

Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren

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

May 27, 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

Trinity Sunday

For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ... (Romans 8:15-17a)

Beginning with Praise (9:50 am) "Holy, holy, holy!" 120

Announcements

Prelude

Worship Appetizer *(based on Psalm 29)*

*Hymn "How great thou art" *(insert)*

*Opening Prayer

Gospel Jam John 3:1-17 *(Common English Bible)*

Returning our Tithes and Offerings

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

Paul PB&J Romans 8:12-17 *(The Message)*

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

Prayer song "Father*, we adore you, *Jesus, Spirit
lay our lives before you,
how we love you."

Prayer

Hymn "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord" 75

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*Benediction

*Postlude

*Rise in body or in spirit

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sermon is posted at

<http://rockhay.tripod.com/sermons/2018/18-05-27.htm>

Gathered together to worship God

Beginning with Praise (9:50 am)

“Holy, holy, holy!”

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Tho’ the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name,
in earth, and sky, and sea.
Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed trinity!

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Announcements

Prelude

Worship Appetizer

(based on Psalm 29)

- 1 - Look to heaven, people of God.
- 2 - Imagine angels there, beyond number.
 - 1 - Tell this host to sing out praise and glory to God.
 - 2 - Beyond words they speak the name above all names.
 - 1 - Do we hear them worship the Lord most holy & glorious?
 - 2 - Stand beside the sea and listen, children of the most high.
 - 1 - Can you hear God’s voice in the waves?
 - 2 - Can you hear this voice in the mighty wind blowing ashore?
 - 1 - Can you imagine standing in the middle of an inland storm, O people.
 - 2 - Can you hear God speak as tree branches bend to the extreme, and some break?
 - 1 - In the flash of lightning, in the crash of thunder, is this like a word from the mouth of the Lord?
 - 2 - Wind & rain shape mountains, slowly wearing them down, sometimes with great speed. Can you hear God in this?
 - 1 - Sand dunes shift and move across the desert. Are you listening?
 - 2 - Amid it all, Creation cries out “Glory” to the Creator. Can you hear these shouts of praise?
 - 1 - The Eternal One rules from above, greater than any king.
 - 2 - May the Lord empower his children.
 - 1 - May God bless his people with peace.
 - 2 - *(briefly pause)* Rise now and sing, “How great thou art.”

How Great Thou Art

by Carl G. Boberg

translated by Stuart K. Hine

O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der con - sid - er
 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, sent Him to
 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me

all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the migh - ty
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from lof - ty moun - tain
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble a - dor -

thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played; Then sings my
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tie breeze;
 bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great Thou art!"

soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee. How great Thou art! How great Thou art! Then sings my

soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee. How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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Opening Prayer

Let us pray:

May ground below
 air above
 sea around
 be hallowed
 filled with the Three-in-One
 God of life
 Christ of love
 Spirit of peace.

May all cry "GLORY!"
 before the Three-in-One
 God of life
 Christ of love
 Spirit of peace.

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Please be seated.

Gospel Jam
John 3:1-17

1 - We move from a psalm of David

2 - to the good news according to John. Listen.

(pause)

1 - *There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a Jewish leader. He came to Jesus at night and said to him,*

2 - *“Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could do these miraculous signs that you do unless God is with him.” ... Jesus answered,*

1 - *“I assure you, unless someone is born anew, it’s not possible to see God’s kingdom.” ... Nicodemus asked,*

2 - *“How is it possible for an adult to be born? It’s impossible to enter the mother’s womb for a second time and be born, isn’t it?” ... Jesus answered,*

1 - *“I assure you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it’s not possible to enter God’s kingdom. Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. Don’t be surprised that I said to you, ‘You must be born anew.’ ...*

2 - *‘You must be born anew.’ ...*

1 - *God’s Spirit blows wherever it wishes. You hear its sound, but you don’t know where it comes from or where it is going. It’s the same with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ... Nicodemus said,*

2 - *“How are these things possible?” ... Jesus answered,*

1 - *“You are a teacher of Israel and you don’t know these things? I assure you that we speak about what we know and testify about what we have seen,*

2 - *but you don’t receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you don’t believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?*

1 - *No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Human One. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man must be lifted up so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.*

2 - *God so loved the world...*

1 - *God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...*

2 - *so that everyone who believes in him won’t perish but will have eternal life.*

1 - *God didn’t send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.*

(pause)

2 – The good news according to John.

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Returning our Tithes and Offerings

- 1 - Unlike Matthew and Luke, the gospel of John has no account of the physical birth of Christ, other than “*and the Word became flesh and lived among us*” (1:14).
- 2 - Instead, as we listen to Jesus through this gospel, we are invited to ponder the possibility of our own re-birth.
- 1 - No, not by looking backward to our baby album and genealogy,
- 2 - but by opening ourselves here and now to the wind and fire of the Holy Spirit.
- 1 - As you return your offering, think about your birth.
- 2 - No, not when you entered this world as an infant, a day few (if any of us) remember.
- 1 - Ponder instead that first sense of God’s holy wind filling your spirit’s lungs.
- 2 - When a baby is born, we are elated to hear her cry, for it means she is alive.
- 1 - We are gathered as children of God in Christ Jesus.
- 2 - As we give, let’s pay attention to the cries of our heart.
- 1 - Let’s listen to the Spirit which makes us alive.
- 2 - Ushers. It’s your turn.

Offertory

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Paul PB&J

Romans 8:12-17

- 1 - Let’s add some “Peanut Butter” from the apostle Paul to the Gospel Jam from John.
- 2 - Listen to these words from his letter to Romans, as paraphrased by *The Message*.
(pause)
- 1 - *Don’t you see that we don’t owe this old do-it-yourself life one red cent.*
- 2 - *There’s nothing in it for us, nothing at all.*
- 1 - *The best thing to do is give it a decent burial and get on with your new life.*
- 2 - *God’s Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go!*
- 1 - *This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life.*
- 2 - *It’s adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike “What’s next, Papa?”*
- 1 - *God’s Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are.*
- 2 - *We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children.*
- 1 - *And we know we are going to get what’s coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance!*
- 2 - *We go through exactly what Christ goes through.*
- 1 - *If we go through the hard times with him, then we’re certainly going to go through the good times with him!*
(pause)
- 2 - PB&J from the apostle Paul.

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

Prayer song

“Father, we adore you”

D G A D
Fa - ther, we adore you
Je - sus,
Spir - it,

D G A D
lay our lives before you,

D G A D
How we love you.

by Terrye Coelho

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Prayer

As children reaching out to their first love, we call out to you, our Abba, our Dada, our Father in heaven. Whether it be with a cry of hurt seeking a mother’s healing embrace, or with an “adventurously expectant” giggle wanting a papa push on the swing, we come to you, as Jesus taught us to.

In a trinity of ways you reach out to us, Lord God – our Creator, our Savior, our Empower. You cannot, however, be fully defined by any description, any name we may give you. For you are who you are, beyond our grasp, and yet closer than our next breath. Like a kite held up by the wind, we are lifted to the skies by your Spirit. Like a boat we float on the

sea of your mercy, with Jesus at the helm. Like a tree we grow deep into the sustaining soil you provide, our branches raised to our maker. Indeed, we praise and adore you, we lay our lives before you, we respond to your great love with our own.

On this day before a national holiday, we remember those who answered a call and gave their lives for others. We may be a people of peace, but we honor the impulse to serve the good of others, even at the cost of one’s own life. Bless the families that hold onto memories, that they may not forget their loved ones. Decorate their lives as they honor their dead.

You have heard what we have shared this morning. You know the pain of loss, as well as the thrill of achievement. You know our confusion, alongside those moments of clarity with which we are blessed. Meet us at the frontier where we haven’t a clue as to our next steps and lead us forward. For by faith we travel toward your heavenly realm, following Jesus, propelled by your holy wind and fire.

This we pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord”

- 1a. Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord!
Holy, holy, holy, holy God alone!
God, who, uncreated, God who always was,
endlessly exalted, reign forevermore.
- 2a. Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord!
Holy, holy, holy, holy God alone!
Mighty, wondrous, loving, circled round with awe;
holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord!

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Isaiah 6:1-8

- 1 - Our final scripture is a piece of the pie served up by Isaiah.
- 2 - In it we hear of when he was called by God to be a prophet.
Listen.

(pause)

- 1 - *In the year that King Uzziah died,*
- 2 - It's always an uncertain time when kings die. People are afraid. Will there be chaos or a peaceful transfer of power?
- 1 - *I saw the Lord,*
- 2 - Yes, the great "I am," who created all things.
- 1 - *high and exalted, seated on a throne;*
- 2 - Above every earthly ruler, they may fall but God is God.
- 1 - *and the train of his robe filled the temple.*
- 2 - Larger than a mind can imagine.
- 1 - *Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.*
- 2 - A "heavenly host." Imagine such a choir if you can.
- 1 - *And they were calling to one another:*
- 2 - *"Holy,*
- 1 - *holy,*
- 2 - *holy is the Lord Almighty;*
- 1 - *the whole earth is full of his glory."*
- 2 - *At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.*
- 1 - *"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined!..."*

- 2 - Indeed, Isaiah, what are we when face to face with the Holy One?
- 1 - *For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty."*
- 2 - face to face with the Holy One!
- 1 - *Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar.*
- 2 - Fire! God's fire!
- 1 - *With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."*
- 2 - Fire! Purifying fire!
- 1 - *Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"*
- 2 - Fire! Calling fire!
- 1 - *And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"*

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Dialogue Message

"Birthed, adopted, called"

“Here I am, Lord”

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?.....(*refrain*)

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?.....(*refrain*)

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?.....(*refrain*)

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Benediction

May *the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.*

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