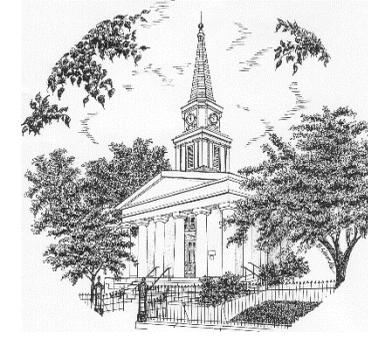


The **flowers** are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dee Worrell and in honor of Bill and Deb Klein by the Worrell family.

Thank you to Tom Goodale for assisting with worship this morning.
Thank you to song leader Philip Coulling and the choir. **Thank you** to our worship team - Maggie Irby (moderator), Jan Hathorn (waiting room), Andy Coffey (soundboard) and Chuck Skoog, Mac Felts, Leslie Groome and Mary Raine Paxton (usher team).

Please keep the Pastor Nominating Committee in your prayers as they seek to do God's will for future pastoral leadership at LPC. They are: Kara Braddick, Ainsley Carter, Mary Dugan, Helen Fure, Margie Page, Mac Baker, Bob James, John Morman, Mike Strickler.



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
26 September 2021
11:00AM

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH *Peace and Global Witness Offering* David Dax

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Come on and all to meet God here.

Let all who are suffering find hope in this place.

We have come that God might raise us up.

Our only hope is in the Maker of heaven and earth.

Come together to sing songs of praise to God.

Give thanks for God's wondrous deeds.

God's glory abides in this place of worship.

God's presence and help are real.

OPENING PRAYER

*OPENING HYMN 410

God Is Calling through the Whisper

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

All-powerful God, we confess our devious ways. We put our trust in things we can accumulate rather than aligning ourselves with your will and way. Our behavior creates enemies and multiplies divisions among your people. Then we want you on our side against those who are different from us.

We confuse Our preferences with your intentions. O God, we need healing, but we are afraid to lose the illusions of control that are so much a part of us. We fear the changes that would give us integrity. Help us, gracious God. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

* Hymn [tune: *Hyfrydol*]

God of History, Recent, Ancient, v. 2

***You have called us from division into unity and hope.
Each and all belong together in the world's kaleidoscope.
Help us listen to the voices daring us to be and do
What you plan for church and people, loving others, praising you.***

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 124 p. 540

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 4: 1-6, 25-32 p. 182

SERMON *Care For One Another* Rev. Tom Groome

*HYMN OF REFLECTION 316 [tune: *Azmon*] *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*AFFIRMATION IN SONG - Hymn 581

Glory Be to The Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

PRAYER OF PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING OF OUR OFFERINGS

Opening Words

Organ Solo *We Give Thanks to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ* Wilhelm Friedemann Bach

*Hymn 606 *The Doxology*

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN 330

Our Help Is in the Name of God

*BLESSING IN WORD

*RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE - Hymn 313, v. 2&4

Lord, Make Us More Holy

***Lord, make us more loving (faithful), Lord, make us more loving (faithful),
loving (faithful),***

Lord, make us more loving (faithful) until we meet again.

Loving, loving, loving (Faithful, faithful, faithful), until we meet again.