

# Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren

Long Green and Kanes Rds., near Glen Arm, MD

May 22, 2016

Worship 10:00 am                      Sunday School 11:10 am

**Large print hymnals are available                      see an usher**

This room is equipped with a sound loop for the hearing impaired

Beginning with Praise (9:50 am)

“N’nung yeh dah”

Announcements

Opening Video

\*Call to Worship

One: You, oh Lord, are our shepherd.

**All: We will never be in need.**

One: We may walk through the valleys of death,

**All: but we won't be afraid.**

One: Your kindness and love

**All: will always be with us, each day of our lives.**



\* Songs

“Open the Eyes of my Heart”

“Grace Like Rain”

\*Opening Prayer

Scripture

Psalm 23

*Laughing Bird* version

Sharing a joy, a concern, a word of testimony or praise

(please be brief, and aware of God’s listening presence)

Litany

Leader: Lord, we have bad days.

*Women: Yet you still remain by our side.*

Men: Lord, we have our good days.

*Women: And you still remain by our side.*

Men: Sometimes we have struggles;

*Women: You guide us through.*

Men: Like a shepherd to sheep,

*Women: you show us the way.*

**All: Because through mountains or valleys, you Lord, are Our Shepherd.**

Song

“N’nung yeh dah”

Pastoral Prayer

Call to Giving

As we give

COB Youth/Young Adult Workcamps video

(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it on)

Scripture Jam

Message

*“For the mountains may depart  
and the hills be removed,*

*but my steadfast love shall not depart from you”*

(Isaiah 54:10)

\*Songs

“No Longer Blind”

“Prince of Peace (You are Holy)”

\*Benediction

\*Sending Music “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

Bach

\* Rise in body or in spirit

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This morning’s worship, led by our youth, was planned by Meghan Knight and Sarah Smith, their advisors. The worship resources, as well as today’s sermon will be posted on [www.lgvcob.org](http://www.lgvcob.org) and our church’s *facebook* page.

Beginning with praise at 9:50 a.m.

## “N’nung yeh dah”

N’nung yeh dah, n’nung yeh dah, O,  
n’nung yeh dah m’-ma bi-yeh n’nung yeh dah!  
*(repeat)*

I believe, I believe, O, I believe, O my sister, I believe.  
I believe, I believe, O, I believe, O my brother, I believe.

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## Announcements

*(Pete)*

## Opening Video

(“The Lord is my Shepherd” by John Michael Talbot)

## Call to worship

*(Ethan Lane)*

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by Yeysi Diaz

<http://www.brethren.org/yya/documents/nat-youth-sunday/2016/call-to-worship.pdf>

## “Open the Eyes of my Heart”

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see You,

I want to see You.

*(Repeat)*

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy, holy, holy *(Repeat)*

*(Repeat)*

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

I want to see You.

*(Repeat twice)*

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## “Grace Like Rain”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see so clearly

Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me  
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away, washed away

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me  
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away, washed away

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing your praise  
Than when we've first begun

Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me  
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away, washed away  
They're washed away

by Chris Collins, Edwin Othello Excell, John Newton, Todd Agnew  
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## Opening Prayer

Gracious God, today we wish to give thanks to you.  
We open our hearts and minds to the awareness that you  
are there to guide, comfort, and lead us through the dark  
times in our lives. Bless us and care for us as we continue  
through the journey of life. Amen.

by Olivia Russell

<http://www.brethren.org/yya/documents/nat-youth-sunday/2016/invocation-olivia-russell.pdf>

## Psalms 23

Laughing Bird version  
(Erin Eilers)

You, LORD, are my guide in the wilderness;  
there is nothing more I could need.

You set up camp in places of beauty and shelter;  
you lead the way on secluded tracks  
beside creeks of cool clean water.

I feel my spirit breathing freely again;  
your reputation puts me at ease;  
I leave the navigating to you, and follow.

Even if we hike through a perilous valley,  
where crows keep a menacing watch,  
fear will still not get the better of me.

As long as I stick with you  
I know I'll make the distance;  
with a knife and a bit of rope  
you seem able to tackle any challenge.

You cook up a feast for me,  
as those who wanted  
to feed on me watch, frustrated.  
You pamper me like an honored guest  
and constantly top up my glass.

My life feels charmed, each and every day.  
Love, mercy and all good things  
keep falling into my lap.

I'm with you for life, LORD,  
where you go, I'll go;  
where you live, I'll live.

from the Laughing Bird version  
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## Joys and Concerns

(Pete)

## Litany

(Possibly read by Ethan Lui. If not Ethan Lui, Ethan Lane will read):  
Written by Krystal Bellis

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All: Because through mountains or valleys,  
you Lord, are Our Shepherd.

by Krystal Bellis  
<http://www.brethren.org/yya/documents/nat-youth-sunday/2016/litany-krystal-bellis.pdf>

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## Pastoral Prayer

(Pete)

# Call to Giving

(Beth Kagarise and Elise Lane)

As we come together through the offering, remember that the Lord is our Shepherd. Whether you are on the mountains of life or deep in the valleys, God will be by our side. Remember as you give today that God will always be there for you, to guide you through the lows and guide you to the highs.

by Digby Stroger

<http://www.brethren.org/yya/documents/nat-youth-sunday/2016/call-to-giving-digby-stroger.pdf>

## As we give

COB Youth/Young Adult Workcamps video

## Scripture Jam

(1 - Ethan Lane, 2 - Elise Lane, 3 - Beth Kagarise)

- 1: Hey! We're going to the grocery store can we get you anything?
- 2: Yeah, we're going to get some food to make dinner.
- 3: The Lord is my shepherd! I don't need a thing.
- 1: Oookay? I was thinking steak and salad but—
- 3: *(Interrupts)* He makes me lie down in green pastures, he

leads me besides quiet waters and refreshes my soul.

- 2: That's great and all, but we're trying to make a list here.
- 1: And you are NOT helping.
- 3: He guides me along the right paths. Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I am not afraid because he is by my side, and his trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure.
- 2: I'm happy for you, but where is all of this coming from?
- 1: Shepherd's crook... what? I guess lamb sounds pretty good...
- 2: Focus! We need to get going; the store closes soon.
- 3: He prepares a feast for me in the presence of my enemies and revives me.
- 2: Yeah, and *we're* trying prepare feast for us... you know, your friends here?
- 1: Wait. I think I get it. You aren't hungry right now?
- 3: My cup brims with blessings, for God's beauty and love chase after me every day of my life.

- 1: You're not thirsty, either? I was thinking chocolate milk. It goes with everything.
- 2: Seriously, the *store* isn't going to chase after *us*.
- 3: I'm trying to tell you that God is here to guide us all through darkness and light; to care for us when we struggle to care for ourselves, and that we are ALWAYS welcome in the house of God, forever.

- 1: Well, why didn't you just say so in the first place?
- 2: I get it. God in a way is metaphorically feeding us with blessings?
- 1: And he will walk besides us in good times, and guide us during the dark times?
- 3: Yes! Now you guys are getting it.
- 1: Cool, but I'm still hungry. All this "The Lord is my shepherd" talk is making my crave shepherd's pie. Why do you guys think?

- 3: Sounds good, all that scripture talk has made me so hungry!
- 2: Alrighty! Let's all go before the store closes.

*(All exit.)*

by Olivia Russell

<http://www.brethren.org/yya/documents/nat-youth-sunday/2016/scripture-jam-pdf.pdf>

## Message

*"For the mountains may depart  
and the hills be removed,  
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(Isaiah 54:10)

(Pete)

## "No Longer Blind"

No longer blind, blind,  
let me see, see, see  
Christ in you, Christ in me.

Jesus, come and heal my sight,  
Help me be whole,  
let me see by your light.

by Matt Guynn

## "Prince of Peace (You are Holy)"

You are holy	<i>(You are holy)</i>
You are mighty	<i>(You are mighty)</i>
You are worthy	<i>(You are worthy)</i>
Worthy of praise	<i>(Worthy of praise)</i>
I will follow	<i>(I will follow)</i>
I will listen	<i>(I will listen)</i>
I will love you	<i>(I will love you)</i>
All of my days	<i>(All of my days)</i>

(Men)  
I will sing to  
And worship  
The King who  
Is worthy  
I will love Him  
Adore Him  
I will bow down  
Before Him  
I will sing to  
And worship  
The King who  
Is worthy  
I will love Him  
Adore Him  
I will bow down  
Before Him

(Women)  
*You are the Lord of Lords*  
*You are the King of Kings*  
*You are mighty God*  
*Lord of everything*  
*You're Emmanuel*  
*You're the great I Am*  
*You're the Price of Peace*  
*Who is the Lamb*  
*You're the living God*  
*You're my saving grace*  
*You will reign forever*  
*You are ancient of days*  
*You are Alpha Omega*  
*Beginning and End*  
*You're my Savior, Messiah*  
*Redeemer and Friend*

*together:*  
You're my Prince of Peace  
And I will live my life for you

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# Benediction

(Meghan and Sarah)

(based on Psalm 23, John 10, 1 John 3:16-24)

Go now with your trust in the good shepherd,  
and let us love, not just in words,  
but in truth and action.  
Believe in the name of Jesus Christ,  
and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

And may God be at your side, even in valleys of death.  
May Christ Jesus be the cornerstone of your life.  
And may the Holy Spirit abide in you  
and tend you with love and mercy  
all the days of your life.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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<http://laughingbird.net/LectureTexts/B35.html#Benediction>