

Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren

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

June 17, 2018

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

*"To every thing there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under the heaven."*

(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Beginning with Praise (9:50 am) "This is a day of new beginnings" 640

Announcements

Prelude "This is the Day/Turn, Turn, Turn"

Call to Worship Psalm 92:1-4 (from *The Message*)

One: What a beautiful thing, God, to give thanks,
to sing an anthem to you, the High God!

**All: To announce your love each daybreak,
sing your faithful presence all through the night,**

One: Accompanied by dulcimer and harp,
the full-bodied music of strings.

**All: You made me so happy, God
I saw your work and I shouted for joy.**

*Hymn "All things bright and beautiful" 156

*Opening Prayer

Scripture Psalm 92:12-15 (*Contemporary English Version*)

One: Good people will prosper like palm trees,
and they will grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon.

**All: They will take root in your house, Lord God,
and they will do well.**

One: They will be like trees that stay healthy and fruitful,
even when they are old.

**All: And they will say about you,
"The Lord always does right! God is our mighty rock."**

Returning our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "How Firm a Foundation" S. Scott
(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it on)

Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

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

Hymn "We walk by faith" 570

Silent Intercessions

Father's Day Prayer (see insert)

Scripture Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 12:13-14

Message "*In God's Appointed Season*" Bob Barr

*Hymn "O God, our help in ages past" 328

*Benediction

*Postlude "Allegro Vivace" Handel/L. Smith

*Rise in body or in spirit

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sermon is posted at

<http://rockhay.tripod.com/sermons/2018/18-06-17.htm>

Gathered together to worship God

Announcements

Beginning with Praise (9:50 am)

“This is a day of new beginnings”

1. This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that's gone.
2. For by the life and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference,
as faith and hope are born again.
3. Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
step from the past and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,
seeking new paths, and sure to find.
4. Christ is alive, and goes before us
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings-
our God is making all things new.

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music by Richard D. Brode
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Prelude

“This is the Day/Turn, Turn, Turn”

Call to Worship

Rise in body or spirit, and let us enter worship
with the words of the psalmist, printed in your bulletin.

One: What a beautiful thing, God, to give thanks,
to sing an anthem to you, the High God!

**All: To announce your love each daybreak,
sing your faithful presence all through the night,**

One: Accompanied by dulcimer and harp,
the full-bodied music of strings.

**All: You made me so happy, God
I saw your work and I shouted for joy.**

Psalm 92:1-4 from *The Message*
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“All things bright and beautiful”

Opening Prayer

Refrain: All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
God made their tiny wings. *(refrain)*

2. The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky; *(refrain)*

3. The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them every one. *(refrain)*

4. God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God almighty,
who has made all things well. *(refrain)*

Hymnal #156
words by Cecil F. Alexander, 1848
sung to a 17th century
English melody

We sing your praise and worship, Almighty God, for you bring forth life in every corner of creation. Help us, we pray, to honor you not only with our lips, but with our lives. Remake us according to your designs, to live in the image of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. AMEN

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Please be seated.

Psalm 92:12-15

We arose to praise with the beginning of Psalm 92. Let's continue with its ending, in your bulletin.

One: Good people will prosper like palm trees,
and they will grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon.

All: **They will take root in your house, Lord God,
and they will do well.**

One: They will be like trees that stay healthy and fruitful,
even when they are old.

All: **And they will say about you,
“The Lord always does right!
God is our mighty rock.”**

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Responding with Offerings

Palm trees and cedars. Good people are like these, according to the psalmist – growing strong, taking root, staying healthy and fruitful “even when old.”

Did you catch that?

“In old age they still produce fruit.”

Bearing fruit is not just for the young. It takes time to grow.

As you return your offering just now, ponder how you might be like a tree – rooted, growing, bearing fruit – no matter your age. What sort of tree might you be? Take time to wonder as you make like a tree and “leave” ☺ your offering in the plate.

Ushers?

Offertory

“How Firm a Foundation”

S. Scott

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

⁶ So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord - ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰ For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹⁴ For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died.

¹⁵ And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.

¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

(following the last joy or concern shared:)

After we sing together our song of walking “by faith and not by sight,” let us enter into a time of silence. Take this opportunity, this time, to be still before God. Bring to mind some of persons for whom we have just been asked to pray. As our Quaker friends say, “hold them in the light.” Let these persons dwell in your heart as the light of Christ shines upon and within us. In so doing, lift them up, placing these persons - and yourself - into the hands of God in the quiet.

“We walk by faith”

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight;
no gracious words we hear
of him who spoke as none ever spoke,
but we believe him near.
2. We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod,
yet in his promise we rejoice,
and cry "My Lord and God!"
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found:
4. that when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are
in full and endless sight.

Hymnal #570
words by Henry Alford, 1844
music by Marty Haugen
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(music only)

Silent Intercessions

(how long? at least a minute, if not more. 2 minutes?)

Father's Day Prayer

For a spoken prayer, please turn in your bulletin and join in one especially written for Father's Day. It flows from the African American church. It's based on the Lord's prayer, the words of which are in bold print. You will pray those words out loud. I will pray the rest. Let us pray as Jesus taught, saying:

Our Father who art in heaven,

*bless the fathers who are on earth;
Those who work hard every day
to light a path and show the way;
Those who forget and don't perceive
the devastation when they leave.*

**Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come;
thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

*Help the earthly fathers know
and praise your name in daily flow,
Making no difference between
the holy realm and worldly scene.*

Give us this day our daily bread.

*And for the dads without a job,
Strengthen their faith in Provider God.
Feed them with the bread of love
The wine of justice
The meat of determination
The fruit of the spirit;
That they will remember how Jesus gave himself for us
Demonstrating that there are many ways
for a MAN TO GIVE.*

**And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

*Teach our men the ways of peace
Desiring that all violence shall cease
Whether husband/wife, parents/children
Black on black, nation to nation
Neither tongue, hand, gun, knife
No shock and awe, no fiery towers . . .
Help humanity learn HOW TO FORGIVE.*

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

*Guide all daddies to be wise.
Give them strength of soul to seek the prize
Of a world without racism or greed,
A world where no child is left in need,
A world where cheaters cannot win,
Salvation reigns, there is no sin.*

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
forever, Amen.**

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Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 12:13-14

^{3:1} For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

² a time to be born, and
a time to die;
a time to plant, and
a time to pluck up what is planted;

³ a time to kill, and
a time to heal;
a time to break down, and
a time to build up;

⁴ a time to weep, and
a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and
a time to dance;

⁵ a time to throw away stones, and
a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace, and
a time to refrain from embracing;

⁶ a time to seek, and
a time to lose;
a time to keep, and
a time to throw away;

⁷ a time to tear, and
a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and
a time to speak;

⁸ a time to love, and
a time to hate;
a time for war, and
a time for peace.

^{12:13} The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for that is the whole duty of everyone. ¹⁴ For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

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Message

“In God’s Appointed Season”

“O God, our help in ages past”

1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;
2. under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure.
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away.
We fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.
6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Hymnal #328
words based on Psalm 90
written by Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
music (St. Anne) attributed to William Croft, 1708

Benediction

(to be written and delivered by Bob Barr)

Postlude

“Allegro Vivace”
Handel/L.Smith