

**LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

OCTOBER 4, 2020

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
CLIMATE IN THE PULPIT SUNDAY**

11:00 AM

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

PRELUDE

"Raindrop" Prelude, Op 28, No. 15

Frédéric Chopin

OPENING PRAYER

The Rev. Jen Dunfee

OPENING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

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*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For yourself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Scott Ramsey, Laura Cunningham, Will and Ginny Ramsey

SCRIPTURE READINGS

*Psalms 80:7-15
Romans 8:18-25*

Cathy Saunders

SERMON

“The Groaning that Leads to New Creation”

The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey and The Rev. Jen Dunfee

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY

Oceans

Hillsong UNITED

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. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION HYMN

Ave Verum Corpus

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Ave verum corpus, Natum de Maria virgine;

*Vere passum immolatum In crucis pro homine.
Cuius latus perforatum Unda fluxit et sanguine.
Esto nobis praegustatum In mortis examine.*

Translation:

*Hail, true body, born of the virgin Mary;
who has truly suffered, slaughtered on the Cross for humanity.
Whose side was pierced, pouring out water and blood.
Be a foretaste for us During our ordeal of death.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CLOSING HYMN

For the Fruit of all Creation

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*For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts of every nation, thanks be to God
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.*

BLESSING

The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

POSTLUDE

Finale from Petite Suite

Gerald Bales

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

Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

Rev. Jen Dunfee

John Nothaft, Director of Music Ministries

Cathy Saunders, Lay Reader

Singers (in order of appearance):

Kate Edwards, Ben Evans, Laura Snyderman, Jeannette Mulherin,
Libby McConnell, Cindy Speas, Evan Ayars, John Clewett, Clay McConnell

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by **Claire and Peter Grossi** in loving memory of Claire's brother, Don, who would have been 75 years old today.



Peacemaking Offering – TODAY - The Peace and Global Witness Offering is one of the four special offerings in which members of our denomination are encouraged to participate. Contributions to the Peacemaking offering are used to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Twenty-five percent of your contribution will be retained to support a peacemaking effort identified by Lewinsville’s Mission and Service Ministry Group and the remaining portion

will be used by the national Capital Presbytery and the Presbyterian church (USA) to support peacemaking efforts identified by those bodies.

Lewinsville’s Mission and Service Ministry Group will use its portion to provide additional support to the United Orphanage & Academy (UOA) in Moi’s Bridge, Kenya. UOA has been one of our mission partners for 15 years and was established to promote peace, trust and harmony by the co-mingling and reconciliation of orphan children from the various ethnic background of the 7 tribes in the Moi’s Bridge area. Your participation in this Peacemaking offering is especially helpful as the United Orphanage Academy faces the additional challenges of caring for and educating their orphan children during the Covid-19 pandemic in Kenya.

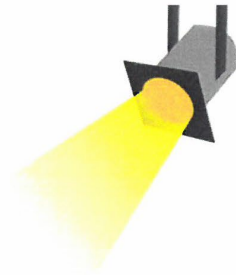
Blood Drive October 18, 2020, 7:45 am – 12:15 pm

INOVA Blood Services will be accepting donations via their bloodmobile. The bloodmobile will be parked in the church’s main parking lot next to the Music entrance. Registration will be conducted outside under a tent, and the remainder of the donation process will be inside the bloodmobile. All INOVA Blood Services personnel will be wearing masks and **donors will be required to bring and wear their own masks**. Please bring a photo I.D. when you come to donate. As an added benefit for donating blood this time, all blood donations will be checked for Covid-19 antibodies. INOVA will inform successful donors of the results of the antibody test. **DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC, THIS BLOOD DRIVE IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. NO WALK-INS ACCEPTED.**

Sign up at <https://www.lewinsville.org/events/blood-drive/>

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

International Missionaries
Andy and Ellen Collins
Chiang Mai, Thailand



Lewinsville Presbyterian Church-sponsored missionaries in Thailand, Andy and Ellen Collins, work with Interserve/USA at Payap University, the only Christian University in Thailand. Andy is an audio-visual specialist in the Christian Communications Institute (CCI) at the university which provides a ministry that shares the Christian message through Thai music, dance and drama. Ellen teaches in the university's divinity school and also works with programs that focus on health education and single mothers.

Lewinsville Presbyterian Church has hosted the Thai drama troupe from the Christian Communications Institute on a number of occasions when they were touring in the U.S.

Ellen Collins is the niece of Alan and Liz Stevens of our congregation.

If you have any questions about Lewinsville Presbyterian Church international missions, such as the Collins, or supporting this work, please contact Alan Stevens at avslc11@verizon.net.