

# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN LEONIA

ORGANIZED 1899 AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

January 14, 2018



**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

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
14<sup>th</sup> January 2018 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 am.

GATHERING MUSIC

INTROIT

GREETING

Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler

Gathering as God's People

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship God,

**who creates us and loves us;**

who gifts us with diversity, names us beloved, and sets us in community;

**who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live.**

As children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages, God calls us by name:

*(All worshippers shout their names)!*

To seek justice, share power,  
**and live together in love and equality.**

God invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all.

**God's presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.**

We gather to worship God.

**To God be all glory, honor, and praise!**

### \*INVOCATION

\*OPENING HYMN #339 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

The Rev. Martin Luther King once said, "We will have to repent in this generation not merely for the vitriolic words and actions of the bad people, but for the appalling silence of the good people. In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the Living Waters, in our baptism you call us your beloved, but in turn we do harm to your vision of the beloved community. We have participated in this country's original sin of racism. We have kept silent in the presence of injustice. We have pointed our fingers at the hateful without examining the logs in our own eyes. Our sin is individual, and is collective. Like you did with Samuel, you have called each of us by name. Help us to not look over our shoulders, thinking surely your call is for someone else: a better prophet, a more powerful voice, a more faithful follower. Your Spirit calls *us*, and we want to live and act as your beloved.**

*(Moment of Silence)*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: In your baptism and in your call, you have been named by God's grace with such power that it won't come undone. You belong to God, and you are God's beloved.

\*SUNG RESPONSE #66 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

**Every time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart, I will pray.**

**The Jordan River, chilly and cold,  
it chills the body, but not the soul.  
There is but one train upon this track.  
It runs to heaven, and then right back.**

**(Refrain)**

Passing of the Peace

Listening for God's Word to Us

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Insistent God, by night and day you summon your slumbering people.  
Stir us awake with your voice and enlighten our lives with your grace,  
that we give ourselves fully to Christ's call to mission and ministry.  
Amen.**

A READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (page 247 or page 306)

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS: Mark 1:4-11 (page 34 or page 42)

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

\*HYMN "Hush! Hush! Somebody's Calling My Name!"  
(choir sings verse 1, congregation sings verses 2-3)

**1 Hush, Hush. Somebody's callin' my name.  
Oh, Hush. Hush. Somebody's callin' my name.  
Hush. Hush. Somebody's callin' my name,  
Oh, my Lord, Oh, my Lord, what shall I do?  
what shall I do?**

**2 Sounds like Jesus. Somebody's callin' my name,  
Oh, Sounds like Jesus. Somebody's callin' my name,  
Sounds like Jesus. Somebody's callin' my name,  
Oh, my Lord, Oh, my Lord, what shall I do?  
what shall I do?**

**3 I'm so glad trouble won't last always.  
Oh, I'm so glad trouble won't last always.  
I'm so glad trouble won't last always.  
Oh, my Lord, Oh, my Lord, what shall I do?  
what shall I do?**

SERMON "Like a Tree That's Planted By the Water"

Rev. Dr. Leah Fowler

## Responding to God's Word

\*HYMN # 484 "Out of Deep, Unordered Water"

### THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers today are donated by Jane and Philip Wilson to celebrate their 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### SHARING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

ANTHEM "Living Water, Guiding Spirit" (J. Martin)

Just as the deer longs for the water, my spirit longs for You.

Just as the deer longs for the water, my spirit longs for You, my God. (repeat)

Living water flow in me.  
Refresh my soul with Your truth and grace.  
Make in me Your vessel pure, a heart to hold Your praise,  
a heart to hold Your praise.  
Just as the wind blows through the forest, move through my life today.  
Just as the wind blows through the forest, move through my life O Lord, I pray.  
Guiding Spirit blow through me.  
Refresh my soul with Your truth and grace.  
Lift me up where eagles fly.  
Teach me a higher way.  
Teach me a higher way.  
Teach me O Lord, I pray

\*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

**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.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer [*You are welcome to say the Lord's Prayer (and any prayers) in your mother tongue.*]

**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 #379 "We Shall Overcome"

\*THE CHARGE and BENEDICTION

Our liturgist, Fumio Ito, and our reader, Lisa VanDeWeert, are helping lead our worship this morning. Hyung Kune Shim, Leo Shim, JunHee Han will join Fumio as readers of the Hebrew Bible scripture passage.

The art on the bulletin is called "Christ's Baptism by John" by Woonbo Kim Ki-chang.

USHERS: Lisa VanDeWeert, Roberta Toolen, Keyla Garcia  
COUNTERS: Hyung Shim, Jonathan Phillips  
NURSERY: Angie Chung  
GREETER: Linda McGarry

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, January 21, 2018

Jonah 3:1-5, Psalms 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20

**USHERS**

January 21: Fara Razavy, Vicky Li, Linda McGarry

January 28: Susan Dindial, MaryEllen Neu, Virginia Cora

February 4: Anne Stebbins, Ammal Varky, Judith Nyirongo

February 11: Jack Peters, Karen Peters, Hyung Shim

**COUNTERS**

January 21: Anne Stebbins, Pete Shanno

January 28: Diane Borer, David Voreacos

February 4: Olivia Taylor, Fumio Ito

February 11: Hyung Shim, Jonathan Phillips

**FLOWERS**

January 21: Betsy Voreacos

January 28: Karen Peters

February 4: Eulalia Cabrera

February 11: Leah Puzzo

## **NURSERY**

January 21: Judy Nyirongo

January 28: Yukiko Aoki

February 4: Vicky Li

February 11: Lisa or Joe VanDeWeert

## **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

After Worship Today

11:45 a.m. ESL Bible Study

Tuesday 1/16/2018

6:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

7:30 p.m. Asian Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, 1/17/2018

10:45 a.m. Bible Class

7:30 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting

Thursday, 1/18/2018

3:00 p.m. Japanese Christian Children's Workshop

7:00 p.m. Bottles & Badges

Next Sunday 1/21/2018

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:45 a.m. ESL Bible Study

3:00 p.m. Japanese Language Service

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2017 and 2018 PLEDGES** If you are able to fulfill your financial commitment for 2017, please do so as soon as possible. Your personal envelopes for 2018 are available on the Ark. Any questions or concerns, contact Pat Major or Rev Leah.

**ANNUAL REPORT** Please note that we will be preparing the Annual Report for 2017 and would need any input documentation in our hands as soon as possible. Please see Pat or Rev Leah for further information.

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