

March 26, 2023

Worship | 8:15 and 11 am

Livestream | 11 am



LEXINGTON

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

For God's glory, we are making disciples of Jesus as we worship, love, and serve.

WELCOME

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. We invite you to experience the meaning of the Gospel through this service, which reflects both ancient and modern elements of Christian worship. When we gather as a worshiping community, we enter into a dialogue with the living God. God calls us into worship, we rejoice in the hope of the gospel, confess our sins, lament the brokenness of our world, give our offerings, and hear God's Word read and preached. We hope that by worshiping with us you will experience joy and hope from a community of people who love Jesus.

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General inquiries: hello@lexpreschurch.com

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Prelude

PRAISE

Come Thou Fount



1. Come thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing tune my heart to sing thy
2. Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer, hi - ther by Thy help I'm
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dail - y I'm con - strained to
4. O that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy love - ly

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grace. Streams of mer - cy ne - ver ceas - ing call for songs of loud - est
come and I hope by Thy good plea - sure safe - ly to ar - rive at
be let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wand - ering heart to
face; Cloth - ed then in blood washed lin - en, How I'll sing Thy sov - reign

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praise. Teach me some mel - o - dious son - net sung by flam - ing tongues a -
home. Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of
thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I
grace; Come, my Lord, no long - er tar - ry, Take my ran - somed soul a -

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bove. Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it mount of God's Un - chang - ing
God. He, to res - cue me from dang - er in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
love. Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
way; Send thine an - gels now to car - ry me to realms of end - less day.

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758

Music: Nettleton, 1825

Call to Worship | Based on Psalm 98:1-6

*Leader: Sing a new song to the Lord,
who has worked wonders,
whose right hand and holy arm
have brought salvation.*

*All: The Lord has made known salvation;
has shown justice to the nations;
has remembered truth
and love for the house of Israel.*

*Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.*

*All: Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
sing out your joy.*

*Leader: Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the sound of music.*

*All: With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord.*

Prayer of Invocation

Only a Holy God



1. Who else co-mmands all the hosts of Hea - ven?
 2. What o - ther beau - ty de - mands such prai - ses?___
 3. What o - ther glo - ry con - sumes like fi - re?___
 4. Who else could re - scue me from my fail - ing?___

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Who else could make_ ev' ry king bow down?_
 What o - ther splen - dour out shines the sun?_
 What o - ther pow - er can raise the dead?_
 Who else would of - fer His on - ly son?_

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Who else can whis - per and dark-ness trem-bles? On-ly A Ho - ly God.
 What o - ther maj - es - ty rules with jus-tice?_ On-ly A Ho - ly God.
 What o - ther name re-mains un - de - feat-ed?_ On-ly A Ho - ly God.
 Who else in - vites me to call Him Fa-ther?_ On-ly A Ho - ly God.

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CHORUS Come and be - hold Him the One and the On - ly. Cry out sing Ho - ly for -

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ev - er a Ho - ly God. Come and wor-ship the Ho - ly God.

Micheal Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, Rich Thompson. 2016 CityAlight Music

Scripture Reading | John 15:8-17

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

RENEWAL

Corporate Confession of Sin | From Matthew 22:37-40

All: God of mercy,
 you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
 We confess that we have strayed from you
 and turned aside from your way.
 We are misled by pride,
 for we see ourselves pure when we are stained
 and great when we are small.
 We have failed in love,
 neglected justice,
 and ignored your truth.
 Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
 Return us to paths of righteousness
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Words of Comfort | Psalm 103:8-13

[Please stand]

*Leader: The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.*

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Gospel Song

Ho - ly God, in love, be - came per - fect Man to bear my blame.

On the cross he took my sin. By his death I live a - gain.

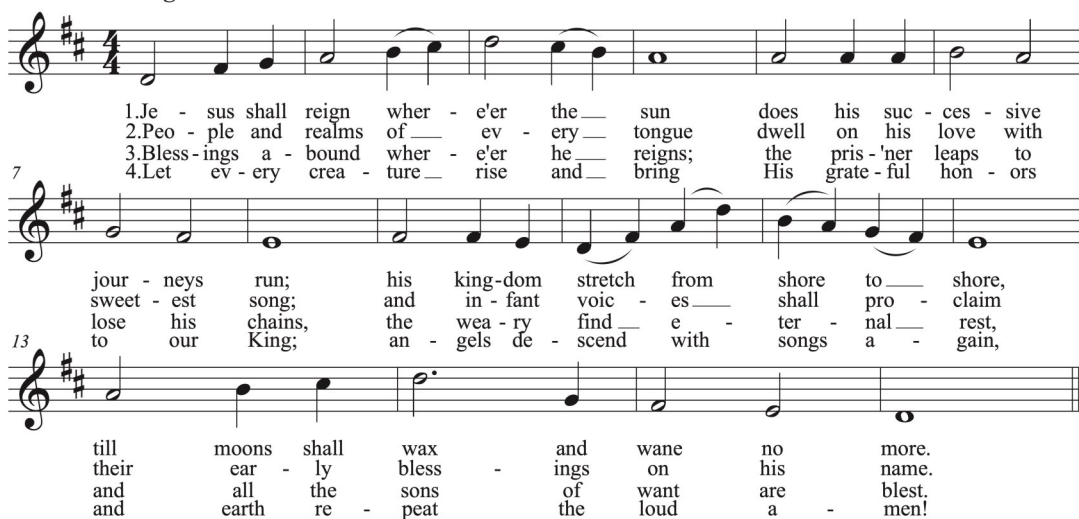
Words: Drew Jones 2002
Music: Bob Kauflin 2002

Updates | Following Christ Together

Worship Through Giving

The offering is a way for members and friends of Lexington Presbyterian to present the substance of their whole lives to God. If you are a guest, please feel no pressure to give. To give online, visit lexpreschurch.com/giving.

Jesus Shall Reign



1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does his suc - ces - sive
 2. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his love with
 3. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; the pris - 'ner leaps to
 4. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring His grate - ful hon - ors

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 jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from shore to shore,
 sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim
 lose his chains, the wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,
 to our King; an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,

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 till their moons shall wax and wane no more.
 and ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 all the sons of the want loud are a - blest.
 and earth re - peat of the loud a - men!

Words: Based on Psalm 72; Isaac Watts, 1719

Music: John Hatton, 1793

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Corporate Prayer

Scripture Reading | 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹ Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. ² If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³ But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴ Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ⁵ For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”— ⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷ However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸ Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹ But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹ And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹² Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

Sermon | Knowledge and Love
Chuck Parker

All Must Be Well

1. Through the love of God our Sav - ior, All will be ___ well;
 2. Though we pass through trib - u - la - tion, All will be ___ well;
 3. We ex - pect a bright to - mor - row, All will be ___ well;

5 Free and change - less is His fav - or All is ___ well; Pre - cious
 Ours is such a full sal - va - tion, All is ___ well; Hap - py
 Faith can sing through days of sor - row, All is ___ well; On our

10 is the blood that healed us, Per - fect is the grace that sealed us Strong the
 still in God con - fid - ing, Fruit - ful if in Christ a - bid - ing, Stead - fast
 Fa - ther's love re - ly - ing, Je - sus ev - 'ry need sup - ply - ing, Yes in

14 hand stretched forth to shield us, All must be ___ well.
 through the Spir - it's guid - ing, All must be ___ well.
 liv - ing and in dy - ing, All must be ___ well.

Words: Mary Bowley-Peters (1813-1856)
 Music: Matthew Smith 2007

Sending

Benediction

Postlude

Serving This Morning:

Keith Boland, liturgist, Rick Laughridge, updates; Jason Waters and John Parler, readers; Andrew Whitaker, Tim McConnell, Karen Laughridge and Holly Boatwright musicians; Chris Hollis, John Parler and Jacob Baarendse, audio/visual and livestream

Updates

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday (April 2nd) - Regular Schedule | Celebrate Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem! Children age 2-5th grade are invited to participate in our Palm Sunday processional during the 11:00 service! Children will stay in their CE class after 10:30am and line up with their teachers. If you miss CE, children can join their class in the Welcome Center before worship.

Maundy Thursday (April 6th) - 6:30pm | Join us to remember the Last Supper and Jesus's command to his disciples: "that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34). Nursery for age 2 and under will be available.

Good Friday (April 7th) - 6:30pm | Join us for our Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness") service as we reflect on the death of Jesus and its meaning for our redemption. Nursery for age 2 and under will be available.

Easter Sunday (April 9th) - 9:00am & 11:00am | Join us and invite others for this joyful celebration of Christ's resurrection! There will be no Christian Education classes, but nursery and Children's Church are scheduled as normal.

Midweek Reset on March 29th | Register for Your Meal!

Midweek Reset is a weekly opportunity on Wednesday nights for all ages to be discipled! We share a meal at 5:30pm, then break out into various groups and classes from 6:15pm-7:45pm. Register for your meal online at www.lexpreschurch.com/events by Monday, March 27th at noon!

Easter Lilies Order

The church will be decorated with beautiful Easter lilies on Sundays, April 2nd and April 9th. You can purchase the lilies in memory or in honor of a friend or loved one for \$15 each. Deadline for orders is March 26th. You can order your lily at www.lexpreschurch.com/events

Short Term Missions Opportunities

Reynosa, Mexico - Join a team working with Isaiah 55 Ministries doing light construction, a sports camp, ESL, and VBS with local children! All ages and skill levels are welcome. The trip is July 8th-14th and costs \$1500. Contact Amy Brady (abrady2694@aol.com) if you are interested.

Bangkok, Thailand - Join a team serving children of global workers who are gathering for training and refreshment! The trip is June 5th-11th and costs \$3000. Contact Jim McFarland (jimmcf@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - This is a great opportunity for high school youth to serve a church in an inner city borough! The trip is July 8th-14th and costs \$320. See more info and register at www.lexpreschurch.com/events.

Faith Promise Giving | Make Your Pledge Today!

Today is the day to make your Faith Promise pledge toward missions! In addition to these pledges, a minimum of 10% of our annual church budget will also be allocated toward missions. Note that this pledge is for the upcoming fiscal year, so if you're currently giving toward last year's Faith Promise pledge, keep doing that! You can start giving toward your new pledge on July 1st when our new budget year starts.

Learn CPR!

You can save a life by being trained in CPR! Our Director of Congregational Care, Anita Boland, will be offering a Heartsaver CPR/AED class on April 22nd from 9:00am-12:00pm in Tomlin East. There are only 12 spots, so go ahead and reserve yours by contacting Anita at aboland@lexpreschurch.com.

Stewardship

Through the end of February, 2023:

Budget FYTD\$933,333

Received FYTD \$927,330

Expenditures FYTD \$847,499

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