

# Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren

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

March 13, 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

## The Fifth Sunday of Lent

*"All I want is to know Christ and the power that  
raised him to life. I want to suffer and die as he did, so that  
somehow I also may be raised to life."  
(Philippians 3:10-11, Contemporary English Version)*

Beginning with Praise (9:50 am)                      "Count all the rings"                      (insert)

Announcements

Prelude                      "Hymnus"                      Fielitz

\*Call to Worship

\*Hymn                      "Lift high the cross"                      321

\*Opening Prayer

Scripture                      Isaiah 43:16-21

"A bucket full of..."                      Ed Lewis

Returning our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music                      "Psalm 126"                      (reprise ending on insert)  
(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it on)

Scripture                      Philippians 3:7-14                      (Contemporary English Version)

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

Hymn                      "Breathe on me, breath of God"                      356

Pastoral Prayer

Gospel                      John 12:1-8

Message                      "[\*Places in the heart\*](#)"

\*Hymn                      "Jesus shall reign"                      319

\*Benediction

\*Postlude                      "Moderato"                      Carl m. von Weber

\* Rise in body or in spirit  
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Today's sermon will be posted on our church's *facebook* page.

### Church Calendar this week:

Wednesday – Quilters – 9:30am

Sunday – Morning Praise – 9:45am

Worship – 10am

### Long Green Church Directory

**Phone 410-592-9300**

Ministers

The People of this congregation

Pastor

Pete Haynes (410-592-6343)

Secretary

Allison Funkhouser (443-840-0739)

Head Ushers

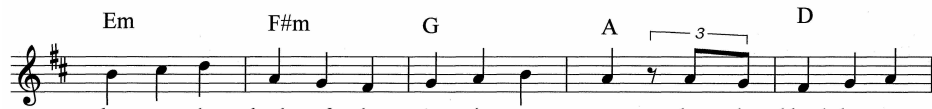
Organist

Eva Simmons

# Count all the rings



1. It's been twen - ty five years since we start - ed to dream of a  
 2. In some tents in a field the first sum - mer be - gan; by the  
 3. As the years have flow'd on more have joined in the dance, for we



place near the banks of the An - tie - tam stream where the blood that was  
 next came a vil - lage much lar - ger than planned. But the vi - sion is  
 all are still learn - ing to give peace a chance to reach o - ver to



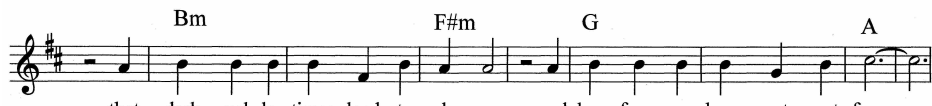
spilt on our an - ces - tors' land would give way to the peace that pro - ceeds from the  
 big - ger than ham - mer and nail, and the Spi - rit leads on as we fol - low the  
 stran - gers and make them our friends. But the po - wer to live out this vi - sion de -



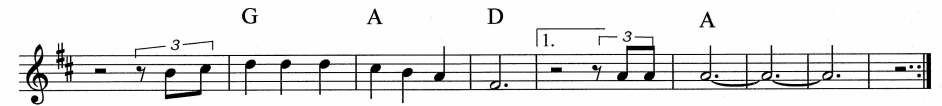
hand of the Shep - herd of the Spring.  
 trail of the Shep - herd of the Spring.  
 pends on the Shep - herd of the Spring.



The rings of a tree tell a sto - ry if on - ly we have ears to hear  
 Where two or more ga - ther to - geth - er we can't help but grow in the Lord.  
 A stone in a pond sends out rip - ples. Its im - pact is felt far a - way.

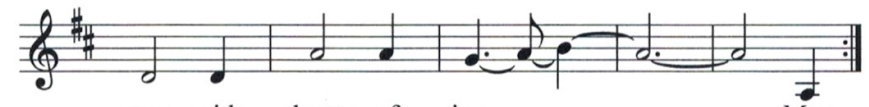


that dark val - ley times lead to glo - ry, and love from a - bove casts out fear.  
 God's can - o - py cov - ers us child - ren and ties us with one com - mon cord.  
 So dreams from the past shape our fu - ture. The Shep - herd a - lone knows the way.



for the 25th anniversary  
 words by Peter L. Haynes  
 music by Peter L. Haynes and Laura Stone  
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## (reprise ending to) "Psalm 126"



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# Call to Worship

Easter is near, so close—can you smell it coming?  
The aroma of baking bread,  
    the smell of the love feast soup,  
    fragrant vapors of grape juice in a cup.  
The scent of the palm fronds,  
the memory of olive trees, pungent and strong,  
    sensing the sweat of the Savior as he prays  
    and the soldiers as they march into the garden.  
After the perfumed palace,  
    the sour smell of vinegar offered on a cross.  
Time passes over.  
Dawn brings  
    a whiff of cold and damp at an empty tomb.  
Then,  
    the fragrance of the flowers—  
        OVERPOWERING  
        (proclaiming without words)  
"GOD LIVES!"

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Hymn - "Lift high the cross" - 321

# Opening Prayer

You God, only you! You who are the holy Source of our lives, the Friend on the journey, the Savior when we fall, and in the hour of success the Joy that makes our joy complete. We your much-loved children gather to worship and adore you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

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by Bruce Prewer, Uniting Church in Australia

## Isaiah 43:16-21

(NRSV)

- <sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
    who makes a way in the sea,  
    a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse,  
    army and warrior;  
    they lie down, they cannot rise,  
    they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things,  
    or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing;  
    now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
    I will make a way in the wilderness  
    and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honor me,  
    the jackals and the ostriches;  
    for I give water in the wilderness,  
    rivers in the desert,  
    to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself  
    so that they might declare my praise.

# Returning our Tithes and Offerings

## Offertory Music

“Psalm 126”

## Philippians 3:7-14

*(Contemporary English Version)*

<sup>7</sup> But Christ has shown me that what I once thought was valuable is worthless. <sup>8</sup> Nothing is as wonderful as knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have given up everything else and count it all as garbage. All I want is Christ <sup>9</sup> and to know that I belong to him. I could not make myself acceptable to God by obeying the Law of Moses. God accepted me simply because of my faith in Christ. <sup>10</sup> All I want is to know Christ and the power that raised him to life. I want to suffer and die as he did, <sup>11</sup> so that somehow I also may be raised to life.

<sup>12</sup> I have not yet reached my goal, and I am not perfect. But Christ has taken hold of me. So I keep on running and struggling to take hold of the prize. <sup>13</sup> My friends, I don't feel that I have already arrived. But I forget what is behind, and I struggle for what is ahead. <sup>14</sup> I run toward the goal, so that I can win the prize of being called to heaven. This is the prize that God offers because of what Christ Jesus has done.

# Benediction

Let the fragrance of faith,  
the aroma of hope,  
the perfume of love  
fill our lives and this world,  
through the power of Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

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