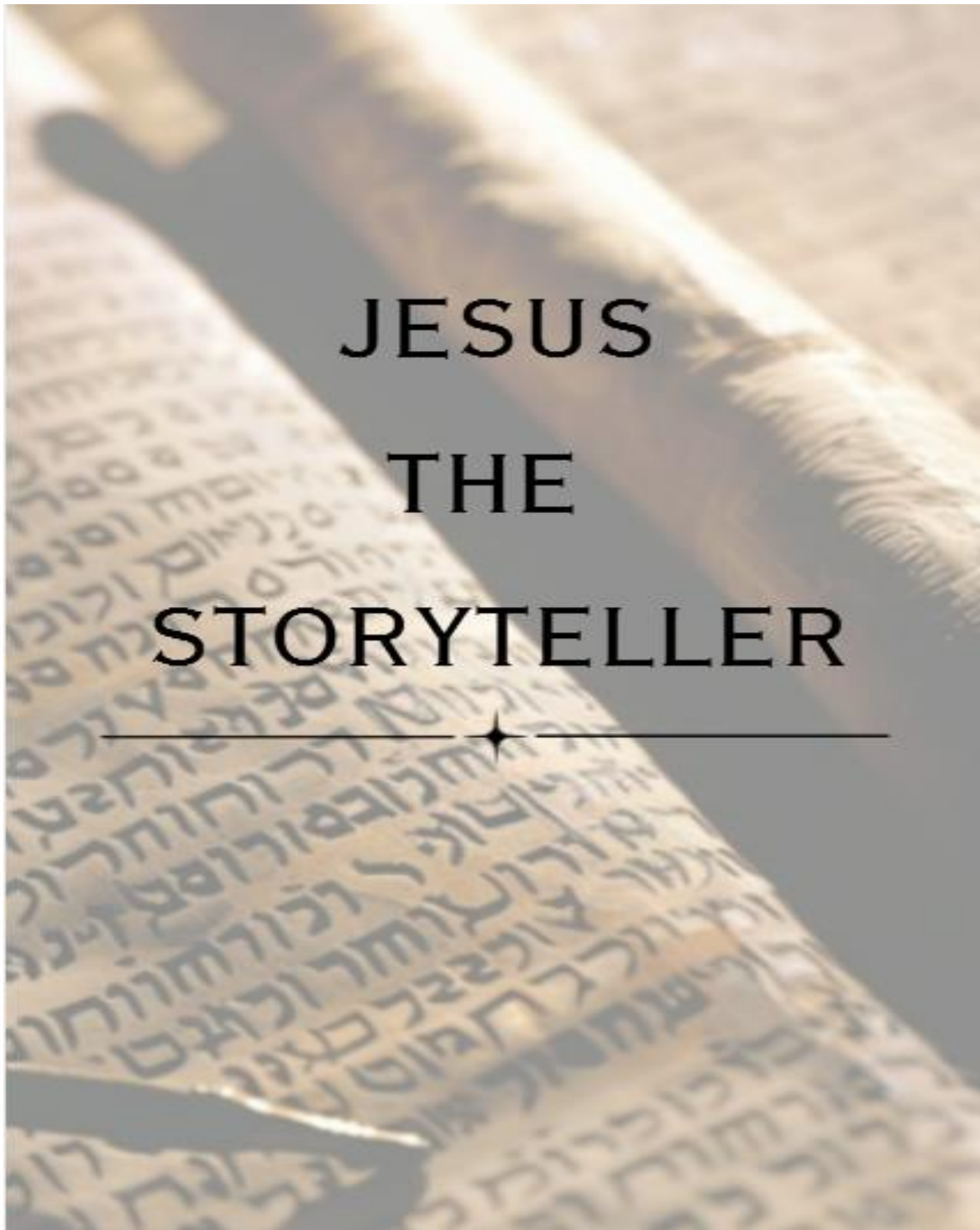


Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

July 26, 2026

10:00 am



JESUS THE STORYTELLER

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

GATHERING SONGS

Shout to the North

Martin Smith

1) Men of faith rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King
You are strong when you feel weak
In your brokenness complete

Chorus:
Shout to the North and the South
Sing to the East and the West
Jesus is savior to all
Lord of heaven and earth

2) Rise up women of the truth
Stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing power
Of our awesome King of love (Chorus)

Bridge:
We've been through fire we've been
through rain
We've been refined by the power of his name
We've fallen deeper in love with you
You've burned the truth on our lips

3) Rise up church with broken wings
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high
By His grace again we'll fly (Chorus)

Wonder and Wander

Paul Demer

1) I'm so lost and I can't fake it
So afraid that I'm forsaken
Do I really have to make it on my own?
Well my life is so [beside me]?
I'm so tired of going silent
I'm just looking for a guide to guide me home

Chorus:
You are wonderful when I'm wondering
You are wonderful when I'm wondering

2) Would you meet me in the desert
When I'm distant and untethered
I don't know whether I can weather this alone
Well I trust that you are with me
Just like feelings [that don't leave me]?
Would you help me see what you already know?
(chorus)

3) With the Magi and with Jonah

With the Eunuch on the road
Mother Hagar, Mother Mary
Two disciples on the road
We're still walking a cloud of witness
But don't have to walk alone (chorus 2x)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

arr. DeGrado

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Frances Hallett

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

A mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.

People: The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

Leader: Yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all was leavened.

People: The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

Leader: Treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then joyfully sells all he has and buys the field.

People: The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

Leader: A merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one of great value, sells all of his possessions and buys the pearl.

People: The kingdom of God is here, and coming.

All: Let all who have ears, hear.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymn #1

1) Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2) Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3) Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

4) Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, we remember with gratitude those people who generously sowed the seeds of faith in our lives. And we recognize how you have blessed our lives with the gift of the Holy Spirit so that our faith has miraculously and mysteriously grown. We confess the times we fail to involve ourselves in planting any seeds of faith in the lives of others; the times when our personal agendas become more important than yours; the times when we have denied others the opportunity to expand their faith through our lack of interest or involvement; the times when our lives become so entangled with the values of the world that we forget what you have said and done and promised. We know that when we become disconnected from you, our lives become parched and unfruitful, and our faith becomes stunted and dry. Bless and renew our lives, we pray, so that we remain connected to you at all times and in all places, strengthening our faith to expand and, growing strongly and vigorously, to bear the fruit of your mercy, your love, your undying life. 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

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. Hayes

***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. Vickie Bossuot

HYMN OF PREPARATION

It is Good to Sing Your Praises

Hymn #682

1) It is good to sing your praises
and to thank you, O Most High,
showing forth your loving kindness
when the morning lights the sky.
It is good when night is falling
of your faithfulness to tell,
while with sweet, melodious praises
songs of adoration swell.

2) You have filled my heart with gladness
through the works your hands have wrought;
you have made my life victorious;
great your works and deep your thought.
You, O Lord, on high exalted,
reign forevermore in might;
all your enemies shall perish,

sin be banished from your sight.

3) But the good shall live before you,
planted in your dwelling place,
fruited trees and ever verdant,
nourished by your boundless grace.
In his goodness to the righteous
God his righteousness displays;
God, my rock, my strength and refuge,
just and true are all your ways.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:26-39 and Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

SERMON

Jesus the Storyteller

Rev. Rebekah Hutto

RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Hymn #20

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

1) Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors;
God made their tiny wings.
(Refrain)

2) The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky:
(Refrain)

3) The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them every one.
(Refrain)

4) God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.
(Refrain)

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Let All Things Now Living

arr. DeGrado

Duty Elders for July

Lori Duck
Greg Scott
Katherine Bossuot

Liturgist:

Frances Hallett

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Director of Youth & Christian Education:

Brian Mitchell

Guest Preacher

Rev. Rebekah Hutto

Interim Director of Music and Organist

Deborah DeGrado

Parish Associate:

Rev. Vickie Bossuot

Attendance July 26, 2026

In Person: 66; 1st Time: 1; Online: 30

The flowers in the chancel today are dedicated to the Glory of God.



Upcoming Events

July 26, Sunday

- 10:00 am – Worship – Sanctuary
- 11:00 am – Sunday Luncheon – Benz Hall

July 27, Monday

- 4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall
- 6:30 pm – San Jose Forest II HOA – Coleman Rm.

July 31, Friday

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

August 1, Saturday

- 9:00 am – LPC Men's Breakfast – Benz Hall

Announcements, next page

Biography of Rev. Rebekah Hutto, our Guest Preacher

Rev. Rebekah Hutto is a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), having previously served churches in NY and NC. Rev. Hutto is a Master of Divinity graduate from Duke University Divinity School and received an undergraduate degree from Wofford College. Her family moved to Jacksonville in 2020, and she is currently the Director of Interfaith and Cultural Programs at OneJax. Rev. Hutto is also an author, having written the children's books, "The Day God Made Church" and "Paul and His Friends." Her husband, Rev. Dr. B.J. Hutto, is the senior minister at Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church. They have two children, Hannah Ruth and Elijah.



More Announcements, next page

BACK TO SCHOOL

FAMILY PROMISE

School starts August 10th
in Duval County!



Family Promise is helping its resident families
get ready for school. LPC can help
by contributing to the Giving Tree
in our Narthex.



Tax-free month for school supplies
will be July 20 - August 20.

Suggested Items to Donate:
travel size sanitizer wipes, tissues,
folders any color except black,
pens, sharpies, Kindergarten pencils (fat ones)
and wide ruled paper.



End of Announcements