

A glass inkwell with a dark cap is on the left side of the parchment. A red wax seal is in the center, with a piece of twine tied around it. The parchment has a warm, aged tone.

Pen Pals

A Letter to a New Church in a Struggling World

MAY 2 | 9:30 & 11 AM

WELCOME TO
LAKE GROVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Real. Active. Faith.

Thank you for joining us. We hope you feel at home
encountering God in worship with us.

**We are a church partnering with Christ who transforms the
world one life at a time.**

If you'd like to know more about us or about a relationship with
God, one of our pastors would be privileged to talk with you.

Feel free to call (503-210-6062),
or email (info@lakegrovepres.org).

Today's Worship Service

Prelude *Récit de Tierce* by François Couperin

Welcome

Church Alive

Call To Worship

One: Let us worship God, who sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

All: God is love!

One: Let us worship God, who commands us to love one another, because love is from God.

All: God is love!

One: Let us worship God, who is the King of love.

All: God is love! Let us worship God!

Anthem *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;

I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,

My ransomed soul He leadeth,

And where the verdant pastures grow,

With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,

But yet in love He sought me,

And on His shoulder gently laid,

And home, rejoicing brought me.

The King of love my shepherd is,

And so through all the length of days,

Thy goodness faileth never;

Good shepherd may I sing Thy praise,

Within Thy house forever.

Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise,

Within Thy house forever.

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Prayer

Scripture

1 John 4:7-21

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or

sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen.²¹
The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Sermon

Beloved

Pastor Robin Garvin

***Hymn 515** *I Come With Joy*

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,
In love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
And strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
Is in such friendship better known, alive among us here,
Alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
We'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one,
The love that makes us one.

Affirmation of Faith - The 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 at 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.

Communion

Prayer of God's 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, for ever.

Amen.

Benediction

Choral Benediction *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

*The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord lift his countenance upon you;
And give you peace, and give you peace,
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.*

Amen.

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Postlude *Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux* by François Couperin

Serving in Worship

Participants: Pastor Robin Garvin; Pastor Susan Graham; Sass and Gage Family

Musicians: *Sanctuary Choir*, directed by Wendy Bamonte; Kevin Walsh, Vakare Marshall, Danielle Canache, John Howell, *vocalists*; Ines Voglar, *violin*; Jeff Wood, organ, piano.

A/V Production: Dan Bacon

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LGPCPrays

Prayer is the primary work of God's people. It is a vital connection to God where we can hear from, listen to, and respond to the Lord. Here are some ways you can pray this week...

MissionPartners

Headington Institute: Pray for the spirit of the Headington Institute staff for their strength and their peace as they stand along others who are struggling. Pray also for the people they serve.

Manna: Pray for continued food donation support from local businesses to help fill crucial food needs in our community. Pray also for the new volunteers with the Manna team.

If you would like to be included in the bulletin prayer list, please email: prayer@lakegrovepres.org.

I Come with Joy

515

Capo 3: (D) (G) (A) (D) (Bm)
 F B^b C F Dm

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has

(Asus) (Am) (G) (F#m) (D)
 Csus Cm B^b Am F

free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

(Em) (D/F#) (G) (A) (Am7) (D)
 Gm F/A B^b C Cm7 F

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text affirms that Christian unity is not achievement but gift, one renewed each time we gather for the Lord's Supper. Each of us enters as an "I" and leaves as part of "we." The unadorned language of this text is well matched to the simple shape note tune that sets it here.

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 MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977
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DOVE OF PEACE
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