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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Partnering with Christ who transforms the world one life at a time



FEBRUARY 15TH | 9:30 AM

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Welcome!

We're glad you are with us today.

**We gather to worship the Lord--Father, Son, and Spirit—
and to mutually encourage, challenge, and inspire
each other in our journeys with Jesus.**

**If you would like to learn more about our congregation
or talk with one of our leaders about life with Christ, we
would love to connect with you.**

This is a safe place to grow in Christ.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

**please stand if able*

Prelude

Sweet By and By arr. Victor Labenske

Welcome

Church Alive

***Unison Call to Worship**

(from Acts 17:22-31)

All: We gather together in the presence of God,
the Lord of heaven and earth;
the Creator of our world and everything in it;
the One who gave us life and breath,
the One who is never far away from any of us,
the One in whom we live and move and have our being.
Let's worship God together!

***Hymn 1**

Holy, Holy, Holy!

***Prayer of Adoration**

Anthem *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.*

Chorus:

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness! Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

Chorus

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*

Chorus

arr. Shawn Kirchner ©2006 Shawn Kirchner Publishing CCLI #207039

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Sung Response Hymn 611**

**Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.**

***Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Hymn 726**

Will You Come and Follow Me

Prayers of God's 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, for ever.
Amen.

Scripture

Acts 17:16-34 NLT

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply troubled by all the idols he saw everywhere in the city. ¹⁷He went to the synagogue to reason with the Jews and the God-fearing Gentiles, and he spoke daily in the public square to all who happened to be there.

¹⁸He also had a debate with some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers. When he told them about Jesus and his resurrection, they said, "What's this babbler trying to say with these strange ideas he's picked up?" Others said, "He seems to be preaching about some foreign gods."

¹⁹Then they took him to the high council of the city. "Come and tell us about this new teaching," they said. ²⁰"You are saying some rather strange things, and we want to know what it's all about." ²¹(It should be explained that all the Athenians as well as the foreigners in Athens seemed to spend all their time discussing the latest ideas.)

²²So Paul, standing before the council, addressed them as follows: "Men of Athens, I notice that you are very religious in every way, ²³for as I was walking along I saw your many shrines. And one of your altars had this inscription on it: 'To an Unknown God.' This God, whom you worship without knowing, is the one I'm telling you about.

²⁴"He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn't live in man-made temples, ²⁵and human hands can't serve his needs—for he has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need. ²⁶From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries.

²⁷"His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸For in him we live and move and exist. As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' ²⁹And since this is true, we shouldn't think of God as an idol designed by craftsmen from gold or silver or stone.

³⁰"God overlooked people's ignorance about these things in earlier times, but now he commands everyone everywhere to repent of their sins and turn to him. ³¹For he has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man he has appointed, and he proved to everyone who this is by raising him from the dead."

³²When they heard Paul speak about the resurrection of the dead, some laughed in contempt, but others said, "We want to hear more about this later." ³³That ended Paul's discussion with them, ³⁴but some joined him and became believers. Among them were Dionysius, a member of the council, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

Next week's passage: Genesis 2:15-17, Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon

Unknowing the Unknown
Pastor Graig Flach

***Doxology**

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Offertory *Be Thou My Vision*

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word,
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

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***Hymn 753**

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

***Benediction**

Postlude

Postludium Festiva by David Lasky

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preaching: Pastor Graig Flach

Assisting: Pastor Susan Graham

Musicians: Sanctuary Choir directed by Wendy Bamonte; Inés Voglar, *violin*; Jeff Wood, *organ & piano*

A/V Production: Mark Alcala, Spencer Haddock

For pastoral and congregational care needs email care@lakegrovepres.org, or leave a message in the Pastors' voicemail box at 503-210-6062.

Let's connect! Join us in the Fellowship Hall for *Beanediction*, our coffee and fellowship ministry, after each service.

LGPCPrays

Prayer is the primary work of God's people. It is a vital connection to God where we can hear from, listen to, and respond to the Lord. Here are some ways you can pray this week...

MissionPartners

Local: Family Promise - Please pray for the vulnerable homeless families in the Tualatin Valley region, and for continued growth in their volunteer base. Praises for a successful Christmas Joy Offering; together we raised over \$13,000 to help build a safe play area for the children served by Family Promise!

Global: World Vision - Please pray for the children and families of Muchila, Zambia; that lives are strengthened through our sponsorships there. Thank God for new clean water access.

If you would like to receive or be included on the weekly churchwide prayer chain, please email: prayer@lakegrovepres.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Ash Wednesday service graphic featuring a close-up of a cross made of ash on a forehead. The background is a dark, textured surface.

ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 18TH | 7PM SERVICE


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Family movie night graphic featuring a blue background with a film strip border. It includes illustrations of popcorn, movie tickets, and a movie camera.

★ family ★

movie night

featuring
MONSTERS UNIVERSITY

FEBRUARY 21 | 5PM-7PM | YOUTH ROOM
PIZZA & POPCORN PROVIDED


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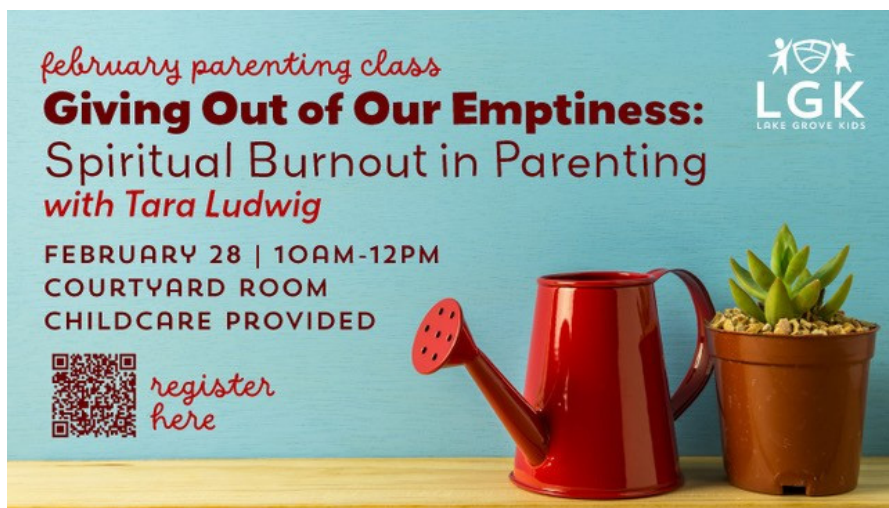
Music Mission Trip Raffle Drawing graphic featuring a colorful illustration of a city skyline with various landmarks like the Eiffel Tower and Big Ben.

**Music Mission Trip
Raffle Drawing**

FEBRUARY 22 | 10:45 | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Raffle tickets will be for sale from any choir member as well as in the **Gathering Area on February 8th, 15th, & 22nd**. This is your last chance to join in—support the Sanctuary Choir's Music Mission Trip and you could be heading to Paris or London!


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February parenting class graphic featuring a blue background with a red watering can and a potted succulent.

february parenting class

**Giving Out of Our Emptiness:
Spiritual Burnout in Parenting
with Tara Ludwig**

FEBRUARY 28 | 10AM-12PM
COURTYARD ROOM
CHILDCARE PROVIDED

 register here


LGK
LAKE GROVE KIDS

1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho - - - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - - - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

ho - - - ly,

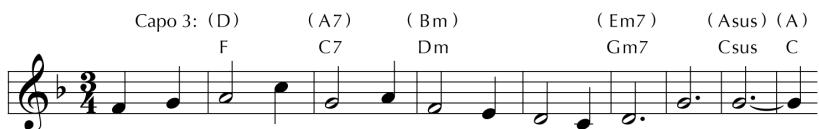
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

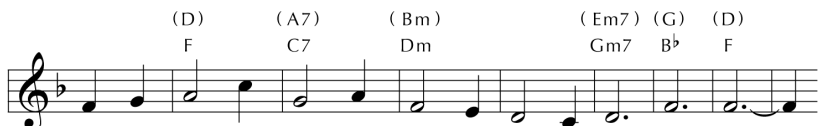
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

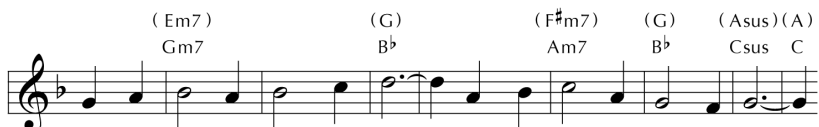
The Summons



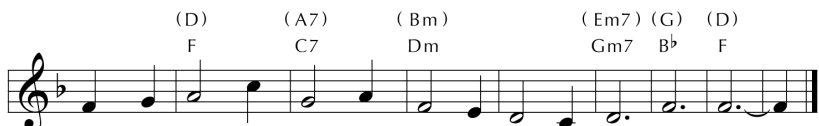
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987

MUSIC: Scottish melody; arr. John L. Bell, 1987

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753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis



1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It



there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in



there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.



3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so



much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be



un-der-stood as to un-der-stand, to be



loved as to love with all my soul.

Though popular opinion credits this prayer to Francis of Assisi, the earliest known printing was in a French religious magazine in 1912. Yet that gentle saint's spirit seems evident in these words, a quality that has spurred many paraphrases and musical settings such as this one.