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**Stories Along the Path to the Promised Land**

**September 14, 2014**

*Standing on the past.....  
Reaching for the future*

**Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

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*\*Please stand if able*

PRELUDE *Gavotte* Samuel Wesley

**THE GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*If you are sitting at the end of a pew, please start the friendship register by signing it and passing it to your neighbor.*

*Wherever you may be in the journey of faith, Leesburg Presbyterian Church welcomes you. We are a community where persons from different faith backgrounds and understandings find unity in the wide embrace of Christ's love and call to service. If you are passing through, we extend God's blessing to you as you continue on your way. If you are seeking a home, we invite you to join us in the adventure of serving Jesus Christ in a challenging world.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Give praise to God!

**Praise the Lord, for it is God who saves...**

It is God who forgives...

**It is God who delivers...**

Give thanks and praise to the Lord!

**\*HYMN # 619** "Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven" LAUDA ANIMA

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious and loving God, you have lived for us—we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others. You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord. (silence is kept for personal confession)

**\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*RESPONSE #443** "There is a Redeemer" GREEN

*There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.*

*(Refrain) Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,  
And leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*

*Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names.,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.  
(Refrain)*



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Thursday, September 25**  
**1:00 pm to 7:00 pm**  
**Open House and Youth Ministry Fundraiser**  
**at Pastor Debbie's House**

In celebration of her successful knee surgery, Pastor Debbie's San Antonio friend, Barbara Warren, is visiting AND bringing the fabulous necklaces and earrings she designs. All are invited—even if you are not interested in jewelry, it's a fun "Ladies' Event". So come to **chat, sit and shop**. Ten percent for the proceeds will be donated to Youth Ministry Summer Trips. Last year we raised **\$300** which provided **2 scholarships** to Summer Youth Mission Trips!

**Calling All Acolytes!** If you are going into grades 4 through 8, you are eligible to serve as an acolyte at LPC! Applications are outside the church office. Please fill one out and turn it in no later than Thursday, September 17. There will be an instructional meeting after the 11:00am service on Sunday, September 29. Lunch will be provided. Apply now!

**The Back Pew**—The deadline for articles for the October newsletter is Friday, September 19th. Please email articles to [office@lpcva.org](mailto:office@lpcva.org).

**The 2nd Annual Loudoun Chorale Hymn Sing**  
**Come! Sing the Great Hymns of the Faith with the Loudoun Chorale!**  
**When: Sunday, September 21st 4:30 – 5:45 p.m.**  
**Where: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 605 W. Market Street, Leesburg Church**

Singers and hymn lovers. Join the 60-voice Loudoun Chorale at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for an afternoon of 4-part singing of great hymns of the faith. Raise your voice with ours on "Be Thou My Vision," "O Worship the King," "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," and many more favorites.

**Recycle Your Printer Cartridges** Do you recycle your ink/toner cartridges from your home computer? If so, keep it up. If not, donate them to the church. Just drop them on the desk in the front office and we'll take care of the rest. The church receives \$2 credit per cartridge we recycle and will use the proceeds for office supplies.

**Sunday, September 14, 2014**  
**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK**

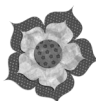
Sunday—Worship at 8:30 am & 11:00 am  
Adult Education 9:45 am & Middlers 9:45am  
Youth Group 5:30 pm

**Mon., September 15 - 9:30am Monday Morning Stitchers**  
**Tues., September 16 - 7:30pm Session**  
**Thurs., September 18 - 7:30 pm Choir**

**Youth Group** is held every Sunday evening, upstairs in the Fellowship Hall, from 5:30 to 7:15pm. Our Youth Group is for 7th-12th graders. Every evening we have games, food, a short study or devotion, and end with a game of choice. If you would like a calendar of Youth Group events, please contact Pastor James: [revjames@lpcva.org](mailto:revjames@lpcva.org). Laura Herring, Wes Rhodes, and Pastor James are the adult leadership, and our meals are provided by Youth Group parents.

**Monday Morning Stitchers, Monday, September 15 @ 9:30am.** Please join a great group of ladies who stitch on the 3rd Monday of every month at the home of Jane Ashbaugh. Bring whatever project you are working on, or come to learn! Questions? Call (703) 779-0747

**Do you know where your college student is?** Well, we don't. Please send us their new address and email, so we can update our files. Just drop us an email at [office@lpcva.org](mailto:office@lpcva.org).



**Flowers** There are still openings in the fall schedule for church flowers. The following dates are open: September 28 and November 2, 23, & 30. Sign up is outside the church office. Thank you!

**Community Table of Loudoun**— LPC and UMC are working together to serve the residents of Loudoun County that are in need. On September 23 we will provide a shared sit-down meal in a friendly environment!

**We still need volunteers** to cook food (we have recipes for meatloaf, smashed potatoes, rice and black beans veggie offering, and desserts), work in the kitchen filling orders, clean up, set up, provide guidance and/or, of course, miscellaneous help! Please call Nancy Chapin-Burgess 703-431-3176 or Nancy Vanzandt 703-244-7603 OR sign up at the sheet outside the church office and we will contact you.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**TIME WITH CHILDREN**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Exodus 14: 19-31 Pew Bible p. 61

**ANTHEM** *Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor* G. F. Händel

**SERMON** "The Dry Path"\* Rev. Deborah Dodson Parson

**HYMN # 52** "When Israel was in Egypt's Land" GO DOWN MOSES

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Congregational Response:**

You are the Lord our God,  
Who brought us out of the land of Egypt,  
Out of the house of slavery

**THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *Larghetto* Giuseppe Giordani

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Loving God, as we offer these gifts, we also offer our lives to you. May these offerings increase our joy, reflect your glory, and share the love of Christ. Amen.**

**\*HYMN # 234** "Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain" ST. KEVIN

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Voluntary on a Theme by Melchior Vulpius* Healey Willan

*\*First in a sermon series, "Stories on the Path to the Promised Land", September 14th through October 19th.*

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**WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

**ASSISTING:** 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.  
Liturgists: Jim Barnes Ben Franklin  
Ushers: Sheryl & Andy Tompkins Linda & Don Gibson  
Acolytes: Emma Koochagian & Forrest Rhodes  
Flowers: Given by the Megica Family in celebration of their daughter Gwendolyn's baptism.

## TODAY'S SERVICE MUSIC

### Prelude – **Gavotte**

English violinist, organist, composer and musicologist Samuel Wesley (1766-1837) was a contemporary of Austrian composer W. A. Mozart (1756-1791); in fact Wesley was often called the “English Mozart” – no small praise. He was also the son of hymn writer Charles Wesley and the nephew of John Wesley, the noted founder of the Methodist Church. Samuel Sebastian Wesley, one of his four children by an affair with a domestic servant, was himself a noted composer and cathedral organist. Samuel Wesley, one of the most important English composers of the Classical period, wrote some of his best music for the church, although he created a scandal within his staunch Methodist family when he converted to Catholicism in 1784; to celebrate his conversion, he wrote a grand mass dedicated to Pope Pius VI. Our service prelude is an organ composition titled “Gavotte,” a French step dance from the Baroque period that was a precursor of modern tap dancing. I’m not making this up.

### Offertory – **Larghetto**

Italian opera composer Giuseppe Giordani (1744-1798) was also a contemporary of Mozart. He is known today primarily for his aria “Caro Mio Ben” (My Dear Beloved), sung by vocal students the world over. Unfortunately, recent scholarship has revealed that this vocal chestnut was actually written by his younger brother Tommaso, who was active in England and Ireland. The Naples based Giuseppe, affectionately called “Giordanello,” was a cathedral organist who also wrote popular religious dramas. Today’s offertory is a 1957 organ transcription by Willard Nevins of brother Tommaso's most enduring aria.

### Choral Anthem – **Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor**

German-born G. F. Händel (1685-1759) became England’s brightest musical star of the Baroque period, abandoning Germany to settle in London in 1712. His German language “Brockes Passion” oratorio (The Story of Jesus, Suffering and Dying for Our Sins) from 1717 used a popular Passion text (1712) by German poet Barthold Heinrich Brockes. Händel’s oratorio, performed in Hamburg in 1719, incorporated a hymn text by Johann Franck (1618-1677) set to a tune by Johann Crüger (1598-1662), #514 in our pew hymnals. Händel’s oratorio influenced J. S. Bach, who copied by hand major portions of this work before writing his own St. John Passion.

### Postlude – **Voluntary on a Theme by Melchior Vulpius**

Known as the “Dean of Canadian Composers,” English-born organist and composer Healey Willan (1880-1968) wrote most of his music for the Anglican church in Toronto. Based on the hymn tune “Gelobt sei Gott im höchsten Thron” written in 1609 by German composer Melchior Vulpius (#239 in our pew hymnals), this exuberant organ voluntary reflects the joy of the resurrection text.

### **Children in Worship**

***Because the safety of our young children matters deeply to all of us, we encourage families with little ones to choose a seat other than the front row of the balcony.***

**NURSERY CARE is provided from 8:15am to 12:15pm for infants through 3 year olds.** Miss Pat and Miss Angie are our professional caregivers. Children can be dropped off in the Nursery, located at the east end of the first floor of the Education Wing. We ask that only parents drop off their children.

**GODLY PLAY is offered from 11:20am to 12:00pm, for children age 4 to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.** Children are dismissed to Godly Play immediately after the *Time with the Children*. Godly Play provides age appropriate worship for children, which helps them deepen their understanding of God through storytelling, hands-on activities, and prayer. Our acolytes will escort children to Godly Play.

***At the 8:30am and 11:00 am services, we ask children who are in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and above to remain in the sanctuary to participate in worship.***

### **Children in Church School**

**Church School is offered between our two services of worship from 9:45am to 10:45am for children age 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.** Church School takes place in the Education Wing, and is led by our team of educators who are also members and parents, serving our children and their families in this vital ministry. We have three classes: Preschool meets downstairs in Rm. 4, Kindergarten-2nd grade meet upstairs in Rm. 3, and 3rd-5th grade meet upstairs in Rm. 2.

**To Our Visitors** Whether you have visited with us before or are visiting today for the first time, we hope you experience the open-hearted hospitality of the Living Christ in our community of faith as we gather in his name for Sabbath worship. Because it is our desire to get to know you better and to be able to communicate with you about our life and ministry, we appreciate you filling out the attendance register. One becomes a member of a Presbyterian church in one of three ways: 1) Profession of Faith, 2) Re-affirmation of Faith, 3) by Letter of Transfer from a previous church.

**Prayer Chain** Prayer requests are confidentially and conscientiously lifted to God by members of the Prayer Chain every day. Please email [prayer@lpcva.org](mailto:prayer@lpcva.org) if you have a special need or concern you wish to share through a praying church.