

Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren

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

May 15, 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

Pentecost

*“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together
in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came...”*

(Acts 2:1-2a)

Beginning with Praise (9:50 am) “Holy Spirit, come with power” 26

Announcements

Prelude “Moderato” Young

*Call to Worship John 14:8-17

*Hymn “Holy Spirit, Truth divine” 508

*Opening Prayer

Continuing to Praise with Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

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

Hymn “Fluye” (insert)

Pastoral Prayer

Returning our Tithes and Offerings Romans 8:14-17

Offertory “Offertory in E^b” Dubois
(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it on)

Scripture Acts 2:1-21

Message

*Hymn “O Holy Spirit, making whole” 300

*Benediction

*Postlude “Postludium” Young

* Rise in body or in spirit

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Today’s sermon and service will be posted on www.lgvcob.org
and our church’s *facebook* page.

Fluye

C G Am F C G Am F

Flu-ye, E spi-ri-tu, flu - ye, Haz lo que quie-ras ha- cer, Yo me_o
(Flow, Spir - it, flow, Do what you will do, I

C G Am F C G C

fres-co pa - ra que me us-es co-mo quie-ras, Flu-ye, E spi - ri - tu
of - fer myself for you to use as you will, Flow, Spir - it, flow.

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Call to Worship

- 1 - On that eventful night when Jesus was arrested, the next day to be crucified, Philip said to him,
- 2 - *“Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”*
- 1 - Jesus said to him,
- 2 - *“Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?”*
- 1 - *“The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.*
- 2 - *“Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.*
- 1 - *“I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.*
- 2 - *“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.*

1 - *“This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.”*

2 - (pause) *“he abides with you, and he will be in you.”*
That’s what Jesus said.

1 - Brothers and sisters, let’s open our hearts and lives and allow him to dwell in us.

2 - Even right now. Please stand if you are able, and sing
“Holy Spirit, Truth divine,” #508.

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Opening Prayer

Lord God, in a world
where truth seems so relative,
 your Word is a solid foundation;
where love is but a flickering, momentary flame,
 your passion is a constant ember;
where power is widely abused,
 your quiet strength works for justice;
where law is enforced from the outside in,
 your rule is from the inside out;
where peace is misunderstood
 as an absence of conflict,
 your reconciliation
 is a voice of calm amid the storm;
where joy depends upon outer circumstance,
 your happiness
 is an ever-flowing spring from within.

As we sing your praise, Awesome God,
we open ourselves to you,
 that we may receive your promised Spirit.
 Abide in us. Help us to abide in you.
Gathered in the name of your Son, Jesus, we pray.
 Amen.

Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

Please be seated. *(wait till all are seated)*

Together, let us continue to Praise with a portion of Psalm 104. On the screen will be the text, taken from the Australian paraphrase of the Bible known as the Laughing Bird Version. I will read some of the verses. You will read others. With hearts and minds open to the Lord, praise God with a psalm.

One:

O LORD, what a wildly fabulous world!
Working hand in hand with wisdom
you have made
an earthful of wonderful creatures.

All:

Just look at the deep wide sea,
swarming with life beyond our imagining,
from coral to crayfish, from mussels to marlin.
Ships plough the waves,
while mythical monsters cavort in the depths.

One:

Like seagulls at a picnic,
every creature looks to you for food.
They gather around in eager expectation,
and gorge themselves when you open your hand.

All:

If you turned your back, they'd be panic stricken;
if you withdrew your Spirit
they would have nothing to breathe,
their bodies would quickly crumble.

One:

But when you breathe your spirit into them,
life sprouts up fresh and fragrant again
and the earth itself is revived.

All:

Glorious is all you do, LORD,
may you be honored forever.
May everything created be a joy to the LORD.

One:

One look from the LORD makes even the earth quiver;
one touch and even the mountains erupt.

All:

With every breath I will sing to the LORD;
as long as there is life in me,
I will give honor to my God in song.

One:

Even my unspoken thoughts I offer to the LORD,
for the LORD is a delight to me.

All:

May wickedness be wiped from the earth,
may enemies of life no longer be found.
O bless the LORD, everything within me.
Praise the LORD!

Returning our Tithes and Offerings

Brothers and sisters, *“all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear. You have received a spirit of adoption.”* That is, you aren't an orphan. God has made you His own. When praying, in those moments when we reach out to our heavenly parent just like a little child might, *“we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God. And if children, then we are heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ -- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.”* *

Brothers and sisters, let us make wise use of the inheritance we have already received from God, knowing it is but a foretaste of glory. Please pray with me.

“Abba! Father!” To you we turn when what we have - materially, spiritually, emotionally - does not seem enough. Wonder of wonders, it turns out being more than we ever realized. To you we also turn in gratitude when things are going fine, though we confess that sometimes we forget... Remind us! ... Right now... We are not enslaved by our possessions... All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above. Thank you, Lord. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

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The Pentecost Story

Acts 2:1-21

(words are on screen)

1 - When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

Video begins -

*<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bZQs8Oj1KBY>
Text is read aloud only as it comes into focus on the screen. Time reading with the video.*

2 - Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

1 - All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

2 - Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

1 - And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

Pause reading for the rest of the video: many voices praying the Lord's Prayer in different languages.

2 - Amazed and astonished, they asked,

1 - "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?
(gal-ih-LEE-uhnz) And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"

2 - Parthians, *(PAHR-thee-uhnz)*

1 - Medes, *(meeds)*

2 - Elamites, *(EE-luh-maits)*

1 - and residents of Mesopotamia, *(mehs-o-po-TAY-mih-uh)*

2 - Judea *(dzhou-DEE-uh)*

1 - and Cappadocia, *(kap-ih-DO-shee-uh)*

2 - Pontus *(PAHN-tus)*

1 - and Asia,

2 - Phrygia *(FRIH-dzhih-uh)*

1 - and Pamphylia, *(pam-FIHL-ee-uh)*

2 - Egypt

1 - and the parts of Libya *(LIH-bih-uh)*
belonging to Cyrene, *(sai-REE-neh)*

2 - and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,
(PRAH-seh-lytes)

1 - Cretans *(KREE-tihnz)*

2 - and Arabs - *(EHR-uhbs)*

1 - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

2 - All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,
Congregation - "What does this mean?"

1 - But others sneered and said,

2 - "They are filled with new wine."

1 - But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

2 - “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

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