

# 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.



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 14, 2019

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 14, 2019

10:15AM

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*“Because you said, ‘The Nile is mine, and I made it,’ therefore, I am against you...”*  
-Ezekiel 29:9b

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

Sonata in f minor, K. 238

Domenico Scarlatti

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

Meridith Scott

Leader: O God, we come into your gates with thanksgiving.

People: **We thank you for life, for breath,  
and for all the blessings you pour upon us.**

Leader: O God, we come into your gates with praise.

People: **We praise you for the goodness of all of creation,  
for farmers and farm land,  
for grocers and vegetables,  
for animals and earth,  
for all that you have made and called good.**

Leader: O God, we come into your gates to bless your name.

All: ***Praise be to you, God of life!***

\* GATHERING HYMN 15 “All Creatures of Our God and King”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**O God, even as we praise you  
we know we fail to live as we should.**

**We are a resurrection people,  
and you have given us every reason  
to be bold and faithful.**

**Yet, while you rise triumphant over death,  
we participate in unjust systems that diminish life:  
for other human beings,  
for animals,  
and for your creation.**



we kill you again and again  
and we turn into you  
  
eating the forests  
eating the earth and the water  
  
and dying of them  
departing from ourselves  
  
leaving you the morning  
in its antiquity

-W. S. MERWIN

## SECOND READING

Matthew 8:23-27

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

“Whose Planet Is It, Anyway?”

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### \* HYMN 22

“God of the Sparrow”

ROEDER

### \* 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

### SOLO

Abendregen (Evening Rain), Op. 70, No. 4  
Judith Bettina, soloist

Johannes Brahms

#### Abendregen

Langsam und schimmernd fiel ein Regen,  
In den die Abendsonne schien;  
Der Wanderer schritt auf engen Wegen  
Mit düstrer Seele drunter hin.

Er sah die großen Tropfen blinken  
Im Fallen durch den goldnen Strahl;  
Er fühlt' es kühl aufs Haupt ihm sinken  
Und sprach mit schauernd süßer Qual:

Nun weiß ich, daß ein Regenbogen  
Sich hoch um meine Stirne zieht,  
Den auf dem Pfad, den ich gezogen,  
Die heitre Ferne spielen sieht.

#### Evening Rain

Slowly and shimmering fell a rain shower  
Through which the evening sun shone;  
Beneath it, the wanderer walked on narrow paths  
With a mournful soul.

He saw the large drops glistening  
In their descent through the golden rays;  
They felt cool on his head as they fell  
And he spoke with trembling, sweet anguish:

Now I know, that a rainbow  
Appears high above my brow;  
On the path to which I am drawn,  
And from a distance it is seen glistening.

Und die mir hier am nächsten stehen,  
Und wer mich scharf zu kennen meint,  
Sie können selber doch nicht sehen,  
Wie er versöhnend ob mir scheint.

So wird, wenn andre Tage kommen,  
Die sonnig auf dies Heute sehn,  
Ob meinem fernen, bleichen Namen  
Der Ehre Regenbogen stehn.

-GOTTFRIED KELLER

And those who stand here nearby,  
And think they know me so clearly,  
They nevertheless cannot see  
How it shines for me in reconciliation.

So it will be that when other days come,  
Brighter days that look back on this day,  
Above my distant, faded name  
A rainbow of honor will stand.

## THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Sonata in A Major, K. 208

Domenico Scarlatti

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

\* DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

**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 713

“Touch the Earth Lightly”

TENDERNESS

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

Sonata in A Major, K. 209

Domenico Scarlatti

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*\* 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 is closed on Mondays and open Tuesday-Friday from 10:00AM-4:00PM. Please note that the office may sometimes need to close early due to a personal reason or an emergency—it is best to call/email the office to be sure we are in: (908) 572-7013, [lamingtonchurch@gmail.com](mailto:lamingtonchurch@gmail.com). If you have a pastoral care emergency and need assistance immediately, please contact Pastor Carl Wilton at (908) 910-5360.

### 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

John Burke, TENOR SECTION LEADER

Bennett Spotts, BASS SECTION LEADER

Victoria Borrelli and Yiran Zhao, SOPRANO SECTION LEADERS

Thomas Larsen and Susan Scott, SUNDAY NURSERY CARE

Lori Larsen, CHURCH TREASURER (*volunteer*)

## Today's Worship Notes

Each week in worship we strive for a partnership between word and music, but that is especially true this week as we consider our responsibility as Christians to care for the earth. Guest artist Judith Bettina will sing two solos, "To the Insects" and "Evening Rain," that celebrate the glories of nature. The words of Ezekiel that are our sermon text depict a struggle between God and Pharaoh over the River Nile: who truly owns it and who is merely the steward?

The cover image is an 1846 painting by Hubert Sattler, "The Colossi of Memnon During the Annual Flooding," from the Salzburg Museum. The waters of the Nile surround a pair of ancient statues depicting Pharaoh Amenhotep III, who reigned in the 14<sup>th</sup> Century BC.

LITURGIST: Meridith Scott

DEACONS ON DUTY: Eleanor Halsey and Sallye Grubel

LEMONADE HOSTS: Alison & Fred Paine

## 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](mailto:lamingtonchurch@gmail.com) / (908) 572-7013. Please remember to keep the church office updated on prayer requests submitted.

### We Pray For...

- ✝ **Rebecca Terry**, who is recovering from surgery. We pray for healing and a quick recovery.
- ✝ **Henry Aulenbuch**, seven and half years old, Henry has finished treatment for a brain tumor. He is resting at home. His legs don't work and he is confined to a wheelchair. We pray for Henry's continued healing and strength.
- ✝ **Gunnar Bickhardt**, was born on July 30, 2018 with heart issues and has gone through two open-heart surgeries. Gunnar will soon be one year old and is doing great! He is eating well and will soon be discharged from feeding therapy. His physical therapy is progressing too—he is getting up on all fours and beginning to rock back and forth—Gunnar is very motivated to reach his brother's toys! We continue to pray for Gunnar's ongoing healing and progress.
- ✝ **Peter Nicoletti**, who continues to battle cancer. We pray for strength and comfort as he undergoes treatment. Peter is the brother-in-law of Katina and Ivan Medina.

## The Officers of The Lamington Presbyterian Church

### Session



#### Class of 2020

Valerie Fraser  
Jim Grubel  
Greg Halsey  
Alison Paine  
Georgie Schley  
Immanuel Thomas

#### Class of 2021

Hunter Lewis  
Patrick Palmer  
Duncan Rose  
Meridith Scott (*clerk*)  
David Smith  
Odesa Stapleton

### Deacons

#### Class of 2020

Cindy Campbell  
Monica Immanuel  
Etta Marshall  
Sandi Ramsay  
Laurel Rose

#### Class of 2021

Sallye Grubel  
Eleanor Halsey  
Mary Jenkins  
Melinda Nye  
Barbara Pereyra  
Joe Scott



**LPC Giving Garden**  
*Seeking Garden Helpers*

**Do You Like To Garden?** The LPC Giving Garden is looking for extra hands to help plant, water and harvest our produce. The produce benefits the Somerset Food Bank. All help is welcome. No experience is needed! **We are asking volunteers to sign up for one-week time slots.** Dave or Pam Smith can provide you with a quick introduction to the garden and what to do during the week.

You may sign up for as many weeks as you like! To review the available time slots and to sign up, please go to: <https://tinyurl.com/GivingGardenHelper>

Questions? Please contact Pam Smith at [pklipsmith@gmail.com](mailto:pklipsmith@gmail.com)/(908) 581-6638 -or- the church office at [lamingtonchurch@gmail.com](mailto:lamingtonchurch@gmail.com)/(908) 572-7013.

Thank you for tending to the LPC Giving Garden--your time and devotion is truly appreciated!!

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**Save the Date!**

**Summer Fun with our Friends from E'port**  
**Saturday, July 27**  
**10:00AM to 4:00PM**

Save the date for a fun filled day of gardening, crafts, swimming and a picnic lunch. We look forward to hosting our friends from E'port on Saturday, July 27! Everyone is welcome—this event is for all ages! Please contact Chris Smith with questions, to RSVP, and to see how you can help: [smitpvil@comcast.net](mailto:smitpvil@comcast.net) / (908) 208-0233. Hope you will plan to join us! Watch for more details as the date gets nearer.



### The Upcoming Week

Sunday, July 14	10:15AM <i>after</i> Worship	Worship Fellowship Hour
Friday, July 19	10:00AM	SHIP's Galley—sandwich making at LPC
Sunday, July 21	10:15AM <i>after</i> Worship	Worship-Guest Preacher: Ms. Margaret Poteet Fellowship Hour

### Summer Church Office Hours *call ahead to be sure we're in*

Regina will be on vacation from June 28 – July 15

Pastor Carl will be on vacation from July 15 - August 12



During the summer months--please call the church office before coming in--to be sure the office and doors are open. Occasionally, the office may need to close early.



*Coming this Fall*

**Save the Dates!!**

**Sunday, September 8**  
*Kick Off Sunday*

**Saturday, September 28**  
*Big Band Jazz Night*

*Watch for more details to come!*