



## The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2024

10:30am

### GATHER

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *based on Psalm 19 and Wisdom of Solomon 7.26-8.1*

Meg Brown

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

**With Wisdom, we rejoice, knowing the streets are full of God's glory!**

The sky proclaims God's handiwork.

**With Wisdom, we rejoice, worshiping in the sanctuary of creation!**

The ways of the Holy One make wise the simple.

**With Wisdom, we rejoice, sharing in the oneness of love.**

**Let's worship the Holy One in the streets, sanctuaries and squares!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

When Morning Gilds the Skies

No. 667

CONFESSION AND PARDON

*Call to Confession*

*Prayer of Confession*

**You call out to us, Holy God, from city streets, town squares and cattle gates, but we refuse to listen. Obsessed with our preconceived ideas about who you are, we fail to see how disconnected we are from one another. You offer an outstretched hand to join you in transforming our lives, but we deny the opportunity, choosing complacency over discipleship. Forgive us, God of Love, when we ignore your invitation live in the way you have shown us. By your mercy, may we heed your call to examine our foolishness so we may live as fools for Christ's sake. Amen.**

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\*You are invited to stand.

Please join in saying/singing aloud the responses **printed in bold**.

Hymn numbers correspond to the pages in the red or purple *Glory to God* hymn book in the pew rack in front of you.

*Assurance of Pardon*

*Sung Response* Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me *stanza 1*

No. 582

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, Amen!**

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*Following the Sharing of the Peace of Christ, children are invited  
to come forward and sit on the front row of chairs, next to the piano.*

**PROCLAIM**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

*At this time, children may be dismissed for Sunday school or can choose to remain in worship for the rest of the service. There are two children's Sunday School classes, for Pre-K-3rd grade and for 4th grade and up.*

SONG OF PREPARATION

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

No. 469

**Lord, listen to your children praying.**

**Lord send your Spirit in this place.**

**Lord, listen to your children praying.**

**Send us love; send us power; send us grace.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Epistle Reading*

James 3:1-12

NRSVue

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Reading*

Mark 8:27-38

NRSVue

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

The Center of Faith

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**RESPOND**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Jesus Calls Us

No. 720

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from The Confession of 1967*

**God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.**

**Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.**

**But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people.**

**The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.**

COMMISSIONING OF YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND ENGAGEMENT

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*During the time of offering, you are invited to make a financial contribution to LPC. You may do so by placing cash or a check (payable to "LPC") in the offering plate, or give by credit card by using the QR code to be directed to our online giving page. You are also encouraged to be in prayer about how you can use your time and talents to serve God and neighbor this week.*



\*DOXOLOGY

No. 606

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**...Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts<sup>1</sup> as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

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\*SENDING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

No. 826

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Worship may be over, but our service has just begun.**

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<sup>1</sup> When saying the Lord's Prayer, some prefer to use the words "forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us" or "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Please pray as you feel led.

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Lakeview Presbyterian Church brings God's word to life  
in a welcoming atmosphere of worship, prayer, and fellowship,  
while spreading the love of Jesus Christ  
through Christian education and outreach, wherein all are welcome.*