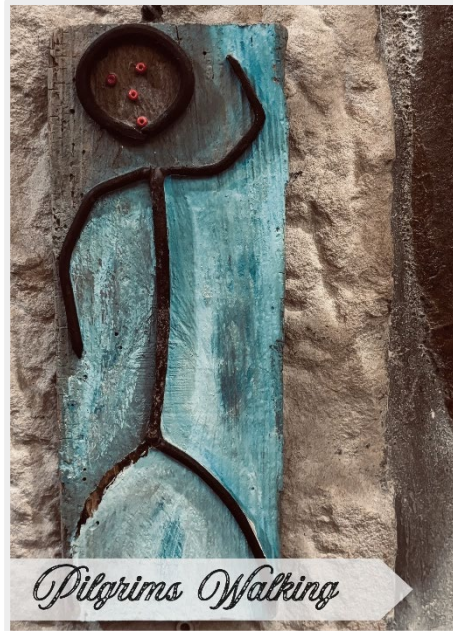


Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

September 20, 2026

10:00 am



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Please join us in singing the Gathering Songs to prepare our hearts for worship.

THE GATHERING

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*

*1) "I will come to you in the silence;
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice;
I claim you as my choice.
Be still and know I am here.*

Refrain:

*"Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine."*

*2) "I am hope for all who are hopeless;
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light.
Come and rest in me. (Refrain)*

*3) "I am strength for all the despairing,
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see;
the lame will all run free,
and all will know my name. (Refrain)*

*4) "I am the Word that leads all to freedom;
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name,
embracing all your pain.
Stand up, now walk and live! (Refrain)*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP SPEAKER

Diane Pilinski

PRELUDE

"Be Still, My Soul"

FINLANDIA Jean Sibelius
Arr. Compton
LPC Handbell Choir

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Tom Vermilya

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We are pilgrims on the way.

People: Called by God, we have begun the journey

Leader: We do not know all that lies ahead.

People: But we know the One who goes before us.

Leader: When the road is easy, we will give thanks.

When the road is difficult, we will persevere.

People: When we are weary, we will receive grace.

When we lose our way, we will trust God to lead us.

Leader: We will walk with Christ and with one another.

People: One step at a time, one day at a time,
we will follow Jesus

Leader: Come, pilgrims. The way is before us.

All: Let us worship God.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful Lord, you promise to lead us and show us the way, but we admit that we don't always keep our eyes on you. Instead, we barrel ahead without paying attention, missing, as we do, gifts and graces that you have for us. We admit that we want what we want, and sometimes we lack the humility to accept your correction or redirection. Forgive us when we are too impatient and too demanding. Teach us again to surrender ourselves and our ways to you, because we trust that you and your plans are always good. In Jesus's name we pray. 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

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Trad.

***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

Brian Mitchell

***Hymn of Preparation**

I Need Thee Every Hour
(1st and 3rd Stanzas)

*1 I need thee every hour,
most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine
can peace afford.*

*Refrain:
I need thee, O I need thee,
every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior—
I come to thee!*

*3 I need thee every hour;
teach me thy will,
and thy rich promises
in me fulfill. (Refrain)*

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 3:5-6, Acts 16:6-10

SERMON

The Pilgrim's Posture

Joy Laughridge

RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE PILGRIM'S PRAYER (revised)

In Unison

**O God,
Be for us our companion on the walk,
Our guide at the crossroads,
Our breath in our weariness,
Our protection in danger,
Our refuge on the Way,
Our shade in the heat,
Our light in the darkness,
Our consolation in our discouragements,
And our strength in our intentions.
So that with your guidance
We may arrive safe and sound
At the end of the Road
Enriched with grace and virtue
And filled with joy.
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE 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, forever. Amen.

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Be Thou My Vision

*1 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.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 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.

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Lutkin
LPC Choir

Duty Elders for September

Arnie Blevins
Kathy Rossi-Allen
Harolyn Sharpe

Liturgist:

Tom Vermilya

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Director of Youth & Christian Education:

Brian Mitchell

Interim Director of Music and Organist

Deborah DeGrado

Parish Associate:

Rev. Vickie Bossuot

Attendance September 13, 2026

In Person: 97; 1st Time: 0; Online: 19

The flowers in the chancel today are given by **Stephan and Ellie Mentler** in memory of the U.S. Soldiers who have died in the Iran conflict.

Upcoming Events

September 20, Sunday

10:00 am – Worship – Sanctuary

11:00 am – Adult Sunday School – Coleman Rm

September 21, Monday

4:00 pm – Chair Yoga – Benz Hall

6:30 pm – BUNCO – Kathy Saig's House

September 23, Wednesday

1:15 pm – Bell Choir – Sanctuary

5:00 pm – Praise Band – Sanctuary

7:00 pm – Chancel Choir – Sanctuary

September 25, Friday

10:00 am – Vintage Players in Youth Hut

6:00 pm – Women in Recovery in the Youth Hut

September 27, Sunday

10:00 am – Worship – Sanctuary

11:00 am – Adult Sunday School – Coleman Rm

11:00 am – Sunday Luncheon – Benz Hall



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- Donate items that stretch meals like sauces & spices
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Email Sara@ucomjax.org with any questions or ideas!



End of Announcements

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