



The Best Supper © Jan L. Richardson

**World Communion Sunday
Leesburg Presbyterian Church
October 6, 2013**

**Please stand if able*

PRELUDE

Toccata in E Minor

J. Pachelbel

THE GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

CHORAL INTROIT

We Will Walk with God

Swaziland/John Bell

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us hear what the Lord will speak.

**God will speak peace to the people.
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet.**

Justice and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the earth.
Justice will look down from the sky.

**The Lord will give what is good.
The earth will be filled with abundance.**

***HYMN 220**

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Jesus prayed that we might be one: one in spirit, one in mission, one in union and communion with each other and with you.

Today, God, we confess our fumbling and failing in accomplishing unity. On this World Communion Sunday, forgive us and give us eyes to see the world as you see it. Give us hearts which are willing to be broken by the things which break your heart. Give us the ability to see through our culture in order that we might see our neighbors with the eyes of Jesus and serve our neighbors with his heart of tender compassion. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we pray.

(silence is kept)

Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 485**

To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory: great things he has done!

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN—COMMISSIONING OF THE ACOLYTES (11:00)

Charlie Joyce, Cara Martino, Trinity Neely, Forrest Rhodes, Calvin Sweeney

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Little Fugue in G Major* John Stanley

***THE DOXOLOGY #455 (verse 6)**

All creatures, your Creator bless,
And worship God in humbleness.
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Holy One, receive these gifts and use them to cultivate peace in the world
that you so love, until the harvest is ready and the hungry have their fill at
the table you have prepared; through Christ, the bread of life.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 25: 6-10
Luke 5: 27-32

pew Bible p. 652
pew Bible p. 63

SERMON

Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

ANTHEM

The Feast Is Ready

Graham Kendrick

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION THE SHARING OF THE MEAL

When you receive the bread, please wait until the pastor leads us to partake of it together. You are invited to partake of the cup as you are individually ready. The separately wrapped slice on each plate is gluten free.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN (below)

This Is My Song

Finlandia

This Hymn is from our new hymnal. The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Chorale Fantasia on "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"* J. S. Bach

THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

16

This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms,

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine;
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine;
thy king - dom come, on earth thy will be done;

this is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 but oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine:
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine:
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one:

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 O hear my song, thou God of all the na - tions,
 O hear my prayer, thou God of all the na - tions.

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 My - self I give thee—let thy will be done.

Sunday, October 6, 2013
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Sun.	October 6	5:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Mon.	October 7	9:30 a.m.	Book Club
		7:00 p.m.	Associate Pastor Nominating Committee
		7:00 p.m.	Preschool Board
		7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Tues.	October 8	7:30 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
Wed.	October 2	6:00 p.m.	Manna
		7:30 p.m.	Choir

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.

Infants to 3 year olds – are cared for by two professional caregivers, Miss Pat and Miss Bonnie, in the nursery on the first floor of the education wing from 8:15 to 12:15. *Only parents* can drop off children at the nursery in order to communicate with providers. Drop off can happen before worship, after Time with Children message, or at any other time during the worship service. Ushers or the acolyte will be happy to show parents where the nursery is located.

4 year olds to 3rd grade – are invited to participate in *Godly Play* after the children's message. *Godly Play* provides age appropriate worship for children that helps them deepen their understanding of God through storytelling, hands-on activities and prayer. If children decide not to enter the *Godly Play* room, or are too young or too old for the designated age range, they will be accompanied by the acolyte back to the sanctuary and reunited with their parents.

4th grade and up – remain in the sanctuary to participate in the worship service.

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 if you have a special need or concern you wish to share through a praying church.

This Week's Music The Communion Hymn and Gathering Song are examples from our new hymnal, *Glory to God*. *The Feast Is Ready* is in a highly rhythmic praise and worship style and brings together many aspects associated with the Eucharistic feast. Despite its new sound, its emphasis on Communion as a foretaste of the heavenly banquet is a very traditional theme. Our choral introit is an energetic work from John Bells' world music collection.

Sunday Morning Adult Education We have two stimulating study series scheduled for the fall: *The Reformation and How It Came to America*, concluding today, taught by Dana Huntley; *Introduction to the Prophets*, October 20 - November 10, taught by John Sawyer

In Our Prayers we remember: Kathleen Franz, Harry Brown, Barbara Drumm, Jane Wallace, Hal and Mary Lib Glovier. Our prayers are constant for the women and men of the Armed Forces and their families.

Peacemaking Offering Is today. Please use the envelope provided in your bulletin and make check payable to LPC, memo "Peacemaking." 25% will remain in Loudoun to support a local organization which targets high risk children and youth.

Today is **Loaves and Fishes** Sunday. This allows us to share needed food with our neighbors who are hungry. Look for the baskets indicating where to leave your non-perishable food items.

LPC Book Club Monday, October 7, 9:30 a.m. Please join us for a variety of reading and enjoyable discussions - all are welcome, even if you haven't finished the book. We meet at 9:30 in the church lounge. Contact Jennifer Marsh with any questions.

October 7 (first Monday) *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

Volunteers are needed for the **Grace to Go Mission** on Sunday afternoon, Nov.3, at Deli South from 1:30-3:30. Volunteers prepare a healthy meal for distribution in the community. You can register to help by signing the Mission and Witness bulletin board in the Church hallway or contact the Frakers at fraker1@verizon.net.

A **rosebud** has been placed on the table in honor of Hagan Christopher Folk, son of Chris and Shana, born September 15, 2013.

The new hymnals are here!! There will be a hymnal dedication during worship on a Sunday in November. The Session has endorsed **THE HYMNAL DONATION PROJECT** where members can designate one of the new hymnals in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one whose name(s) will be written on a name plate placed on the inside cover of the new hymnal. The requested donation is \$20 and **special pink envelopes are in the pews** for your participation. Be sure to clearly write and correctly spell the name of the honoree on the envelope and circle the appropriate designation, "in honor of" or "in memory of."

LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Phone: 703-777-4163

www.LeesburgPresbyterian.org

Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday: 9-3; Friday: 9-2

LPC's Youngins Fall Gathering Sunday, October 27, 1:00. We are a group of 20's, 30's and 40-somethings at Leesburg Presbyterian Church who would like to arrange a handful of "young-ins" events throughout the year...that is, gatherings for us "young-ish" folks and our families at LPC. We're kicking off our new "young-ins" group by hosting a family fall gathering! Please join us for a picnic and other family fun. LPC members Kathy and Brad Brown have graciously offered to host our fall gathering at their home. If you would like to attend and did not receive an Evite, please email office@lpcva.org to be added to the list.

MANNA offers all LPCers a wonderful opportunity to connect with each other mid-week while receiving nourishment for the body and the spirit! The cost of dinner is \$4.00 for ages 6 and up. Children 5 and under eat for free. Family maximum is \$15. Wednesday, October 9, 6:00 p.m. No RSVP necessary. This week's program: The Mission of Gleaning. This week's menu: Chicken Pot Pie.

Intergenerational Women's Evening Bible Study Mondays, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., October 7 through December 2, Based on Beth Moore's video Bible study *Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman*, led by LPC member, Nicole Morgenthau. The cost of participant's workbook is \$15. It's not too late to sign up. Please e-mail Pastor Debbie (revdeb@lpcva.org) or Nicole (nlmorgenthau@gmail.com) to let us know if you plan to participate in this Bible study.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
Liturgist	Frank Gasperini	Frank Gasperini
Ushers:	Linda and Bob Duffey	Don and Linda Gibson
Acolyte:		Bailey Vigil and Forrest Rhodes
Flowers:	Provided by Tom Chase, in honor of Norah Chase's 10th birthday and her sister Emma's 13th birthday. In memory of Charles Chase's birthday.	

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Deborah Parsons	revdeb@lpcva.org
Administrator	Cindy Hollister	office@lpcva.org
Prayer Chain	Peggy Moats	prayer@lpcva.org
Business Manager	Julie Koochagian	bookkeeper@lpcva.org
Nursery	Bonnie Wiedenmeyer, Patricia Medina	