



Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Open. Inclusive. Affirming.

"We are God's people doing God's work in our community."

Morning Worship
10:30a

5th Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Musical Introit

Xiaohui Yang

WE PRAISE GOD

Call to Worship

One: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

All: We come because we seek to plant new things in Christ.

One: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

All: We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant,
alive, generative.

One: If we plant new things in Christ, then Christ plants new
things in us.

All: We come because we strive to be faithful gardeners of
God's people.

One: We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:
Creator, Planter, Tender.

All: May we grow wildly as God tends to us lovingly. Amen.

*Hymn No. 761 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

*Prayer of Confession (in unison) [based on John 15:1-8]

We thank you, gracious God, for Jesus Christ the true vine.

We rejoice that by grace we have been grafted into him, yet
we confess that all is not well with the way we live. Forgive

us for the occasions when we have been the ones to
introduce disease into the vine. Forgive us for neglecting to

draw deeply on the sap of Life, for our tendency to wander
instead of growing on the framework you provide, for being

content, and sometimes even proud of, a few sparse or
undersized fruits, for the apathy which lets us to go through

some seasons without bearing any fruit. Have mercy on us.

Do not lose patience or sever us completely from the true
vine. Let us delight in bearing the fruits of love which are our

true purpose and joy.

[Continue in personal and silent prayer.] Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

No. 581

*Passing of the Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's Song

"Jesus Loves Me"

GTG 188

Children's Time

First Scripture Reading:

Acts 8:26-40

Second Scripture Reading:

John 15:1-8

Sermon

"The Gospel According to My Bearded Dragon"

Rev. Addie Domske

Hymn No. 703 "Jesus Thy Boundless Love to Me"

Affirmation of Faith

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of our religion:

Christ Jesus was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the

Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed
in throughout the world, taken up in glory.

1 Tim. 3:16 (Revised Standard Version)

WE PREPARE TO SERVE EACH OTHER

Prayers of the People 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 debts, as we
forgive our debtors. 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.*

Offertory

*Doxology

No. 607

*Hymn No. 459 "O Word of God Incarnate"

*Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Choral Response No. 2281

(Blue Hymnal)

May you run and not be weary. May your heart be filled with song.

And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you
strong. And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled

with joy! And may the road you travel always lead you home.

*Postlude

**Denotes to please rise, in body or in Spirit.*

We are so glad you chose to worship with us today!
Please join us for coffee and fellowship after worship.



Have littles with you for worship?

The nursery is open at 10am each Sunday for children under 5. Children and babies can be dropped off at the beginning of the service or stay in worship until Children's Time. If this is your first time, please fill out an information form at the nursery. Our playground is open to the public, after worship and during the week.

Special thanks to:

Sharing the Word: Rev. Addie Domske

Worship Leader: Dauna Rittenhouse

Accompanist: Xiaohui Yang

Deacon on Duty: Melinda Rogiers

phone 253-536-3025 or cell #253-304-9155

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to: Mary McGonigal (29), Lane Sample (2),

Announcements

Pastor Laura is on maternity leave until July 28. **Pastor Addie** is with us for 20 hours each week, 3 Sundays a month. You can contact her at pastor@lakewoodpres.org or for non-emergencies via text at 724.971.6952. She will be in the office in person on **Friday** this week.

Gentle Yoga meets Thursdays from 10-11a in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a non-perishable item to class for the pantry.

Save the date Friday May 3, at 5:00 PM for a fundraiser for camp scholarships Taco Dinner and UNO cards games
Dinner 5-7pm, UNO at 7pm; \$10/person \$25/family

The **2024 Hunger Walk** will take place on May 4th at Fort Steilacoom Park from 8-11. Adult \$30, Youth \$20. To register or donate visit runsignup.com

Session has called for an LPC **Earth Care Team** to help us better understand what God is calling us to do to protect and care for Creation. We hope to recruit members from the church and larger community. Guidance and resources for this effort are provided by *Presbyterians For Earth Care*. Please contact Jennifer Rogiers (jmrogiers@gmail.com or 253-314-2895) or Connie Dunkelberger (connied@harbornet.com or 253-565-7518) if you are interested in being part of the team, or would like more info.



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