

# Linden Park United Community Church

Sunday, April 14, 2024

We gather to worship:

\*Indicates all are invited to stand

\*\***Bold print indicates we all respond or sing**

Prelude

Welcome, Lighting of the Christ Candle

We prepare our hearts for worship.

**Call to worship:**

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!*

**His faithful love endures forever!**

*The stone rejected by the builders has now become the cornerstone.*

**This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous to see!**

*This is the day the Lord has made!*

**We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

**\*We sing: #313**

**God, Whose Almighty Word**

**1. God, whose almighty word chaos and darkness  
heard, and took their flight, hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.**

**2. Jesus, who came to bring on your redeeming  
wing, healing and sight, health to the troubled mind, sight to the Spirit blind, O now to humankind let there  
be light.**

**3. Spirit of truth and love, life-giving holy dove,  
Speed forth your flight; move on the water's face, bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place let  
there be light.**

**4. Blessed and holy three, glorious trinity, wisdom,  
love, might, boundless as ocean's tide rolling in  
fullest pride, through the world far and wide, let  
there be light.**

**Let's Celebrate – Good news and Blessings shared. Upcoming events.**

**Responsive Reading: #826 Psalm 104: Part 1 (sung refrain #1)**

**Refrain #1**

**Bless, O my soul, the Almighty, who rules all creation.**

Praise God, O my soul.

**Eternal God, you are great indeed.**

You clothe yourself with light like a garment.

**You spread the heavens like a tent;**

**You lay out the beams of your dwelling on the waters above.**

You make the clouds your chariot, and ride on the wings of the wind.

**You make the winds your messengers, and**

**Flames of fire your servants.**

You fix the earth on its foundations so that it can never tremble.

**You cover the earth with the oceans as with a cloak.**

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When the waters covered the mountains, they fled at your rebuke;

**At the sound of your thunder, they took flight.**

They flowed over the mountains, ran down the valleys to the place you had appointed for them.

**There you set limits not to be passed, that they**

**Might not again cover the earth.     *R***

New Testament Reading: Acts 3:1-10

**Prayer of the day: Holy Lord, your followers gave to your children something more powerful and more valuable than riches. They gave healing and hope. Bring healing and hope into our world and show us evidence of your presence in our lives. May we hear the voice of the Spirit speaking to us through these words of Holy scripture. Amen**

Message:

Ministry of Music

**\*We sing: #681**

**Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life**

- 1. Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan, above the noise of selfish strife, we hear you words of life again**
- 2. In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds, dark with fears, from paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.**
- 3. The cup of water given for you still holds the freshness of your grace; yet long these multitudes to view the strong compassion of your tears.**
- 4. O Jesus, from the mountainside, make haste to heal these hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide, and tread the city's streets again.**
- 5. Till all the world shall learn your love and follow where your feet have trod, till glorious from your heaven above shall come the city of our God.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Holy God, we confess our doubts.

When our childhood understandings fall away,  
we feel naked. When our long-held beliefs seem to crumble, we feel lost.  
When our convictions are questioned, we feel ashamed.

Guide us into right paths, O God.

Guide our feet into the way of peace.

Guide our hands to care for others.

Guide our hearts to love our neighbors.

Call us back to You, O Christ, and renew our faith. When the ground is unsteady, loving God, put us back on right paths by doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with You. Amen.

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/04/worship-resources-for-may-1-2011.html>

Assurance of Faith

Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

\*We receive your gifts and sing: #540 Grant us God the grace of giving  
Grant us God the grace of giving, with a spirit large and free, that ourselves and all our living we may offer faithfully.

\* We sing: #87 I am the light of the world

Refrain

"I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!" If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery of what you were meant to do and be.

1. When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and the shepherds have found their way home, the work of Christmas is begun.
2. To find the lost and lonely one, to heal the broken soul with love, to feed the hungry children with warmth and good food, to feel the earth below, the sky above!
3. To free the prisoner from all chains, to make the powerful care, to rebuild the nations with strength of goodwill, to see God's children everywhere!
4. To bring hope to every task you do, to dance at the baby's new birth, to make music in an old person's heart, and sing to the colors of the earth!

\*Benediction:                      Go make a difference    MV #209  
    Go make a difference  
    We can make a difference.  
    Go make a difference in the world.  
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