



Service for the Lord's Day

October 11, 2026 10:30am

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHER

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell, *pastor*

Gathering Hymn

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

No. 415

Leader: Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save us, full of pity, love, and power.

All: I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.

In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 10

Jennifer Adams, *liturgist*

Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord,

for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all his praise?

Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations,

that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

And let all the people say,

Amen. Praise the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

No. 347

stanza 1: Leader

stanzas 2-4: **All**

*You are invited to stand.

Please join in saying/singing aloud the responses **printed in bold**.

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CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Response

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy (*stanza 2*)

No. 415

***All, singing:* Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify,
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.**

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you call us again and again to seek your kingdom first, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Still, we make our excuses and justify in our own hearts why we go our own way. Lord, forgive our sin. Turn us from our preoccupation with our own lives and turn us to your ways of grace, mercy, love and service. May we heed your invitation to be part of your kingdom and strive, through the power of your Holy Spirit, to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Sung Response

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

No. 582

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines 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. (x3)
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, Amen!**

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

You are invited to share greetings and signs of Christ's peace with those seated around you.

*During this time the young (and young at heart!) are invited to come forward
to sit in the front row of chairs by the piano in preparation for the Time with Children.*

PROCLAIM

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22: 1-14

NRSVue

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I

have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

The Foolish in Their Hearts Deny

No. 335

MESSAGE

Dress Code Strictly Enforced

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

RESPOND

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION AND MINISTRY

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

You are invited to make a financial contribution to LPC. You may do so by placing cash or a check (payable to "LPC") in the offering plate, or give by credit card by using the QR code to be directed to our online giving page. (Note - this QR code does NOT work in Venmo/Paypal or any other third party app.) You are also encouraged to be in prayer about how you can use your time and talents to serve God and neighbor this week.



PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND THE 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 debts¹ 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.

GO

*SENDING HYMN I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table (*stanzas 1-4*)

No. 770

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Following worship, all are invited to share refreshments and conversation in the Fellowship Hall!

Worship may be over, but our **service** has just begun.

*We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us.
Lakeview Presbyterian Church brings God's word to life
in a welcoming atmosphere of worship, prayer, and fellowship,
while spreading the love of Jesus Christ
through Christian education and outreach, wherein all are welcome.*

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¹ When saying the Lord's Prayer, some prefer to use the words "forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us" or "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Please pray as you feel led.

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