

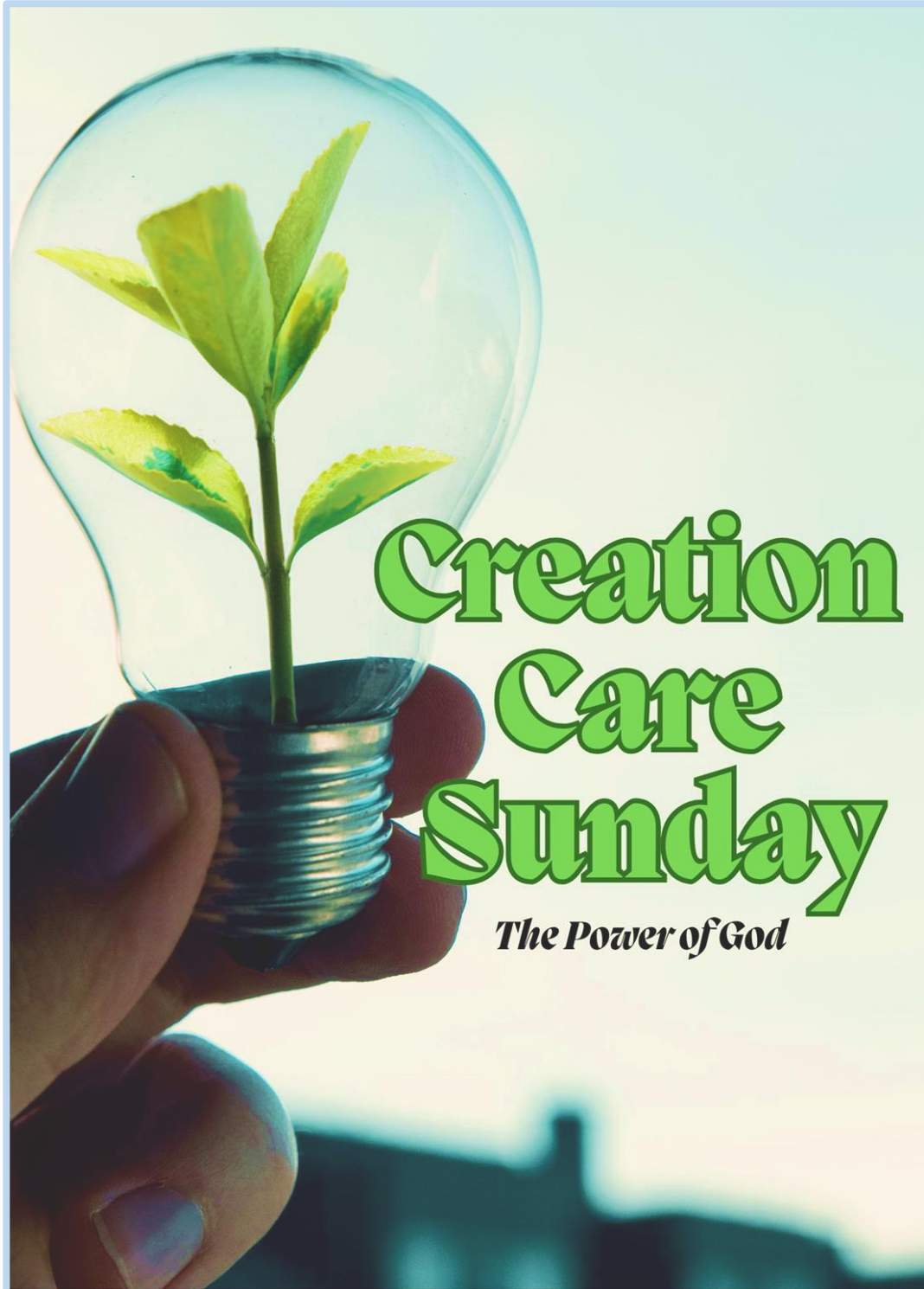
Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

Creation Care Sunday

April 26, 2026

10:00 am



Creation Care Sunday

The Power of God

Preparation for Worship

GATHERING SONGS

Here I Am To Worship

Tim Hughes

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

Indescribable

Reeves & Story

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

Indescribable uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God
All powerful untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom

Indescribable uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God
Incomparable unchangeable

You see the depths of my heart
And You love me the same
You are amazing God

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

So I will (100 Billion X)
Joshua and Hannah Mazur

Ban Hastings

(Lyrics provided for meditation during the singing of this song,
and for reflection following the service, if desired)

God of creation
There at the start before the beginning of time
With no point of reference You spoke to the dark
And fleshed out the wonder of light

And as You speak
A hundred billion galaxies are born
In the vapour of Your breath the planets form
If the stars were made to worship so will I
I can see Your heart in ev'rything You've made
Ev'ry burning star a signal fire of grace
If creation sings Your praises so will I

God of Your promise
You don't speak in vain no syllable empty or void
For once You have spoken All nature and science
Follow the sound of Your voice

And as You speak
A hundred billion creatures catch Your breath
Evolving in pursuit of what You said
If it all reveals Your nature so will I
I can see Your heart in ev'rything You say
Ev'ry painted sky a canvas of Your grace
If creation still obeys You so will I
So will I. So will I.

If the stars were made to worship so will I
If the mountains bow in reverence so will I
If the oceans roar Your greatness so will I
For if ev'rything exists to lift You high so will I

If the wind goes where You send it so will I
If the rocks cry out in silence so will I
If the sum of all our praises still falls shy
Then we'll sing again a hundred billion times

God of salvation, You chased down my heart
Through all of my failure and pride
On a hill You created the light of the world
Abandoned in darkness to die

And as You speak A hundred billion failures disappear
Where You lost Your life so I could find it here
If You left the grave behind You so will I
I can see Your heart in ev'rything You've done

Ev'ry part designed in a work of art called love
If You gladly chose surrender so will I
I can see Your heart eight billion diff'rent ways
Ev'ry precious one a child You died to save
If You gave Your life to love them so will I

Like You would again a hundred billion times
But what measure could amount to Your desire
You're the One who never leaves the one behind

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Carolyn Hillhouse-Jones

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Based on Psalm 136

One: Let us with a gladsome mind
All: praise the Lord who is so kind.

One: God, with all commanding might,
All: filled the new made world with light.

One: All things living, God does feed
All: with full measure, meets their need.

One: Let us with a gladsome mind
All: praise the Lord who is so kind.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1) I sing the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.

2) I sing the goodness of the Lord
who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!

3) There's not a plant or flower below
but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be,
thou, God, art present there..

***RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Creating God, we thirst for power and not for righteousness.

Loving God, renew us.

We are quick to show our dominance but hide our dependance.

Loving God, renew us.

We take what we want without thought of what we should give back.

Loving God, renew us.

We see your creation as resources not members of our community.

Loving God, renew us.

We remove mountaintops and clear-cut forests.

Loving God, renew us.

We drill for oil in land that should be protected.

Loving God, renew us.

We drain the earth to fuel our lifestyles.

Loving God, renew us. Transform our hearts and minds so that we might transform the world that we live in. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
World without end.
Amen, amen.

THE ACT OF OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Love of God
LPC Chancel Choir

Natalie Sleeth

***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**

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Joy Laughridge

HYMN OF PREPARATION

In the Bulb There is a Flower

1) In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,

something God alone can see.

2) There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

3) In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2:4-9, 15; Mark 5:21-34

SERMON

The Power of God

Rev. Joy Laughridge

RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Excerpted from The Confession of 1967

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life. It includes humanity's natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that his purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from his creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in this world, stirring hope in humanity and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Touch the Earth Lightly (1st, 3rd, and 4th stanzas)

1) Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

3) Let there be greening,
birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden,
hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete

4) God of all living,
God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow, and the sun,
teach us, deflect us,
Christ reconnect us,
using us gently and making us one.

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Festival Toccata

Percy Fletcher

Duty Elders for April

David Sheffield
Paul Chrisman
Kat Bossuot

Liturgist:

Carolyn Hillhouse-Jones

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Director of Youth & Christian Education:

Brian Mitchell

Director of Music and Organist

Joshua L. Mazur

Parish Associate:

Rev. Vickie Bossuot

Attendance April 19, 2026

In Person: 103; 1st Time: 2; Online: 75

The flowers in the chancel today are given by **Arnie Blevins** in loving memory of her mother, Jayn C. Parker.



Sunday Luncheon
April 26, 2025 @ 11:00 am
Benz Hall



**Menu: God's Bounty - salad
buffet, fish, fresh veggies,
breads, desserts**

Calendar and Announcements, next page

Upcoming Events

April 26, Sunday

- 10:00 am – Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 11:00 am – Luncheon – Benz Hall
- 6:00 pm – Youth Group – Benz Hall

April 27, Monday

- 4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall

April 28, Tuesday

- 7:00 pm – JOY Circle Bible Study – Coleman Rm.

April 29, Wednesday


- 1:15 pm – LPC Bell Choir – Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm – LPC Praise Band – Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm – Choir Practice – Sanctuary

May 1, Friday

- 10:00 am – Vintage Players – Youth Hut
- 6:00 pm – Women in Recovery – Youth Hut

May 2, Saturday

- 9:00 am – LPC Men's Breakfast – Benz Hall
- 7:00 pm – River City Ringers Concert - Sanctuary



LPC MEN'S
Breakfast

"A Great Start to Your Day"
Fellowship for LPC Men
BENZ HALL

Saturday, May 2nd @ 9:00 am

More Announcements, next page

PLAY | STAGE | SCREEN

The River City Ringers
Joshua L. Mazur, Conductor

Join The River City Ringers for an immersive concert experience celebrating music that moves across worlds.

From sweeping cinematic epics and beloved Broadway melodies to the evocative soundscapes of today's most iconic video games,

Play | Stage | Screen explores the power of music to build worlds, tell stories, and stir the imagination.

— FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC —

Friday, May 1 • 7:00 PM Geneva Presbyterian Church St. Johns, Florida	Saturday, May 2 • 7:00 PM Lakewood Presbyterian Church Jacksonville, Florida
Sunday, May 3 • 3:00 PM Arlington United Methodist Church Jacksonville, Florida	

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Registration is OPEN



\$10 fee per participant

- new friends
- amazing experiments
- creative games
- super-fun snacks
- surprising adventures
- incredible music

Pre-K to 6th grade

**Vacation Bible School
VBS 2026
at Lakewood Presbyterian Church**

**June 22 - 26, 2026
8:45 am to Noon**

**Volunteer?
Call us!**

Register online



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End of Announcements