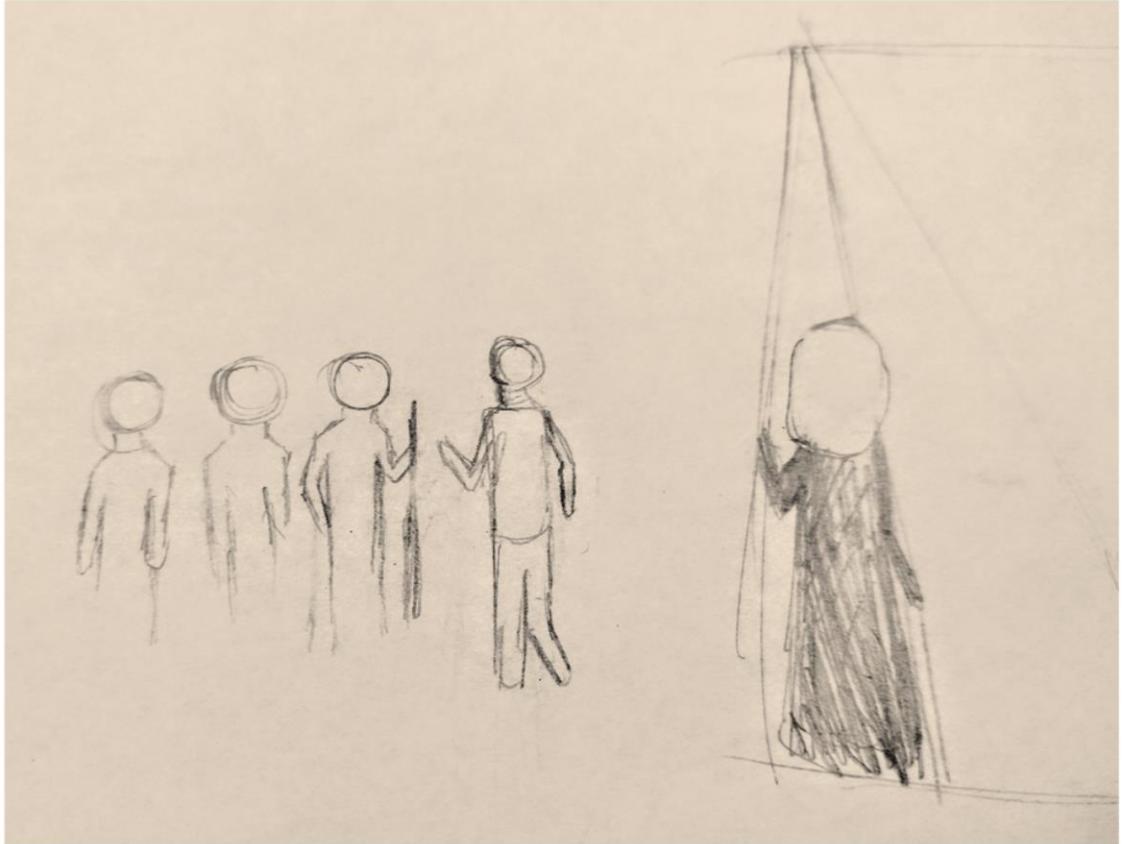


THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN LEONIA

ORGANIZED 1899 AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY OF FAITH
June 18, 2017



**GOD IS CALLING US TO LET OUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS,
SO THAT THEY MAY SEE AND GLORIFY GOD. Matthew 5:16**

The Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler, Pastor, Renée Guerrero Harris, Organist/Choir Director
Patricia Major, Church Administrator

2nd Sunday after Pentecost
18 June 2017 10:30 a.m.

Preparing for Worship

Please silence cell phones. An asterisk (*) in the bulletin means please stand if you are able. **Speak in unison at the bold face areas.** Newer English speaker? English copies of the sermon are available from the ushers to help you follow along. LARGE-TYPE editions of the Hymnal are available from the ushers, as well as Chinese/English, Spanish/English, Korean/English and Japanese/English Bibles.

Nursery care is available in the room adjacent to the rear hallway. Kindergartners to fourth graders remain in worship through the children's sermon; they then may go to the activity period. Parents may also sit with restless children in the Tower room, which is located off the rear of the sanctuary. Children are welcome to remain for the entire service. Sunday School and Adult Classes meet from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Prelude: Aidan Han: Cossack (Trad.), Lily VanDeWeert: Kum Ba Yah (Trad.)

INTROIT

Leo Shim: Prelude in F Major (Bach)

GREETING

The Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler

Gathering as God's People

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather round, children of God! For you are about to hear of marvelous deeds!

**We are the sons and daughters of Abraham, of Sarah, and of Hagar.
We love to hear the stories of our ancestors in faith.**

Come and hear! God fills the doubting with laughter.

May today's laughter lead to tomorrow's faith as we learn to trust in what God can do.

To those who welcome the stranger, God makes a new covenant.

We look around, and we look beyond, and wonder: is Jesus among us?

How will we welcome him?

We welcome God who comes to us as Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.

We welcome God who comes to us as weary traveler, as bread and wine, and as holy wind.

*INVOCATION

God of wonder, you appeared to Abraham as three persons; you reveal your fullness in your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit fills your people with hope through the peacemaking cross of Jesus. Gather us as Christ's faithful disciples and empower us with his good news. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN #462 "I Love to Tell the Story"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Triune God, Holy Three, Holy One, we confess that we do not know how to look for you. We do not sense your nearness, and if there are angels among us, we are unaware. We do not show the hospitality to strangers that Abraham showed to you. We do not trust that our hardships can be transformed by your Spirit. O Covenant-keeper, forgive us. Let us laugh with joy because your grace through Jesus Christ has made peace among us. Amen.

(silent meditation)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Know that God is good; God's promise of blessing is abundant. As you receive God, also receive God's mercy. By the power of Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks and praise be! Amen.

HYMN # 469 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

Passing of the Peace

Listening for God's Word to Us

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of the Covenant, summon us to Sarah's joy, Abraham's wonder, and the confident hope of a disciple. Make these ancient testimonies inspire us to consider the impossible as possible through you. By your Spirit, give us the faith to believe. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

A DRAMATIC READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7
(page 14 or page 17)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SONG OF RESPONSE #853 "Siyahamba"

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOGNITION

SERMON "Funny!" The Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler

Responding to God's Word

*HYMN #49 "The God of Abraham Praise"

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM " He's Got the Whole World with This Is My Father's World" (J. Raney)

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.

He's got the tiny little baby in this hands, He's got the whole world in his hands.

This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

He's got the wind and the rain in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.

This is our Father's world: O let us not forget that though the wrong is great and strong, God is the ruler yet! This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?

The Lord is King, let heaven ring!

God reigns: let earth be glad!

*DOXOLOGY

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all people here below;

Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

[You are welcome to say the Lord's Prayer (and any prayers) in your native language.]

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.

Going Forth in Dedication and Service

*HYMN #14

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

*THE CHARGE and BENEDICTION

Postlude:

Rena Shim: Amazing Grace (Trad.), Julius Weimer: Legend of Madrid (Faber)

Thanks to our dramatic readers:

Llesli, Reena and Riya Gonzalez-Chand and Lily VanDeWeert.

Cover art is by Noelle Terrell, who is a 7th grade student at Leonia Middle School.

Our liturgist, Jane Wilson is helping lead our worship this morning.

USHERS: Anne Stebbins, Ammal Varky, Judith Nyirongo

COUNTERS: Ginny Brown, Olivia Taylor

GREETER: MaryEllen Neu

NURSERY: Keyla Garcia

We welcome all visitors in the name of Jesus Christ. We invite you to sign the guest register in the entry room and to join us for coffee in the entry room following the service.

Readings for Sunday June 25, 2017

Genesis 21:8-21, Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17

Romans 6:1b-11, Matthew 10:24-39

USHERS

June 25: Jack Peters, Karen Peters, Keyla Garcia

OFFERING COUNTERS

June 25: Pete Shanno, David Voreacos

NURSERY CARE

June 25: Kristen Richter

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

<u>After Worship today:</u>	11:45 a.m. Church Family Picnic 3:00 p.m. Japanese Language Service
<u>Tuesday 6/20/2017:</u>	Family Promise Help needed
<u>Wednesday 6/21/2017:</u>	7:30 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting Family Promise Help needed
<u>Thursday 6/22/2017:</u>	7:00 p.m. Bottles & Badges
<u>Next Sunday 6/25/2017:</u>	10:30 a.m. Worship in the Fireplace Room 12 noon ESL Bible Study Pride Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

TAKE TIME TO THANK OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!

- Preschool-Kindergarten:
 - Keyla Garcia, Vicky Li, Sarah Han, and Judy Nyirongo
- 1st-2nd Grade:
 - Suzanne Broffman
- 3rd-5th Grade:
 - Joe VanDeWeert
- Middle-High School:
 - Lisa VanDeWeert and Jonathan Phillips
- Sunday School Musician:
 - JunHee Han
- Adult Sunday School Class:
 - Philip Wilson
- ESL Bible Study Coordinator:
 - Vicky Li

SUMMER SCHEDULE:

Next Sunday and all summer, our worship service will meet in the Fireplace Room, where we will enjoy the comfort of air conditioning! There will be no Sunday School before worship. Following worship we will enjoy lemonade together instead of coffee. Keep cool!

NURSERY ASSISTANCE

We are looking for volunteers for the summer Sundays to help with the children in the nursery area. Please sign up on the sheet by the coffee cart or speak with Kristen Richter.

FAMILY PROMISE

We are serving our brothers and sisters at the family shelter on June 20, 21, and 30. Cooking teams and overnight helpers are needed for each of the 3 dates. Volunteers of cooking teams will make dinners for that Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday nights. Each team plans and prepares a dinner for 15 people. Cooking is done in your own home and can be reheated at the shelter. Once again the Leonia Methodist Church has offered its building for the shelter site. Please contact Linda McGarry for more information. Sign up flyer is on the Ark.

CHURCH RETREAT

It's the best church time you'll have outside of the building! Don't miss this fun-filled weekend where worship, fellowship and friendship collide (in a good way!) Mark your calendars NOW for Saturday, September 9 - Sunday, September 10 at Camp Johnsonburg. There's babysitting for the kids, reflection for the adults, free time if you want it, family time if you don't, outdoor fun time if you want it, extra worship time if you don't. Please see Betsy Voreacos or e-mail her at betsyvoreacos@aol.com to sign up OR pick up one of the blue registration sheets on the Ark.

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