



Lexington Presbyterian Church
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Lexington, VA 24450

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

10 October 2021

11:00AM

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

**Please stand in body or in spirit*

MUSIC OF PREPARATION *In Thee, O God, I Hope* (BWV 640) J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Property Committee *Skip Hess*

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Come one 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, all who are weary and oppressed.

God offers relief and enlists our mutual helpfulness.

God hears our prayers and answers us.

God equips us to be helpful to one another.

Let us worship God!

A SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING See insert

*OPENING HYMN 634 To God Be the Glory

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

All-powerful God, we confess our devious ways. Even when prayers for others are on our lips, we seek ways to secure our own advantages. We put our trust in things we can accumulate rather than aligning ourselves with your will and way. 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 very changes that would give us integrity. Help us, gracious God. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn 620, v. 1

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring;

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 124 p. 540

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 9:38-50 p. 42

SERMON *Care For One Another, part iv* Rev. Tom Groome

*HYMN OF REFLECTION 269 *Lead On, O King Eternal!*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*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.

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

*Hymn 606

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here, BWV 633

J. S. Bach

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 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

*BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

Lord, Now Let Thy Servant Depart

Austin C. Lovelace

POSTLUDE

Prelude in F Minor (BWV 534)

J. S. Bach

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) commissioning in a worship service:

Pastor: You have been chosen to serve this church family in a special way. Together you will seek a candidate for pastor of this congregation. I ask you now to respond to the following questions:

Will you make every effort to be diligent in this task, to be present at all training sessions and committee meetings, and to share in all committee decisions?

PNC members: **I WILL.**

Will you respect the other committee members in this task, work with them in love and forbearance when opinions differ?

PNC: **I WILL.**

Will you maintain an openness about the persons you will interview, recognizing that ministers and candidates for the ministry are to be considered without regard to their race, ethnic origin, sex, marital status, age, or disability?

PNC: **I WILL.**

Will you maintain the necessary confidentiality of this task, even in regard to members of your own family?

PNC: **I WILL.**

(Family members of the committee are asked to stand if in-person.)

Pastor: You are also assuming an important task in the life of this church because you will have to give up time with the member of your family on this committee and, perhaps, assume some of his or her obligations. Will you please answer these questions?

As you experience the new demands placed on your family member's time and strength, will you strive to cheerfully and prayerfully support that person?

Family members of PNC: **I WILL.**

Will you respect your family member's need for maintaining confidentiality?

Family members of PNC: **I WILL.**

(Congregation is asked to stand if in-person.)

Pastor: This committee will be working on behalf of the entire congregation and will need to know they have your support and encouragement. Will you please answer these questions?

Will you keep these committee members in your thoughts and prayers in the months ahead, praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for their work?

Congregation: **WE WILL.**

Will you trust that God is guiding them and those in the Shenandoah Presbytery who are working with them? Will you support them with compassion and patience?

Congregation: **WE WILL.**

Will you respect the need for confidentiality in this search process?

Congregation: **WE WILL.**

Pastor: Let us pray:

Almighty God: We thank you for these persons who have pledged themselves to this task of seeking a new leader for this congregation. Enlarge their gifts and help them to discover your will. Together we now dedicate ourselves to them and to you, that we may fulfill our mission faithfully and be your joyful people. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

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The **flowers** are given to the Glory of God and Happy Birthday, Gigi! We love you. Love, Hadley and Jay Braddick.

Thank you to Skip Hess for assisting with worship this morning. **Thank you** to our worship team - Maggie Irby (moderator), Jessica Willett (waiting room), Andy Coffey (soundboard) and Jan Hathorn, Ron Orendorf, and Mac Felts (usher team).

Thank you to our song leader, Sue Ann Huger, and to the choir. The choir choral response at the close of the service is by the American church musician, Austin C. Lovelace (1919-2010). The response text (inspired Luke 2:29-30): *Lord, now let thy servants depart in thy peace, for our eyes have seen thy salvation. Now send us forth, O Lord, to be thy witnesses; let us show thy love to all people. Amen.*

Today's organ pieces are all by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). The prelude and offertory solo are both from a collection of short hymn-based works composed between 1708 and 1717. The postlude is one of the great preludes from Bach's last decades.

Lexington Presbyterian Church: Congregational Songs – **OCTOBER 10, 2021**

PUBLIC DOMAIN (text and music)

Hymn 634 To God Be the Glory

Hymn 620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Hymn 269 Lead On, O King Eternal

Hymn 606 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn 41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

Organ Prelude In Thee, O God, I Hope (In dich hab ich gehoffet) – J. S. Bach

Organ Solo Dearest Jesus, We Are Here (Liebster Jesu, wir sind...) – J. S. Bach

Organ Postlude Prelude in F Minor – J. S. Bach

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Hymn 582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

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