

Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren

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

July 9, 2017

Worship 10:00 am

Large print hymnals are available, please see an usher

This room is equipped with a sound loop for the hearing impaired



Youth Sunday

Beginning with Praise (9:50 am) “O God, who gives us life” 483

Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship *(insert)*

*Hymn “Morning has broken” 648

*Opening Prayer

Scripture Jam Acts 2:42-47 and Psalm 145:4
(adapted from NRSV and the MSG)

Call to Giving

Offertory

(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it on)

*Litany *(insert)*

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

Hymn “Help us to help each other Lord” 362

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Acts 2:42-47 NIV

Message Meghan Knight

*Hymn “Now thank we all our God” 86

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Rise in body or in spirit

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message to be posted at
www.lgvcob.org/sermons/2017/17-07-09.mp3

Church of the Brethren National Youth Sunday is traditionally the first Sunday in May. This year, our youth celebrate it today. Worship materials provided by denominational youth/young adult office.

Call to Worship

by Rachel & David Witkovsky

- ONE: Peter called to the people
- ALL: Inviting them into unity and solidarity in Christ**
- ONE: To break bread together
- ALL: And to worship together**
- ONE: We too hear the call
- ALL: To join the many generations before us**
- ONE: Worshiping a God whose love transcends time and age
- ALL: Telling the stories of God's mighty acts in our midst**
- ONE: Let us praise God together, all of us,
- ALL: Young and old, rich and poor, one people united in a celebration of faith.**

<http://www.brethren.org/yya/documents/nat-youth-sunday/2017/call-to-worship-rachel-and-david-witkovsky.pdf>

Opening Prayer

by Becky Ullom Naugle

Gracious God, who values the wisdom of age, the energy of youth, and the steadiness in between, make Your presence known to us in our worship today. Make plain to us the gifts you've planted in the lives of our sisters and brothers of different generations. May your Holy Spirit draw us closer to each other and closer to you. Thank you for your invitation to abundant life as a community of disciples! Amen.

<http://www.brethren.org/yya/documents/nat-youth-sunday/2017/generations-invocation-becky-ullom-naugle.pdf>

Scripture Jam

(Psalm 145:4 & Acts 2:42-47)
by Rachel & David Witkovsky

ONE: Peter Spoke,
TWO: And they listened.
THREE: They actually listened to him.
ONE: That day,
TWO: That very same day,
THREE: about three thousand took him at his word.
ONE: They were baptized,
TWO: They signed up.
THREE: They committed themselves,
ONE: devoted themselves,
TWO: to the teaching of the apostles,
THREE: life together,
ONE: Fellowship,
TWO: the common meal,
THREE & TWO: breaking of bread,
THREE, TWO, & ONE: and the prayers.

(FOUR, FIVE, and SIX stand apart from the other three)

FOUR: Generation after generation
FIVE: stands in awe of your work
SIX: each one tells stories
FOUR, FIVE & SIX: of your mighty acts.

ONE: It was awe-some.
TWO: Everyone around was in awe
THREE: awe came upon everyone.
ONE: wonders
TWO: and signs
THREE: done through the apostles!
ONE: The believers lived in a wonderful harmony,
TWO: holding everything in common.

THREE: They sold everything,
ONE: whatever they owned,
TWO: everything
THREE: and pooled their resources
ONE: so that each person's need was met.

FOUR: Generation after generation
FIVE: stands in awe of your work
SIX: each one tells stories
FOUR, FIVE & SIX: of your mighty acts.

TWO: Day by day,
THREE: as they spent much time together,
ONE: They followed a daily discipline,
TWO: worship in the Temple
THREE: meals at home,
ONE: and every meal was a celebration,
TWO: filled with glad and generous hearts!
THREE: They were exuberant,
THREE & ONE: and joyful,
THREE, ONE, & TWO: as they praised God!
ONE: People liked what they saw.
TWO: day by day,
THREE: their number grew,
ONE: the Lord added to their number those
who were being saved.

FOUR & ONE: Generation after generation
FIVE & TWO: stands in awe of your work
SIX & THREE: each one tells stories
ALL READERS: of your mighty acts.

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Call to Giving

by Dana & Karen Cassell

How do we know how to be church?

We know how to be church by learning from the wisdom of those who have gone before us.

And what did they do?

The scripture tells us that the people in the very first church

...were devoted

...were together

...gave

...met

...broke bread

...and they praised God!

May our giving this morning be an expression of our devotion and our praise.

<http://www.brethren.org/yya/documents/nat-youth-sunday/2017/call-to-giving-dana-and-karen-cassell.pdf>

Litany

by Becky Ullom Naugle

One: From those older than us, we learn many things – how to pray, how to love Jesus, how to make communion bread, and how to take care of one another.

All: **Teaching God, generation after generation stands in awe of your work; each one tells stories of your mighty acts.**

One: From those younger than us, we are reminded of many things – the need for laughter, the importance of play, insatiable curiosity, and almost boundless energy.

All: **Creating God, generation after generation stands in awe of your work; each one tells stories of your mighty acts.**

One: From those who are wise beyond their years and younger than they seem, we begin to understand more about faith - theirs and our own.

All: **Ever-present God, generation after generation stands in awe of your work; each one tells stories of your mighty acts.**

<http://www.brethren.org/yya/documents/nat-youth-sunday/2017/generations-litany-by-becky.pdf>

Pastoral Prayer

by Meghan Knight

Almighty God, thank you for these names that we have just mentioned. We lift them to you. Fill our hearts with love that we can comfort all these people that are hurting, and that we may be able to pray for them continuously. Thank you for our joys. Thank you for our youth. Thank you for all your blessings in life. We ask this in the name of your son Jesus Christ. Amen

Benediction

by Rachel & David Witkovsky

May the God of ages past, the God of this day, and the God of tomorrow, this One God of eternal love and guidance, bless you and keep you.

May God's love shine on you here in this place and be a light to your path as you go out into the world.

May God's people be awestruck by the movement of God in our lives and may we multiply God's love in our acts and deeds.

May we celebrate a faith that is as ancient as the stones around us and as relevant as the air we breathe.

Go in peace.