

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.



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Ephesians 2:19

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
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July 22, 2018

10:15AM

*“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,
but you are citizens with the saints
and also members of the household of God...”*
-Ephesians 2:19

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

Sonata in c minor, K. 11

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 (*from Galatians 3:27-28*)

Clare Halsey

Leader: As many of you as were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ.
People: **There is no longer Jew or Greek,**
Leader: There is no longer slave or free,
People: **There is no longer male and female.**
All: **We are all one in Christ Jesus!**
Leader: Let us worship God!

* GATHERING HYMN 473 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

DIX

* INVITATION TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**God our Creator,
we offer our prayer
as persons who often feel less than whole.**

We have experienced losses that have diminished us.

**We discovered how difficult it is
to fulfill our best intentions.**

**We have practiced a fractional faith,
dividing our loyalties
in ways that do not allow full service to you.**

**Forgive us,
and free us to enjoy the fullness of your love.**

**Strengthen us,
and inspire us to wholehearted devotion.**

**We pray with voices united
in the saving 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)

Jacques Berthier

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

HEARING THE WORD

PRAAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

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

“Blind Man Stood on the Road and Cried”

African American Spiritual,
arr. P. Leibensperger

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:11-22

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Don’t Be a Stranger”

The Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* HYMN 387

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

BRADBURY

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*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

JS Bach

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 440 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

MC KEE

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Valse in E-flat Major, Posthumous

F. Chopin

** 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

“Don’t be a stranger!” is something we say to people we like, people we want to see again. Who wants to be a stranger? In a dangerous world, strangers are held in suspicion or, at least, kept at a safe distance. In Ephesians 2, we hear how God changes all that. Christ’s love transforms us from strangers into more than just acquaintances, and more, even, than friends. As Christ-followers, we become adopted members of God’s family. What implication does that have for how we treat one another?

We welcome to worship today **guest musician, Justin Proffitt**. Mr. Proffitt serves as an adjunct faculty member at The College of New Jersey and at Westminster Choir College, teaching piano secondary courses. In addition, he maintains an independent music studio in the Princeton, New Jersey area. His performing experience has ranged from solo piano recitals to various collaborative performances. A recipient of Master of Music in Piano Pedagogy and Performance from Westminster Choir College, Justin continues to pursue his research interests by working toward a doctorate in Music and Music Education at Teachers College, Columbia University.

DEACON: Eleanor Halsey

LITURGIST: Clare Halsey

LEMONADE SUNDAY HOSTS: Pam & Dave Smith

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 22	10:15AM	Worship
Sunday, July 29	10:15AM	Worship