

# Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren

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

June 3, 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

*“On the sixth day God completed all the work that he had done, and on the seventh day God rested from all the work that he had done. God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all the work of creation.” (Genesis 2:2-3)*

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

Praying with song    “Healer of our every ill”                      377

Praying with words (ends with *Lord’s Prayer*)

Gospel                      Mark 3:1-6

Message                      “*Blessed with rest*”

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\*Benediction

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\*Rise in body or in spirit

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sermon is posted at  
<http://rockhay.tripod.com/sermons/2018/18-06-03.htm>

# Gathered together to worship God

# Prelude

Beginning with Praise (9:50 am)

## “O day of rest and gladness”

1. O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,  
O balm for care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;  
on you, the high and lowly through ages joined in tune,  
sing "Holy, holy, holy," to the great God triune.
2. On you, at earth's creation, the light first had its birth.  
On you, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth.  
On you, our Lord victorious, the Spirit sent from heaven,  
and thus on you most glorious, a threefold light was given.
3. New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,  
we reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blessed.  
In shouts of highest praises, the church's voice is heard,  
the Three-in-One adoring: Creator, Spirit, Word.

Hymnal #641  
words by Christopher Wordsworth, 1862, alt.  
music by Lowell Mason, 1839

## Call to Worship

Please rise ... *(pause until all are standing)*

Repeat after me:

Today is the sabbath!

**Today is the sabbath!**

This is the day the Lord has made.

**This is the day the Lord has made.**

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Today is the sabbath!

**Today is the sabbath!**

Let us sing about this new day.

**Let us sing about this new day.**

Let us sing of our place in God's world.

**Let us sing of our place in God's world.**

## Announcements

## “Morning has broken”

1. Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,  
praise for them springing fresh from the word.
2. Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning,  
born of the one light Eden saw play.  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day.

Hymnal #648  
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## Opening Prayer

Most wonderful God, we love you because you first loved us. Praise be to you for the countless blessings of your creation! Praise be to you for your son Jesus, and for all the blessings of salvation! Praise be to you for you the gifts of your Spirit, and all the blessings of the new creation!

Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful are you, God of unspeakable light and love, all things are full and running over with your glory! Glorious are you and praised be your name for ever! Amen!

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## Summer Sunday School Activity

The season of summer may “officially” be 18 days away, but we have begun our 3-month break from Sunday School. So that we not get out-of-the-habit of learning, we insert into worship this morning a “Summer Sunday School Activity.” Inserted in your bulletin is a simple 7-verse song. Above each verse is a drawing space.

You of younger years are invited throughout this service to draw and color in that space pictures of what each verse makes you think of. Hopefully the ushers provided you with a bag of crayons when you arrived. If they did not, raise your hand and they will get you one. During Pete’s sermon, he may ask if any of you would like to bring your pictures forward to share with the rest of us.

These seven verses are sung to the tune, “Frere Jacques.” To remind us of the 7 days of Creation “in the beginning,” let’s sing them...

# Summer Sunday School Activity

## Day 2



by Julie Brasington  
sung to "Frere Jacques"  
<https://happyhomefairy.com/creation-book-free-printable/>

God created, God created,  
Sky and Clouds, Sky and Clouds,  
That was on the second day, That was on the second day,  
It was good, It was good.

## Day 1

## Day 3

God created, God created,  
Night and Day, Night and Day,  
That was on the first day, That was on the first day,  
It was good, It was good.

God created, God created,  
Land and Plants, Land and Plants,  
That was on the third day, That was on the third day,  
It was good, It was good.

## Day 4

God created, God created,  
Sun, Moon, and Stars, Sun, Moon, and Stars,  
That was on the fourth day, That was on the fourth day,  
It was good, It was good.

## Day 5

God created, God created,  
Birds and Fish, Birds and Fish,  
That was on the fifth day, That was on the fifth day,  
It was good, It was good.

## Day 6

God created, God created,  
Animals and People, Animals and People  
That was on the sixth day, That was on the sixth day,  
It was good, It was good.

## Day 7

Then God rested, Then God rested,  
From His work, From His work,  
That was on the seventh day, That was on the seventh day,  
All was good, All was good.

## Deuteronomy 5:12-15

So, then, what about this resting day, the Sabbath? Listen to this commandment from the law of Moses. The setting is ancient, speaking to a day when animals provided transportation and labor, when slavery was part of the equation, when towns were few and far between, and when the memory of bondage in Egypt was fresh. Listen for how the core of this Word might apply to our setting.

*<sup>12</sup> Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup> But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup> Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.*

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## Returning our Offerings

As you return your offering, ponder this commandment which calls us to rest on the Sabbath, as God rested on the seventh day of Creation. Be creative. Think of what provides rest to you. Come up with some ideas to share during Pete's message about what might help us to rest on the Sabbath.

Not long ago, some creative folks came up with what they called a "Sabbath Manifesto." Let me share their "Ten Principles."

1. Avoid technology.
2. Connect with loved ones.
3. Nurture your health.
4. Get outside.
5. Avoid commerce.
6. Light candles.
7. Drink wine.
8. Eat bread.
9. Find silence.
10. Give back.

[www.sabbathmanifesto.org](http://www.sabbathmanifesto.org)

Think about those as you come up with your own ideas. Consider writing them in those spaces our children are coloring. Your creative ideas, shared later, may be just the thing someone else needs. It may also be what God's Spirit is whispering for you to consider. Pay attention as you give your offering.

Ushers?

## Offertory

Gospel  
Mark 2:23-28

Our Gospel reading this morning is divided into two parts, though one immediately follows the other in the good news according to Mark. These Sabbath stories are told together by Matthew and Luke, also. Listen.

*<sup>23</sup> One sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup> The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" <sup>25</sup> And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup> He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup> so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."*

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

Praying with song  
"Healer of our every ill"

*Refrain:* Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

1. You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness.  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.....(*refrain*)
2. In the pain and joy beholding  
how your grace is still unfolding,  
give us all your vision, God of love.....(*refrain*)
3. Give us strength to love each other,  
every sister, every brother.  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.....(*refrain*)
4. You who know each thought and feeling,  
teach us all your way of healing.  
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.....(*refrain*)

Hymnal #377  
by Marty Haugen  
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# Praying with words

You alone are holy, Wondrous God, yet you choose to use us to bring about your dreams and hopes. You could create a small group around you who are perfect, but you choose the fragile, the forgotten, the voiceless, the overwhelmed to be your household in this life.

You could come with a long list of rules, Child of the Holy One, but you choose to focus on relationships. You see the refugee, not as a threat, but as a sister; you see the bullied, not as weak, but filled with courage; you see the suffering, not with pity, but those who can teach grace to all.

You could teach us words of judgment, Wise Heart of the Holy, but you write songs of grace and hope, so we can learn them from the broken; you write poems of laughter, so we can hear them in children playing in the bathtub; you craft visions of wonder and joy, so we can see them as each day becomes sacred by your love.

You make every moment sacred,  
you create every day to be Sabbath,  
you shape every person in your love,  
God in Community, Holy in One,  
and so we pray as we are taught,  
Our Father who art in heaven....  
*(The Lord's Prayer)*

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## Gospel Mark 3:1-6

*<sup>1</sup> Again Jesus entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup> They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup> And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. <sup>5</sup> He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup> The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.*

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Message

*"Blessed with rest"*

## “Dear Lord and Father of mankind”

1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways.  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence praise.
2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word rise  
up and follow thee.
3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love;
4. drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease.  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.
5. Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm.  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire,  
speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm!

Hymnal #523  
words by John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872  
music by Frederick C. Maker, 1887

## Benediction

May God who rested after creating all things  
bless you with rest.  
May Jesus who told us that sabbath was made for us  
bless you with rest.  
May the Spirit who breathes new life into every day  
bless you with rest.  
AMEN

## Postlude

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