



**LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

11:00 AM

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

PRELUDE

Prelude in C Major BWV 545

Johann Sebastian Bach

OPENING PRAYER

The Rev. Jen Dunfee

OPENING HYMN

Gather Us In

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*Here in this place the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.*

*Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

*We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.*

*Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.*

*Here we will take the wine and the water; Here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt for the earth.*

*Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.*

*Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away;
here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, now is the day*

*Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bones.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Sexton and Tullos Families

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Exodus 14:19-31

Linton Brooks

Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON

"Presence and Forgiveness" The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY

Day by Day

Martin How

*Day by day, day by day,
O, dear Lord, three things I pray:
to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly, day by day.*

RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Jen Dunfee

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.

CLOSING HYMN

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

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*"Go, My children, with My blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."
"Go, my children sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."*

*“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free
Here my Spirit’s power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”*

BLESSING

The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

POSTLUDE

Symphony No. 1, Op.14 VI, Final

Louis Vierne

Participating in the worship service (by order of appearance):

The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

The Rev. Jen Dunfee

John Nothaft

Chancel Choir

Chris, Kelly, Leah and Lars Sexton and Richard and Janice Tullos

Linton Brooks

Libby and Clay McConnell

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God by **Vernon and Janet Gale** in loving memory of their parents.

Join Us for the Festival Sunday Drive Thru – After Watching the worship video this morning, get in your car and come to the church parking lot for a Drive-Thru Festival Sunday Celebration! The staff will be there to greet you and members of the Congregational Care and Membership Committee will hand out toppings for you to make an Ice Cream Sundae at home that evening. There will be information to pick up about Christian Education, Music Ministry, Children’s and Youth ministry. And there will be an opportunity for service drop-offs for Westgate Elementary School. When you get to the church parking lot, follow the directions for the route of the drive thru. The staff will be in the parking lot from 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Back to School Mission Opportunity for Westgate Elementary - Lewinsville has partnered with Westgate for several years to support its back-to school backpack program as well as help food assistance for students and families in need. Thanks to Lewinsville’s partnership with Westgate it is now a site for Fairfax County’s breakfast and lunch meal program; 120 students will continue to receive this support during the school year. Fairfax County will begin the 2020-21 school year with virtual learning for

all students. The school administration has provided a list of current needs for families experiencing disruption from Covid-19 and the economic impact from it. On the Lewinsville Call to Action webpage <https://www.lewinsville.org/call-to-action/> is a list of four most-needed items: grocery gift cards, spiral notebooks, 64-crayon packs and watercolor paint kits. The website has links for you to purchase directly online, or you can purchase and bring to the church for the Festival Sunday Drive-Thru. Contact Carol Kaffenberger (ckaffenb@gmail.com) or Karen Siple (Karen.siple@cox.net) with questions.