

Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren

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

October 22, 2017

Worship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:10 am

Large print hymnals are available, please see an usher

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

*“O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise
your name; for you have done wonderful things”
(Isaiah 25:1)*

Beginning with Praise (9:50 am) “This is the day”

Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship *(from Psalm 23)*

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**People: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me
beside still waters; he restores my soul.**

Leader: He leads me in the right paths for his name’s sake.

**People: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear
no evil;**

Leader: for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort
me.

**People: You prepare a table for me in the presence of my
enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup
overflows.**

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life,

**People: and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole
life long.**

*Hymn “The King of love my Shepherd is” 170

*Opening Prayer Hymnal #677

Scripture Philippians 4: 1-9

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

Hymn “Sweet hour of prayer” 11

Pastoral Prayer Hymnal #730

Returning our Tithes and Offerings

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

Gospel Reading Matthew 22: 1-14

Message *“The Wedding Banquet”*

*Hymn “Lord, with devotion we pray” 79

*Benediction

*Postlude

*Rise in body or in spirit

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*How good to gather as friends in faith! Welcome to this time of
praise and prayer, word and worship.*

message to be posted at
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Opening prayer

O living Christ,
come to us in the glory of your risen power;
come to us in the humility of your wondrous love.
Come and reign among us!
Let new life course through our veins,
new love bind us together,
and new vision spur us on to follow you forever.
Even so, come Lord Jesus. AMEN

Hymnal #677, The Iona Community, Scotland,
The New Book of Christian Prayers,
© 1986 Tony Castle. Edited by Tony Castle.
Crossroad/Continuum Publishing Company.

*Hymn #170

“The King of love my Shepherd is”

Philippians 4: 1-9

¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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Joys and Concerns

Hymn #11

“Sweet hour of prayer”

Prayer

Most gracious God,
protect us from worry about the concerns of this life,
so that we will not become entangled by them;
from the needs of our bodies
so that we will not be enslaved by desires;
and from any hindrance to our spirits,
so that we will not be defeated by troubles
Give us strength to resist,
patience to endure
and steadfastness to persevere,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN

Hymnal #730, by Thomas à Kempis,
from *A Manual of Worship and Polity*,
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Returning Tithes and Offerings

Let's continue to our time of giving with a prayer.
Would you pray with me?

Lord, let our congregation be a witness to you:
immersed in scripture,
constant in prayer,
joyful in worship,
generous in giving.
A loving, supportive community
reaching out to those in need.
Accept these gifts we offer, in Jesus' name, Amen.

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Ushers, please come and guide our giving.

Offertory

Matthew 22:1-14

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying:
² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king
who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his
slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding
banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other
slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I
have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have
been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the
wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went
away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the
rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them.
⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed
those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to
his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were
not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite
everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those
slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom
they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was
filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he
noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe,
¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here
without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then
the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot,
and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be
weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called,
but few are chosen.”

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Message

“The Wedding Banquet”

Hymn #79

“Lord, with devotion we pray”

Benediction

May the grace of Christ our Savior
and the Father's boundless love,
with the Holy Spirit's favor,
rest upon (you) from above.
Thus may we abide in union
with each other and the Lord,
and possess in sweet communion,
joys which earth cannot afford. Amen

Hymnal #423
by John Newton, 1779