

ORDER OF WORSHIP

LEASIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 30, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.
Trinity and Affirming Sunday

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* - H. S. Livingston Jr.

WELCOME

A TIME OF CENTERING & STILLNESS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

Holy, holy, holy No. 299

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN

The love of God is here to stay No. 474

PEACE OF CHRIST

WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

Be Still - Words and Music by D. J. Evans

SCRIPTURE - Isaiah 6:1-8

SCRIPTURE - Romans 8:12-17

HYMN

Just as I am, without one plea No. 682

SCRIPTURE - John 3: 1-17

SERMON

Coming out at night

RESPONSE

LPC FAMILY STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* - J. Parry Arr. by D. Wyrzten

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

HYMN

All the way my Saviour leads me No. 699

SENDING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us - R. W. Thygerson

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God, who flung the stars into the night sky, rejoices over all creation, especially us!

All: Come to us, Laughing God, and gladden our hearts with your goodness and grace.

One: Christ, the Word of joy and life, fills all creation with hope, especially us!

All: Come to us, Brother and Saviour, and reclaim our hearts as your own.

One: The Spirit, who breathes life into emptiness, gives all creation the gift of peace, especially us!

All: Come to us, Spirit of Gentleness, and refresh us with the dew of delight.

OPENING PRAYER

All: Beloved One, your embrace is a refuge from violence and hatred. Those who have been turned away, forgotten, or persecuted find belonging in you. We hope to embody such love in this place. May we be a sanctuary, a shelter, a safe place to turn. May we endeavour to learn from each other and grow together in love that protects and uplifts. Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: In the mystery of creation, Imaginative God, you shaped beauty and goodness, yet we damage it by our selfishness and anger. In the mystery of life, Child of Hope, you became one of us, yet all too often we turn our back on you. In the mystery of peace, Breath of Life, you would gentle our natures, yet we cling tenaciously to our bitterness and hurt.

In the mystery of grace, Holy God, you forgive us our sins, that we might embrace others. In the mystery of mercy, you touch our lips, that we might speak gently to others. In the mystery of hope, you claim us as family, sisters and brothers of the One who brought new life for all, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Here, in this moment and in this place, the Spirit of gentleness moves in our midst. Mercy, hope and joy are the gifts of God to each and every one of us.

All: No longer lost, we have found our way home, surrounded by God's peace, by God's grace, by God's love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

One: We're now going to share the peace. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

LPC FAMILY STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATION

One: We believe that all people, including those of all sexual orientations, gender identities, family structures, races, ethnicities, spiritual perspectives, economic backgrounds, and abilities, are children of God.

All: We strive to continue learning how to show God's love by welcoming and including all people, both at church and in the community.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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, the power, and the glory; for ever and ever. AMEN

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

One: God of Justice, even as we celebrate your love for the LGBTQ community today, we remember the church has not always done so.

All: We acknowledge the harm that continues to be done in your name today.

One: As we bring our offerings, we also bring a renewed commitment to interrupting prejudice and practicing solidarity.

All: We press on together until people of every sexual orientation and gender identity can live freely and without fear, receiving the love and support all people deserve. Thanks be to you, our guide and our help in making it so. Amen.

SENDING

One: God our Life sends us out in these moments.

All: We will go to bind ourselves to those who hunger, to those who search for a home.

One: God our Hope sends us out in these moments.

All: We will go to bind ourselves to those who live in the shadows, to those who long for companionship.

One: God our Peace sends us out in these moments.

All: We will go to bind ourselves to those who are forgotten, to embrace those who are pushed aside by hate and anger.