

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.



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 23, 2019

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 23, 2019

10:15AM

“...they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.” -Luke 8:35b

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

Gavotte

François-Joseph Gossec

Nivita Thomas, 'cello

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 (*from Isaiah 35 and Psalm 42*)

Jodi Antunes

Leader: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, proclaims the prophet;
the desert shall rejoice and blossom!
People: **My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**
Leader: The eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy!
People: **When shall I come and behold the face of God?**
Leader: Waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool!
People: **My tears have been my food day and night,
while people say to me continually, “Where is your God?”**
Leader: A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God’s people!
People: **These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:
how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving.**
Leader: The procession of God’s people is a journey of promise; in hope, let us worship!

* GATHERING HYMN 664

“Morning Has Broken”

BUNESSAN

* INVITATION TO CONFESSON

* PRAYER OF CONFESSON (*unison*)

**Generous God,
you send us the Spirit of courage,
but we have been afraid.**

**You send us the Spirit of truth,
but we cling to our illusions.
You send us the Spirit of healing,
but we cannot let go of our hurts.
Holy Spirit of forgiveness, come to us again:
shake our hearts,
set our souls on fire with your love:
send us out into the world
rejoicing in your power.
We hold out to you
all our particular burdens of guilt and sin,
and we ask for your help
to live the way of your justice and love.**

* KYRIE (*Hymn 437*)

**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 581*)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 42

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

(Children are excused to go with their teachers to church school.)

SOLO

Long, Long Ago

Thomas Haynes Bayly

Ritika Thomas, violin and Nivita Thomas, 'cello

SECOND READING

Luke 8:26-39

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Going Sane”

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 181

“Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit”

EBENEZER

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

**We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments.**

**We violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

**In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Intermezzo
Ritika Thomas, violin

Zoltán Kodály

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 653 “Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries”

MORNING SONG

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Budapesto
Berceuse
Nivita Thomas, 'cello

Carey Cheney
Franz Schubert

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

Today's Worship Notes

To mention demons in our modern age seems strange. Modern psychology and medicine leave no room for such explanations of mental or physical distress, and most of us are right there with the doctors, affirming their diagnoses. Yet, as Christians, we must come to terms with the fact the Bible, written from the standpoint of an ancient worldview, is full of instances of demonic possession. One of the strangest of such tales is Jesus' healing of a demon-possessed man in Luke 8:26-39. Until Jesus heals him, the man's behavior is strange enough; but then, after Jesus drives the demons out, the behavior of his neighbors is stranger still. They hate and fear Jesus for what he has done. Madness is more familiar to them than sanity. Change — even a change for the better — can cause upset in a family or community.

LITURGIST: Jodi Antunes
DEACONS ON DUTY: Sandi Ramsay and Cindy Campbell
LEMONADE HOST: Juliette & Duncan Rose

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...

- † **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 Upcoming Week

Sunday, June 23	10:15AM 10:30AM	Worship Church School
Sunday, June 30	10:15AM 10:30AM	Worship Church School (last day before summer break)

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*)

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/(908) 581-6638 -or- the church office at lamingtonchurch@gmail.com/(908) 572-7013.

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

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: smitpvl@comcast.net / (908) 208-0233. Hope you will plan to join us! Watch for more details as the date gets nearer.



**Last Day of Sunday School
NEXT--Sunday, June 30**

During the summer months of July and August—we do not have Sunday School. Childcare will be available if needed.



Save the Dates!!

**Sunday, September 8
Kick Off Sunday**

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

Watch for more details to come!