



SENT FROM THE HEART OF GOD

Theme for 2023-2024 Year: "Sent From the Heart of God"

Last year, our congregation's activities were organized around the theme of the "Journey Into the Heart of God." God's heart is our true home, and the character of God's heart – merciful, kind, steady, relational, full of grace and justice, saturated with love – fills everything that we do as a congregation. God's heart is our true home, as the Psalms teach us: "Happy are all who take refuge in God" (Psalm 2:12).

God's heart is also a place of dynamism and action and mission. God's heart roots us in love, and then God sends us into the world to share that love with everyone that we meet. "Happy is everyone...who walks in God's ways" (Psalm 128:1). We are called to walk in God's ways, sent forth from the heart of God.

God's loving grace is poured forth upon all people, from the youngest among us to the oldest. It is for that reason that we are glad to welcome *children of all ages* to worship.

- There are pillows available in the narthex to make the pews more comfortable,
- There are worship bags with activities for young children to use during the worship service.
- Nursery care is available downstairs for our very youngest children.
- Hearing Assistance devices are available from the ushers or the audio/video console at the rear of the sanctuary
- Enlarged print Glory to God hymnals are available from the ushers.

During the coming year, we will continue to ground everything that we do in the heart of God (i.e., we are not leaving God's heart), but we will be conscious of the ways that we are being sent forth from God's heart into the world that God so loves. God's heart goes with us into the world. This theme has strong implications for our mission in the world, for our work of evangelism and spreading the good news of God's grace, and for the ways that the church's life together (our Fellowship) creates a community open to the world. We look forward to exploring this theme together, as we move forth into our local community and into our world.



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# THE LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY April 7, 2024

\* If you are able, please stand

### GATHERING

### Welcome

Prelude

Gabriel Fauré: Requiem (Arr. for Solo Piano by Émile Naoumoff) In Paradisum

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praises to God, you faithful, give thanks to the Holy One!

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes in the morning.

You turn our weeping to dancing O God; you remove the garments of mourning and clothe us in gladness.

May we praise you and not be silent! We will give thanks to you, O God, forever!

* Hymn	Christ the Lord is Risen Today!	GG 245
		LIANFAIR

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

silence for personal confession

We come before you, O God, in the light of Easter,

seeking to be people of the resurrection.

You know that we do not always trust you; we do not always follow you;

we do not always listen for you.

Forgive us for our sins and renew our faith in you.

Be known in our midst; assure us of your presence, your love, and your renewing power.

Through your Word and Spirit, reveal your purpose in our lives.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

*Friends, hear and believe the good news that comes from God.* In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

\* **RESPONSE** Glory Be to the Father GG 581 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

## \* THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

## And also with you.

Greet those around you, saying "Peace be with you" or "The Peace of Christ" If you prefer not to shake hands in greeting while passing the Peace of Christ, you may choose to make eye contact and greet others in another personal way.

# THE WORD

## **CHILDREN'S MEDITATION**

Following the Children's Meditation, children age 4 through grade 2 are invited to meet Allison Lineberger in the Narthex for Sermon Stories. Children will return to the Sanctuary for worship with their parents following the sermon.

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

SCRIPTURE	Psalm 6	OT 491
	1 Samuel 1:1-18	OT 244
The Word of the Lord.		

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

I Have Poured Out My Soul Before the Lord

The Rev. Layne Brubaker

\* Hymn

### Out of the Depths

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(adapted from the United Church of Canada)

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

# THANKSGIVING

### INVITATION TO OFFERING



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OFFERTORY

### Antiphon

\* **R**ESPONSE

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

GG 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**P**RAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

### **S**ENDING

### FOLLOWING CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*	ΗγΜΝ	This Joyful Eastertide	GG 244	
			VRUECHTEN	
*	CHARGE AND BENEDI	CTION		
*	* DISMISSAL Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God!			
	POSTLUDE	Prélude from Suite Bergamasque	Claude Debussy	
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		ng history of enjoying our music ministry. Feel free or you are welcome to exit the sanctuary during th		

An Elder or Deacon will be standing beside the pastors on the way out of the sanctuary, to take notes about any pastoral concerns.

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Lewinsville welcomes its guest musician for this morning's worship service:

We welcome Dr. Dominic Muzzi, a Washington D.C. based Pianist and Teacher. He received his Bachelor's in Piano Performance from Florida State University and his Master's and Doctorate from Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music. Since April of 2023, Dominic has been serving as a pianist in the United States Marine Band "President's Own."

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 14, 2024

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God by **Susan Pearl** in loving memory of husband Jack, who will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery this coming Tuesday at 9:00am.

#### ACTIVE IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

Music Ministry	Dr. Dominic Muzzi
Vocals	Zachary Gutierrez
Lay Reader	Mary Frase
DUTY ELDER	Scott Schlegel
DUTY DEACON	Virginia McCormick
Audio/Visual Ministry	Rich Tullos and Carlos Claros

<u>BLOOD DRIVE, TODAY, 7:45 AM – 12:15 PM</u> - Fellowship Hall, Lower Level. Please consider donating at Lewinsville's blood drive. INOVA Blood Services will be accepting donations at Lewinsville's Fellowship Hall on the lower level of the building. Masks are optional. Please bring a photo I.D. when you come to donate. Hydrate well before and after donating and refrain from strenuous activity directly after donating. Walk-ins are accepted.

MCLEAN INTERFAITH COMMUNITY CHOIR - Lewinsville will host the McLean Interfaith Community Choir on Sunday, May 5th at 7:00 pm. There will be weekly rehearsals at Lewinsville on Saturdays from 4:00-5:00 pm in April starting on April 13. Please contact John Nothaft if you'd like to join in this community building event!

**REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT TEAM (RRT)** - Help furnish a refugee family's apartment! Check out the needed items list here: https://bit.ly/RefugeeResettlementLPC. Gently used items accepted. Drop off donations in the Toddler Room, by the Nursery in Heritage Hall. For furniture inquiries, contact Karen Steel at adriankarensteel@gmail.com. For other donations, reach out to Harriet Hopkins at hjhopiins2020@gmail.com. Let's make their new home cozy! Thank you for your generosity.

<u>MESSY CHURCH</u> - Come have fun at Messy Church **Sunday, April 21, from 9:30 am to 11:00** am as we explore stories about Jesus after he came back to life! We'll do crafts, play games, and hear cool stories about the first people who saw Jesus after he rose. After our activities, we'll celebrate Jesus' comeback and enjoy a yummy brunch together in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to join the fun!

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