

Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren

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

August 20, 2017

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 Sunday

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt." (Genesis 45:4)

Beginning with Praise (9:50 am) "Kum ha yah" (insert)

Announcements

Prelude "Larghetto" Friedrich Keechlau

to worship and adore

Call to Worship Psalm 133 (expanded)

*Hymn "Brethren, we have met to worship" 8

*Opening Prayer

trembling mourners

Message, part 1 "*a brother's sorrow*" Genesis 37

Confession Time

Moment of Silence

*Hymn (vs. 1& 2) "Wonderful grace of Jesus" 150

love one another

Responsive reading John 15:12-17 846

Camp Sharing

Song "Lean on me" (insert)

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

Song "Sanctuary" (insert)

Prayer

know God's holy will

Scripture Genesis 45:3-15

Message, part 2 "*I am your brother*"

Hymn (vs. 1) "Heart with loving heart united" 420

Responding with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Video "Forgiveness" Matthew West
(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it on)

*Hymn (vs. 2-3) "Heart with loving heart united" 420

*Benediction

*Postlude "Lancashire" Henry Smart

*Rise in body or in spirit

Call to Worship

Psalm 133 (expanded)

- 1 - How wonderful,
- 2 - how beautiful,
- 3 - how good and pleasing it is
- 4 - when brothers and sisters get along!
- 5 - Amen!

- 1 - It's like expensive oil poured over the head,
- 2 - running down onto the beard,
- 3 - and then onto the collar.
- 4 - What? That sounds sticky and icky.
- 5 - And you don't even have a beard.
- 1 - In a land without bath or showers,
- 2 - perfumed oil helped folks not to stink.
- 3 - In ancient times, oil anointed priests and kings.
- 4 - We anoint sick persons today
- 5 - and pray for God to help them get well.

- 1 - How wonderful,
- 2 - how beautiful,
- 3 - how good and pleasing it is
- 4 - when brothers and sisters get along!
- 5 - Amen!

- 1 - It's like the dew on the mountain,
- 2 - an early morning blanket over the slopes.
- 3 - Imagine that!

4 - God speaks a blessing:

5 - everlasting life.

- 1 - How wonderful,
- 2 - how beautiful,
- 3 - how good and pleasing it is
- 4 - when brothers and sisters get along!
- 5 - Amen!

Please rise, and join us in singing:

“Brethren, we have met to worship”

Hymn #8

(with guitar and djembe, not organ)

Opening Prayer

Let us pray.

As we worship this morning, O God, we pray that your spirit will be our strength, your word will be our guide, your love will be our comfort, and your promises will be our hope (for we pray as our Savior Christ has taught us, “Our Father...”

by David Chafin, Deputy Regional Minister
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Message, part 1
“a brother’s sorrow”

based upon Genesis 37

Confession Time

Whether we are talking about the jealousy of Joseph’s brothers, or the hatred and racism exposed by the events of this past week, sin is like an ocean wave which pounds the shore of our existence. It can push backward even the most grounded person. It can knock us over, such that we are tempted to sin against someone, to desire them harm. Sin can also tear us apart on the inside, even if we do not act on it.

Spend a few moments of quiet, thinking about when you have felt this wave wash over you. Perhaps it is very near to you right now. If so, pray for God to help you let it go – even if you are only able to do so little by little. Then, when the song begins, stand tall (physically, if you are able - spiritually, if you are not) and sing of God’s wonderful grace, which is “deeper than the mighty rolling sea.”

Moment of Silence

(vs. 1& 2) “Wonderful grace of Jesus”

Hymn #150

Responsive reading
John 15:12-17

Hymnal #846

Everyone:

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Leader:

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.

People:

I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

Leader:

You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.

People:

I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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Camp Sharing

Song

“Lean on me”

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

Song

“Sanctuary”

Prayer

One - Holy Friend, hear our prayers for the salvation of many. Where there are Christians whose faith has been shaken by suffering and tragedies,

Left - Let there be light,

Right - let there be trust,

Left - let there be hope,

Right - let there be peace.

One - Where there are cynics whose protective coating has been cracked by genuine love,

Left - Let there be light,

Right - let there be trust,

Left - let there be hope,

Right - let there be peace.

One - Where there are seekers who have come close to belief but hesitate on the brink,

Left - Let there be light,

Right - let there be trust,

Left - let there be hope,

Right - let there be peace.

One - Where there are the dying and the bereaved who face the darkness without hope,

Left - Let there be light,

Right - let there be trust,

Left - let there be hope,

Right - let there be peace.

One - Where there are political leaders who admit their fallibility and now look for guidance,

Left - Let there be light,

Right - let there be trust,

Left - let there be hope,

Right - let there be peace.

One - Where there are church leaders caught up in a web of details but forgetting their first love,

Left - Let there be light,

Right - let there be trust,

Left - let there be hope,

Right - let there be peace.

One - Where there are welfare agencies and overseas aid groups who have become self-serving,

Left - Let there be light,

Right - let there be trust,

Left - let there be hope,

Right - let there be peace.

One - Where there are members of this congregation who carry deep hurts, fears, guilt or anger,

Left - Let there be light,

Right - let there be trust,

Left - let there be hope,

Right - let there be peace.

One - God our Holy Friend, help us to do for one another all those deeds of love which are within our capacity, and where the issues are beyond us, fill up our emptiness with your eternal wisdom and strength. Through Christ Jesus our Savior, Amen!

Genesis 45:3-15

1 – Narrator

2 – Joseph

3 – One of the brothers, speaking for Joseph

1 - Joseph said to his brothers,

2 - “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?”

1 - But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers,

2 - “Come closer to me.”

1 - And they came closer. He said,

2 - “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him,

3 - ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’

2 - And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.”

1 - Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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Message, part 2

“I am your brother”

“Heart with loving heart united”

Hymnal #420 (vs. 1)

Responding with our Tithes and Offerings

Pray with me...

Giver of all good gifts, the Scriptures are full of stories where you have been at work in the lives of your children, caring for us and providing for us, even when we deserved it the least. Through your grace, Joseph was able to provide for his family, even for those who sold him into slavery out of jealousy. Help us to trust more in your providence, to be less anxious that we might not have enough, offering our gifts with open hands and trusting hearts. We pray in the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

by Ken Sloane
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Ushers, come and receive our offerings.

Offertory Video

“Forgiveness”
by Matthew West
<https://youtu.be/h1Lu5udXEZI>

“Heart with loving heart united”

Hymnal #420 (vs. 2-3)

Benediction

- 1 - With humility,
- 2 - honesty,
- 1 - generosity,
- 2 - peace,
- 1 - and love,
- 2 - live in the Spirit this week.
- 1 - *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,*
- 2 - *according to his power that is at work within us,*
- 1 - *to him be glory in the church*
- 2 - *and in Christ Jesus*
- 1 - *throughout all generations,*
- 2 - *for ever and ever!*
- 1&2 - *Amen.*

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Postlude