

# Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren

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

February 18, 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

*Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your path. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Psalm 25: 4-5 NIV*

Beginning with Praise (9:50 am)    “This is My Father’s world”    154

Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

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\*Hymn                      “Great is they faithfulness”                      327

\*Opening Prayer

Scripture                      Genesis 9:8-17

The Rainbow Promise                      (back of bulletin)

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

Prayer Hymn                      “Blessed assurance”                      332

Prayer of the People

Returning our Tithes and Offerings

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

Scripture                      Matthew 18:19-20, James 5:13-16

Message                      “*Standing with Noah*”

\*Hymn                      “Standing on the Promises”                      (insert)

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Rise in body or in spirit

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sermon is posted at  
<http://rockhay.tripod.com/sermons/2018/18-02-18.htm>

# Call to Worship

## Genesis 9:8-17

<sup>8</sup> Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: <sup>9</sup> “I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you <sup>10</sup> and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. <sup>11</sup> I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

<sup>12</sup> And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: <sup>13</sup> I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup> Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, <sup>15</sup> I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. <sup>16</sup> Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.”

<sup>17</sup> So God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on the earth.”

## Opening Prayer

Lord, we are seeking You in our worship together. We come to You for truth because there is so much false in the world. We come to You for strength because we are weak. We come to You for wisdom because we are not wise. We look to You for answers because You always fulfill Your promises. Help us to know Your strength, Your wisdom, and Your truth through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

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# The Rainbow Promise

*Whenever a rainbow appears in the clouds:*

Delight in being in the right place at the right time to see this awesome convergence of natural elements.

*Whenever a rainbow appears in the clouds:*

Observe with amazement the beauty of this meteorological phenomenon.

*Whenever a rainbow appears in the clouds:*

Watch in wonder as sunlight reflects, refracts, and disperses in water droplets, creating a full-spectrum light show.

*Whenever a rainbow appears in the clouds:*

Recall with relief God's promise to never again deal with sin by violence and destruction.

*Whenever a rainbow appears in the clouds:*

Recognize with humility that the blessings flowing from this covenant are not based on human response or righteousness.

*Whenever a rainbow appears in the clouds:*

Marvel at the Creator who takes the initiative to make a commitment of steadfast love with all people and all creation.

*Whenever a rainbow appears in the clouds:*

Discern the miraculous divine signature on God's promise of never-ending blessing.

*Whenever a rainbow appears in the clouds:*

Witness with gratitude the sign and seal of God's universal grace and salvation for the entire world.

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# Offering

Generous God, you gave us life and the ability to create income. We now return to you our gifts and resources to be used for the sake of people everywhere through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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# Prayer of the People

Lord, You hear our prayers before we speak, yet You welcome our verbal prayers. We lift up those we have been praying for regularly. We have specifically mentioned a number of people and issues today, as well as those we did not speak. We come with confidence to lay our request before You, knowing You will address each and every one of them. Now let us all join in the prayer Jesus taught us. Our Father...

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## Matthew 18:19-20

<sup>19</sup>“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

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## Benediction

When Life's perils do confound you  
May God Put His arms securely around you  
May His council guide and uphold you  
May God be with you till we meet again.

revised from the hymn by Jeremiah E. Rankin (1828–1904)

## James 5:13-16

<sup>13</sup>Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup>Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

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# Standing on the Promises

1. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my King,  
 2. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,  
 3. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,  
 4. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;  
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,  
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,  
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,  
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,  
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,  
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

## Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing,  
 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing,  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.