth is of God. “The truth,” our Lord famously taught, “will set you free” (John 8:32). The prophet Amos uses a vivid image to teach about truth: the ancient bricklayer’s tool known as the plumb line. It provides an absolute standard that never lies. What does God’s plumb line reveal about our lives?

Judith Bettina, GUEST SOLOIST

We are delighted to welcome Soprano, Judith Bettina, as our guest soloist this morning. Ms. Bettina, who often performs with her husband, LPC’s Music Director, James Goldsworthy, is noted for her mastery in a wide range of musical styles, including contemporary classical music. She has been on the faculty of Stanford University School of Music and has appeared as guest soloist with such orchestras as the Houston Symphony, San Francisco Symphony, Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, American Composers Orchestra, and Munich Philharmonic as well as with James Levine and the Met Chamber Ensemble.

DEACONS: Mary Jenkins, Hunter Lewis, Monica Thomas LITURGIST: Duncan Rose
LEMONADE SUNDAY HOSTS: Julie & Paul Murray

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.

We Pray For...

- † **Rose Marie Hunter**, who suffers from chronic pancreatic and immune system problems. We pray for strength and healing; we pray for comfort and relief during her bouts of discomfort and pain
- † **Harry Carpenter**, who is at home recuperating. We pray for strength, healing and a speedy recovery.

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
Mary Ann Scott and Susan Scott, SUNDAY NURSERY CARE
Lori Larsen, CHURCH TREASURER (*volunteer*)

The Upcoming Week

Sunday, July 15	10:15AM	Worship
Monday, July 20	10:00AM	SHIP's Galley—bag lunches—LPC kitchen
Sunday, July 22	10:15AM	Worship