

# Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren

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

June 19, 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

## Father's Day

Why, I ask myself, are you so depressed?  
Why are you so upset inside?  
Hope in God!  
Because I will again give him thanks,  
my saving presence and my God.  
(Psalm 42:5, 11 and 43:5, *Common English Bible*)

Beginning with Praise (9:50 am)    "God has made me glad"    (insert)

Announcements

\*Scripture Stretch

Prelude

\*Call to Worship                      Psalm 42:1-5                      (*overhead*)

\*Hymn                      "This is my Father's world"                      154

\*Opening Prayer

Gospel Story, part 1                      Luke 8:26-30

Response from Psalm 42, with \*Scripture Stretch                      (*overhead*)

Gospel Story, part 2                      Luke 8:30-39

Song                      "God has made me glad"                      (insert)

Glad for Grads

Sharing a joy, a concern, a word of testimony or praise  
(please be brief, and aware of God's listening presence)

Hymn                      "Lord, listen to your children"                      353

Pastoral Prayer

Responsive Scripture                      Psalm 43:1-5                      (*overhead*)

Returning our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory                      (Please sign the attendance pad and pass it on)

Glad for Dads

Song                      "God has made me glad"                      (insert)

Scripture                      Galatians 3:23-29

Message                      "*Beyond the disciplinarian*"

\*Hymn                      "Strong, righteous man of Galilee"                      540

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\* Rise in body or in spirit

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# God has made me glad

Musical score for the hymn "God has made me glad". The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. Chord symbols (D, G, A7, Bm, Em7) are placed above the staff to indicate accompaniment. The lyrics are: "I will en-ter God's gates with thanks - giv-ing in my heart, I will en-ter God's courts with praise. I will say, 'This is the day that the Lord has made.'" " I will re-joyce for God has made me glad. God has made me glad, God has made me glad, I will re-joyce for God has made me glad. God has made me glad, God has made me glad, I will re-joyce for God has made me glad."

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## Announcements

# Scripture Stretch

Why, I ask myself,

*(hold both arms up in questioning mode)*

are you so depressed?

*(hold bowed head in hands)*

Why are you so upset inside?

*(hold stomach with hands)*

Hope in God!

*(point up, stretching, with one arm/hand)*

Because I will again give him thanks,

*(raise hands in praise)*

my saving presence and my God.

*(point up, stretching, with other arm/hand)*

*(Psalm 42:5, 11 and 43:5, Common English Bible)*

## Prelude

# Call to Worship

Psalms 42 and 43 are connected, and could be seen as one psalm. While these words compose a prayer for help, they uphold a faith in a Living God, who provides and revives, who is with us through our sadness, and rejoices in our gladness. This morning, we will divide these two psalms into three parts. Please rise in body or spirit and join in as we speak the first five verses as a Call to Worship, the words projected on the screen. Be ready for a “scripture stretch” at the end, as we then move into a hymn of faith and praise.

One:

Just like a deer that craves streams of water, my whole being craves you, God.

**All:**

**My whole being thirsts for God, for the living God.**

One:

When will I come and see God’s face? My tears have been my food both day and night, as people constantly questioned me, “Where’s your God now?”

**All:**

**But I remember these things as I bare my soul: how I made my way to the mighty One’s abode, to God’s own house, with joyous shouts and thanksgiving songs - a huge crowd celebrating the festival!**

# Scripture Stretch

*(motions, see above)*

Why, I ask myself, are you so depressed?

Why are you so upset inside?

Hope in God!

Because I will again give him thanks,  
my saving presence and my God.

Psalm 42:1-5

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# 154 This is my Father's world

TERRA BEATA 66. 86D

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all  
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car-ols raise, the  
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world. Oh, let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their ma - ker's praise.  
 though the wrong seems oft so strong God is the ru - ler yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world, I rest me in the thought of  
 This is my Fa-ther's world, he shines in all that's fair. In the  
 This is my Fa-ther's world, the bat - tle is not done. Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas - his hand the won - ders wrought.  
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - ry - where.  
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

# Opening Prayer

Living God, like the author of the psalm, there are times when we feel besieged by unbelief. Times when we are mocked for our faithfulness and people still cry "where is your God?" So, on this day of celebration, we praise and thank you for giving meaning and shape to our faith in the person of Jesus Christ. You strengthen us with the power of the Holy Spirit so that we can affirm our unity in Christ with joy and hope for the future. There are times of testing when doubts creep in, and there are sure to be such times ahead, but we face the future with courage and anticipation, in the knowledge that you have been - that you are - and that you forever will be - our help, our rock, and our God. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

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Please be seated.

## Luke 8:26-30

Our gospel story today is from the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of Luke. Last week's lesson was from Luke 7 about a nameless woman who anointed Jesus' feet with her tears and with some oil from an "Alabaster jar," broken open in the home of a Pharisee named Simon. Not long after that, in Luke's gospel, following a few parables, Jesus and his disciples head out in a boat across the sea of Galilee. Perhaps you recall the story of Jesus sleeping through a storm, then calming the sea when he is awakened by his frightened disciples. That story immediately precedes this morning's gospel story. We will pause in the middle of it to return to Psalm 42, with a "scripture stretch," and then tell the rest of the story. Listen.

<sup>26</sup> Jesus and his disciples sailed to the Gerasenes' land, which is across the lake from Galilee. <sup>27</sup> As soon as Jesus got out of the boat, a certain man met him. The man was from the city and was possessed by demons. For a long time, he had lived among the tombs, naked and homeless. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he shrieked and fell down before him. Then he shouted, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!" <sup>29</sup> He said this because Jesus had already commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had taken possession of him, so he would be bound with leg irons and chains and placed under guard. But he would break his restraints, and the demon would force him into the wilderness.

<sup>30</sup> Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"Legion," he replied, because many demons had entered him.

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## Response from Psalm 42

One:

My whole being is depressed. That's why I remember you from the land of Jordan and Hermon, from Mount Mizar. Deep called to deep at the noise of your waterfalls; all your massive waves surged over me.

All:

**By day the Lord commands his faithful love; by night his song is with me - a prayer to the God of my life.**

One:

I will say to God, my solid rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why do I have to walk around, sad, oppressed by enemies?" With my bones crushed, my foes make fun of me, constantly questioning me: "Where's your God now?"

## Scripture Stretch

*(motions, see above)*

Why, I ask myself, are you so depressed?

Why are you so upset inside?

Hope in God!

Because I will again give him thanks,  
my saving presence and my God.

Gospel Story, part 2  
Luke 8:30-39

<sup>30</sup> Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"Legion," he replied, because many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> They pleaded with him not to order them to go back into the abyss. <sup>32</sup> A large herd of pigs was feeding on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs. Jesus gave them permission, <sup>33</sup> and the demons left the man and entered the pigs. The herd rushed down the cliff into the lake and drowned.

<sup>34</sup> When those who tended the pigs saw what happened, they ran away and told the story in the city and in the countryside. <sup>35</sup> People came to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone. He was sitting at Jesus' feet, fully dressed and completely sane. They were filled with awe. <sup>36</sup> Those people who had actually seen what had happened told them how the demon-possessed man had been delivered. <sup>37</sup> Then everyone gathered from the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave their area because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and returned across the lake. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged to come along with Jesus as one of his disciples. Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> "Return home and tell the story of what God has done for you." So he went throughout the city proclaiming what Jesus had done for him.

## God has made me glad

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The chords indicated above the notes are D, G, A7, Bm, Em7, and D. The lyrics are: "I will enter God's gates with thanksgiving in my heart, I will enter God's courts with praise. I will say, 'This is the day that the Lord has made.'" "I will rejoice for God has made me glad. God has made me glad, God has made me glad, I will rejoice for God has made me glad. God has made me glad, God has made me glad, I will rejoice for God has made me glad. I will rejoice for God has made me glad."

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## Glad for Grads

Yes, we are glad, and something that fills us with gladness is when persons we love take a significant step in their lives. We have two among us today who have, in the past half-year, stepped across the stage and tossed the tassel, graduating from college. How about if Sarah Smith and Tessa Haynes come forward to be “officially” recognized by us? While they are coming, let me note that someone related to our fellowship, Christopher Lewis, grandson of Ed Lewis, graduated from high school in Michigan. Christopher came here some with his family – his dad being Eric Lewis. He plans to attend *Western Michigan University* in Kalamazoo in the fall.

*(Sarah/Tessa briefly share. Then give gifts.)*

Sarah and Tessa, we are proud of your accomplishment, and pray that these next steps in your life are good ones. As Frederick Buechner once wrote: “Vocation is the place where our deep gladness meets the world's deep need.” May you discover that place for yourself. Amen?

## Joys and Concerns

## Lord, listen to your children 353

CHILDREN PRAYING 98. 99

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a 2/2 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place. Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace!" The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady bass accompaniment.

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## Pastoral Prayer

*(in the moment)*

## Responsive Scripture

We return for the third portion of Psalm 42-43, a cry for help, but also an affirmation of faith in the God of justice and righteousness, light and truth, who is steadfast and faithful. Let us read together responsively, with another “scripture stretch” at the end.

One:

Establish justice for me, God! Argue my case against ungodly people! Rescue me from the dishonest and unjust!

All:

**Because you are my God, my protective fortress! Why have you rejected me? Why do I have to walk around sad, oppressed by enemies?**

One:

Send your light and truth - those will guide me! Let them bring me to your holy mountain, to your dwelling place.

All:

**Let me come to God’s altar - let me come to God, my joy, my delight - then I will give you thanks with the lyre, God, my God!**

## Scripture Stretch

*(motions, see above)*

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Why are you so upset inside?

Hope in God!

Because I will again give him thanks,  
my saving presence and my God.

Psalm 43:1-5

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## Returning our Tithes and Offerings

*<sup>1</sup>“Since we have been made righteous through his faithfulness,” the apostle Paul wrote, “we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>We have access by faith into this grace in which we stand through him, and we boast in the hope of God’s glory. <sup>3</sup>But not only that! We even take pride in our problems, because we know that trouble produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>endurance produces character, and character produces hope. <sup>5</sup>This hope doesn’t put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.”*

Romans 5:1-6

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Ponder that, as you respond  
with your tithes and offerings.

Ushers?

## Offertory



# Glad for Dads

Fathers come in all sizes and shapes, and through the course of a lifetime they may change from a hands-on parent, responsible for discipline, to a grand softy, responsible for spoiling. Some fathers are distant, yes, but many - if not most - are very present, even if, as children become adults, miles separate. Even when not nearby, fathers (who are true to their calling) never stop thinking about, loving and praying for their offspring. Yes? We are glad for our Dads - those still among us, and those who live in heaven and in our memories. Amen?

Let's celebrate fatherhood with a prayer and a song to the One who entrusts little ones into the hands of parents for but a season to raise into adulthood. For this, we are grateful. God fills us with gladness... Let us pray.

O holy God, bless the fathers in this place and give them strength to persevere the race with patience, wisdom, faithfulness and grace, and let them be a sign of your abiding love.

Jesus, our Lord, blessed Joseph sheltered you and kept you safe from danger as you grew. Like Joseph may our fathers all stay true and ever seek to live by your abiding Word.

But humankind is frail.  
When our fathers fail  
be their help through life's travail,  
let your forgiving love prevail.

O holy God, bless the fathers in this place and give them strength to persevere the race with patience, wisdom, faithfulness and grace, and let them be a sign of your abiding love... Amen

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# Galatians 3:23-29

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.  
<sup>24</sup> Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith.<sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian,<sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.<sup>27</sup> As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.<sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.<sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Message

*“Beyond the disciplinarian”*

# Strong, righteous man of Galilee 540

MELITA 88. 88. 88

1 Strong, right - eous man of Gal - i - lee, robed with thy peace we  
 2 Firm, peace - ful man of Gal - i - lee, girt with thy strength we  
 3 Calm, suf - f'ring man of Gal - i - lee, clad in thy grace we  
 4 God's peace - ful man of Gal - i - lee, Love's tri - umph, we shall

fol - low thee - in tem - ple court, thy cleans - ing rod  
 fol - low thee - not to re - venge, but heal and pray,  
 fol - low thee - love at the well, share Mar - tha's loss,  
 fol - low thee - to crum - ble ev - 'ry boun - d'ry wall,

on greed and lies, the wrath of God. Robed with thy peace we  
 to turn the cheek, and trib - ute pay. Girt with thy strength we  
 for - give the nails, and take the cross. Clad in thy grace we  
 build high - ways to the hearts of all. Love's tri - umph, we shall

fol - low thee, strong, right - eous man of Gal - i - lee.  
 fol - low thee, firm, peace - ful man of Gal - i - lee.  
 fol - low thee, calm, suf - f'ring man of Gal - i - lee.  
 fol - low thee, God's peace - ful man of Gal - i - lee.

# Benediction

May the God of hope  
fill you with joy and peace in your faith,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your whole life and outlook  
may be radiant with hope.

Romans 15:13

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