



Lexington Presbyterian Church
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11:00AM

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

SIGN IN AND FELLOWSHIP

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Psalm 123

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

As the eyes of a maid look to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, Giver of every good gift.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Look with favor upon us, O Lord, and be pleased with our praise and thanksgiving.

Let us worship God!

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Gracious God, your day dawns near with deliberate haste. We prepare ourselves for the providence that you promise to us in Christ. As we gather together to give you all praise and glory, fill us so with the Holy Spirit that we may discern your will. May we thereby be led to worship you in all that we do, with thanksgiving to Jesus who shows us the way.

OPENING HYMN

One More Step Along the World I Go

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O God, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. Christ calls us stewards, but we squander your gifts. He gives us tasks to perform, yet we do as we please. He sends us to minister on behalf of those suffering; we are slow to respond until our needs are met. He expects us to praise you in all that we do; we take all the credit for those things we do well. Forgive us and help us to be more obedient...

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn

Living Stones, v. 1, 4

***Our God has built with living stones, a church that lives as well:
In solid and in certain tones to pray, and sing, and tell.***

***Let sinful pride, like Easter's stone, by God be rolled away,
Then through our lives let it be known: Christ lives and leads today.***

The Peace (responsive)

We are washed in the waters of God's amazing grace. Let us share this good news of God's love for us: The peace of Christ be with you.

and also with you...

STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION

THE BLESSING OF OUR OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn [tune: *Duke Street*]

Join Hearts and Voices, v. 1, 4

***Join hearts and voices as we lift our gratitude for every gift,
and multiply each gift with praise to God who gives us all our days.
Now may we answer Christ's dear call to offer talents, treasures, all.***

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Judges 4:1-7

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON

A Reality Check

Rev. Tom

Groome

HYMN OF REFLECTION (tune: *Passion Chorale*) (Piano)

O God, We Yearn for

Safety

***O God, we yearn for safety; We long to be secure.
Yet faithful, loving service Is what you value more.
You give us what is needed; You love, forgive and save.
Then, sending us to serve you, You call us to be brave.***

***You give to some ten talents - to others, two or three;
To some you give one blessing To manage faithfully.
For you, O Lord, are loving And don't demand success;
You daily call your people To lives of faithfulness.***

***You give your church the gospel - Good news for us to share.
You give us great compassion For neighbors everywhere.
You give us skills to serve you And loving work to do.
We're blest to be a blessing, And called to risk for you.***

***O God, it seems much safer To live from day to day,
Protecting what you lend us And hiding it away.
Yet all these gifts can't flourish When hidden in the ground;
When we are brave to share them Your blessings will abound.***

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

AFFIRMATION IN SONG - Hymn 582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

***Glory to God, whose goodness 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.***

***World without end, without end, Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

HYMN 354

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

BLESSING IN WORD

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE [tune: *In Babilone*] *Christ Has Called Us to New Visions, v. 4*

***Christ still calls us, young and aging, men and women, bound and free,
Colors, talents, thoughts engaging, joined in one community.
Christ remolding, healing, leading - sins forgiven! life restored!
Let us live, God's justice heeding, strengthened by our risen Lord.***

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Thank you to Buddy Bryan for assisting with worship this morning. **Thank you** to our worship team - Kelly-Ann Rayle (moderator), Mary & David Dugan (waiting room), and Eric Owsley (cameras) **Thank you** to our Stewardship Committee for all their faithful service during this campaign season.

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Hymn 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

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One more step along the world I go

SOUTHCOTE 99979 with refrain (11 9)

Unison G /F# Em /D Am/CAm7 D /E D7/F# D7 G C G/B



1. One more step a-long the world I go. One more step a-long the world I go.
2. Round the cor-ners of the world I turn. More and more a-bout the world I learn.
3. As I trav-el through the bad and good keep me trav-el-ing the way I should.



G C /E G /F# Em C D 7 G C G/B



From the old things to the new keep me trav-el-ing a-long with you.
 All the new things that I see you'll be look-ing at a-long with me.
 Where I see no way to go, you'll be tell-ing me the way, I know.



Refrain Bm C D /C G/B C D 7 G C G



And it's from the old I tra-vel to the new. Keep me trav-el-ing a-long with you.



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| <p>4. Give me courage when the world is rough.
 Keep me loving though the world is tough.
 Leap and sing in all I do.
 Keep me traveling along with you.
 Refrain:</p> | <p>5. You are older than the world can be.
 You are younger than the life in me.
 Ever old and ever new,
 keep me traveling along with you.
 Refrain:</p> |
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354 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 God has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,

he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
and is sift - ing out all hu - man hearts be - fore the judg - ment seat;
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me;

he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword.
O be swift, my soul, to an - swer; O be ju - bi - lant my feet!
as he died to make us ho - ly, let us live to make all free,

Refrain

God's truth is march - ing on.
Our God is march - ing on. Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le -
while God is march - ing on.

lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry,

glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah! God's truth is march - ing on.