

Sermon Notes

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COMING UP AT LPC



Faith Weavers Jim Vandegrift Room 102	Faith Explorers Gary Ensing Room 313	Bible in Life Jim Garrett Room 306
Parents Connecting Christy Johnson John Untener Room 307	S.A.L.T Class Room 309	Vintage Parents & Teens Grades 7-12 LPC Student Center

Jr High/High School students and Parents are invited to a time of student-led devotion and a mix of large and small group discussions. Please join us as we breathe life into something old.

LPC offers children a chance to learn about God's Word every Sunday from 9:45 until 10:45 a.m. Children's classes are organized according to age groups and taught by vibrant, exciting, knowledgeable Christian teachers.

PRESCHOOL - 4TH GRADE: These classes journey chronologically through the Bible, learning about God and His great love for them and how their learning in class can be applied to their lives.

NURSERY/FAMILY ROOM We have a staffed nursery located between the Ark and the Welcome Center. We also have a Family Room with worship audio located next to our Welcome Center.

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Sunday, January 14, 2024

10 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

We Gather

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Stephanie Poblenz

PRELUDE Daniel Sachs
How Great Thou Art - arr. by Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP* Elder
Ezekiel 34

Leader: For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them.

People: As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep.

Leader: I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered, on a day of clouds and darkness.

People: I will bring them out from the nations, and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land.

Leader: I myself will tend my sheep, and have them lie down, declares the LORD God.

People: I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and and strengthen the weak. I will shepherd my flock with justice.

Leader: I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd.

All: You are my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your God, declares the Sovereign LORD.

OPENING HYMN* Kathy Anderson, violin; Daniel Sach, piano
O for A Thousand Tongues to Sing
O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease,
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin,
He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean;
His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice,
New life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
The humble poor believe.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name.

We Pray

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Ron Benedict
Gracious LORD Jesus, You are the cornerstone that holds the Church together. Without You, it would crumble. You are the vine and we are the branches. Without You, we would wither and die. You are the Good Shepherd, and we are Your sheep. Without You, we would be lost. The Church is Your body, of which You are the head. Without You, it would fall into conflict and confusion. Forgive us, LORD, for thinking that the church belongs to us. Forgive us, for trying to take Your place. Forgive us for looking to human leaders to save us. Remind us again that You are the Shepherd of this flock. Pastors come and go, but You remain. You will guard and guide Your flock. In times of change and uncertainty, help us to trust in Your wonderful promise: “I will build My Church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.” We pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE*
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use thy folds prepare;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, thine we are;

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We Give Back to God

PRAYER OF DEDICATION The Rev. John Morris

OFFERTORY Sanctuary Choir
Be Thou My Vision - arr. by Shackley

We Hear the Word

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING James Martin
Mark 1:1-8

HYMN*
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise his name—I’m fixed upon it—name of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I’ve come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here’s my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:22-36

SERMON The Rev. Peter Larson
A Friend of the Bridegroom

We Go Out Into the World

CLOSING HYMN*
Rejoice, the LORD is King
Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord the Savior reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains
He took his seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell
To Christ the Lord are given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice.
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord the Judge, shall come,
And take his servants up
To their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

A TIME FOR THANKSGIVING & SHARING

CHOIR BLESSING Choir
Old Irish Blessing - Agay

BENEDICTION The Rev. Peter Larson

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