

Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren

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

August 28, 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

Camp / Back-to-School Sunday

*“Don’t work yourself into the spotlight;
don’t push your way into the place of prominence.
It’s better to be promoted to a place of honor
than face humiliation by being demoted.”*
(Proverbs 25:6-7 from *The Message*)

Beginning with Praise (9:50 am) “A place in the choir” (insert)

Announcements

Prelude “There’s a quiet understanding” Smith

Around the Sanctuary

*Call to Worship

*Hymn “Grab another hand” (aka “A-la-la”)

*Opening Prayer

Psalm 112:1-4 in Chinese and English

Song “The Lord is my light”

Returning our Tithes and Offerings Psalm 112:5-9

Offertory Video “The Gift of Generosity”

(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it on)

Around the Campfire

A Summer’s worth of Sharing (campers and leaders)

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

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

Flames of the Spirit songs

Pastoral Prayer

Around the Table

Scripture Luke 14:1, 7-14

Message “*From one meal to another*”

*Song “Come to the table” (insert)

*Benediction

*Postlude

* Rise in body or in spirit

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A place in the choir

Refrain: All God's critters got a place in the choir,
some sing low, some sing higher,
some sing out loud on the telephone wire,
and some just clap their hand, or paws,
or anything they got now.

Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom
where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus moans & groans
with a big ta'do, and the old cow just goes "Moo." *(Refrain)*

The dogs and the cats they take up the middle
while the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles, the donkey brays
and the pony neighs and the old coyote howls. *(Refrain)*

Listen to the top where the little birds sing on the melodies
with the high notes ringing, The hoot owl hollers over
ev'rything and the jaybird disagrees. *(Refrain)*

It's a simple song of living sung ev'rywhere by the ox and the fox
and the grizzly bear, the grumpy alligator and the hawk above,
the sly raccoon and the turtle dove. *(Refrain)*

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Call to Worship

4 readers stand together at the top of the steps in the front of the sanctuary. They pass one microphone, each speaking their line with enthusiasm. To the song that follows, they lead the congregation in doing as the songs says, first holding each other's hand to verse 1 ("grab another hand"), then going out into the congregation to do the rest of the verses ("shake another hand," "raise another hand," hug another friend").

- 1 - It is time!
- 2 - It's time to rise and shine!
- 3 - It's time to get up and move!
- 4 - It's time to pay attention!
- 1 - It's time to wake up!
- 2 - It's time to pray forward!
- 3 - It's time to celebrate!
- 4 - It's time to praise God!
- 1 - Allelulia!
- 2 - Allelulia!
- 3 - Allelulia!
- 4 - Allelulia!

Grab another hand

(aka "A-la-la")

Grab another hand, grab a hand next to ya,

Grab another hand and sing this song.

Grab another hand, grab a hand next to ya,

Grab another hand and sing,.... sing along.

Al la,la,la,la,la,la,le lu ya Al la,la,la,la,le lu ya

Al la,la,la,la,la,la,le lu ya Al la,la,la,la,la,....le lu ya.

- Shake another hand
- Raise another hand
- Hug another friend

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Opening Prayer

- 1 - With hands raised, we praise you, God.
- 2 - With hands clasped, we depend upon your promises
as we make our own.
- 3 - With arms linked, we follow Jesus together,
empowered by your Holy Spirit.
- 4 - Hugging one another, we are embraced by your love.
 - 1 - Lead us in worship.
 - 2 - Speak to us in scripture.
 - 3 - Bless this time.
 - 4 - In Jesus' name. Amen.

Psalm 112:1-4

Reader 1:

Psalm 112:1-4...

Listen.

Reader 2:

你们要赞美耶和华！

敬畏耶和华、

乐于遵行祂命令的人有福了！

Reader 1:

Shout praises to the Lord!

The Lord blesses everyone who worships him
and gladly obeys his teachings.

Reader 2:

他的子孙在世上必兴盛，

正直人的后代必蒙福。

Reader 1:

Their descendants will have
great power in the land,
because the Lord blesses
all who do right.

Reader 2:

他的家财丰厚，他的公义永存。

Reader 1:

They will get rich and prosper
and will always be remembered
for their fairness.

Reader 2:

黑暗中必有光照亮正直人
照亮有恩慈、好怜悯、行公义的人。

Reader 1:

They will be so kind and merciful and good,
that they will be a light in the dark
for others who do the right thing.

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The lord is my light

The Lord is my light, and my salvation.
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear? *(repeat both lines)*
The Lord is my strength, the strength of my life,
Of whom, then, shall I be afraid? *(repeat)*

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Psalms 112:5-9

- 1 - It is good to be merciful and generous.
- 2 - Those who are fair in their business
will never be defeated.
- 3 - Good people will always be remembered.
- 4 - They won't be afraid of bad news;
1 - their hearts are steady because they trust the Lord.
2 - They are confident and will not be afraid;
3 - they will look down on their enemies.
4 - They give freely to the poor.
1 - The things they do are right and will continue forever.
2 - They will be given great honor.

(pause for 3 seconds, then go on)

- 3 - Good and generous people of God,
- 4 - we invite you to give as you are able. Ushers?

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Offertory Video “The Gift of Generosity”

A Summer's worth of Sharing
(campers and leaders)

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

- 1 - See to it that love continues to run both ways in all your dealings with one another.
- 2 - Don't limit your hospitality to your friends. Some people who have welcomed strangers into their homes were actually opening their doors to God's messengers without realizing it.
- 3 - Keep standing up for those who are in detention, just as you would if you were locked up with them. Imagine yourselves in the shoes of those who are being harshly mistreated and work for them accordingly. Don't let out of sight mean out of mind!
- 4 - See to it that the vowed life of marriage is treated with the respect it deserves. Protect the sacredness of the sexual intimacy within vowed relationships. God will sort out those who drag sex into the mire of selfishness, dishonesty and betrayal.
- 1 - Keep the lust for money right out of your lives. Be satisfied with what you have, trusting in God's promise to never let you down or abandon you.
- 2 - We can say with confidence: "The Lord looks after me; I've got nothing to fear. What harm can anyone do me?"
- 3 - Remember your leaders through whom you heard God's message. Watch the way they live and note what comes of it. Model yourselves on their example of faith. Such examples don't go out of date, because Jesus Christ is the same now as he always was and always will be.

- 4 - Let us continue to offer the gift of praise to God through Christ. Keeping God's name on our lips is a real gift, but it is not the only gift that matters. Don't overlook the importance of sharing what you have and working for the good of others, because these too are gifts that delight God.

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Sharing a joy, a concern,
a word of testimony or praise
(campers take microphones to those wishing to speak)

Flames of the Spirit songs

Pass it on

It only takes a spark to get a fire going.
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's love;
Once you've experienced it,
you spread His love to everyone;
You want to pass it on.

Seek ye first

Seek ye first, the Kingdom of God & God's righteousness.
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Allelujah.

'Tis a gift to be simple

'Tis a gift to be simple, 'Tis a gift to be free,
'Tis a gift to come down where we ought to be.
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend, we shan't be ashamed.
To turn, turn, 'twill be our delight
'Till by turning, turning, we come 'round right.

Spirit of the living God

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Sanctuary

Lord please make me a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tired and true,
And with thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for you.

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Pastoral Prayer

(spoken in the moment as the Spirit leads)

Luke 14:1, 7-14

(Beforehand, place several folding chairs hidden up front, ready to be used.)

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

Wait, let's try to visualize this Sabbath feast. Here is the head seat at the table. (set up a folding chair at the top of the steps) This is where the leader of the Pharisees sits. Hmm. I need a "leader of the Pharisees." Any volunteers? Great. Please sit in this most important seat. Let's add some more chairs. (place one folding chair on either side of the head, then add some down the steps, noting which might be more important as a place to sit.) Let's continue.

⁷ When (Jesus) noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet,

I need so two more volunteers. You've been invited to this meal. (seat one next to the host, and the other in a chair down the steps)

"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,'

Oops! You (the one seated next to the host) need to move. Trade places with him/her (the other person, do so).

'Give this person your place,' (the host says) and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

How embarrassing! Okay, everyone but the head Pharisee, get up. Both of you sit in the seat furthest away from the host.

¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.

Okay, host, invite them to come and sit beside you at the head of the table.

¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Thank you for helping us visualize this story. Please help put these chairs back where they were.

The Carol of the Manor

♩ = 152

Ex - cit - ed you came, so lit - tle your frame, to the
 From pic - tures to chap - ters, the words came to cap - ture your
 For re - cess you yearned, on the play - ground you learned that
 Field trips and class - mates, lunch la - dies to keep straight, re -
 You stand at the brink and here, now, you think of the
 Ex - cit - ed you leave, much more to a - chieve, but the

Man - or of Car - roll in sweet Mar - y's land. Your eyes o - pen
 i - ma - gi - na - tion from grade one to five. Ad - di - tion, sub -
 fair - ness is mea - sured in words and in deeds. For the kind - ness you
 mem - ber and trea - sure these years now gone by. Hall - ween to
 sto - ry just wait - ing to be writ - ten down. What steps will you
 Man - or of Car - roll in sweet Ma - ry's land will long be the

wide, a teach - er your guide, to grow, and to
 trac - tion, and the mul - ti - pli - ca - tion were sign - posts to
 share, and the lumps that you bear, and to stand for what's
 Spring Fair, would you have been else - where? The things you have
 take, what de - ci - sions you make? The tale that you
 place where, by glo - ry and grace, you grew, and you

fly, and to walk hand - in - hand... Sing - ing: This is my home for, as
 show now that you were a - live...
 right, are of jus - tice the seeds...
 done here will long sat - is - fy...
 live out will be your re - nown...
 flew, and you walked hand - in - hand...

long as I roam, I'll nev - er for - get all the les - sons I learned. Some things that were

taught and some things that were not, I'll car - ry with - in me where - ev - er I turn.

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Come to the table

♩ = 175

refrain: Come to the ta - ble the can - dles are lit. You are most wel - come, so come in and sit.

This cel - e - bra - tion will nev - er be done. Our ju - bi - la - tion has on - ly be - gun.

1. Friends and good neigh - bors please join us this day. Out - casts and street peo - ple
2. "Glo - ry to God in the high - est," we sing, ech - o - ing an - gels with
3. Prod - i - gal child - ren your Fa - ther a - waits, read - y to wel - come and
4. "Feast in the good - ness that I free - ly share. This is my bo - dy, your
5. Yes, Je - sus died, but he's ris - en, you see. Death can - not stop him, and

don't have to pay. Tell one an - oth - er what you have re - ceiv'd
 joy on their wings. "Peace to the world" is the mes - sage we bear.
 to cel - e - brate. Sib - lings of prod - i gals sing and re - joice,
 bur - den I bear. Drink from the cup that I of - fer to you.
 in him we're free. Do not be fright - en'd, you are not a - lone.

Share the good news so that all may be - lieve.
 Shout it a - loud, ev' ry - one, ev' ry - where.
 bless - ings un - fold as you give them your voice.
 Know that I pro - mise to make all things new."
 Go tell the sto - ry that God mov'd the stone. (end with refrain)

can substitute "party" for "table"

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Benediction

A week of camp ends,
but the fire remains within,
even for those of us
who were campers long ago.
Allow that flame,
the blaze of the Holy Spirit,
to kindle the candles on every table.
For every meal,
whether haphazard or planned,
whether few or many share it,
is a Love Feast.
The heavenly host is at the head of the table,
which is every table,
a foretaste of the Kingdom.
“Come, sit with me,” says the Lord.
Are you available this week for such a meal,
which can be every meal?
I hope so. Lord bless!