

# Lewes Presbyterian Church

*Believing, growing and sharing the love of Christ*

**11:00 AM Worship Service**

**May 3, 2026**



**SCRIPTURE: I Corinthians 2:6-16**

**SERMON SERIES: I Corinthians**

**SERMON: Wisdom of the Spirit**

**Rev. Greg Wiest**

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PRELUDE

Sarah Rose

GREETING AND WELCOME  
THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Greg Wiest

**HYMN: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

Hymnal pg 528

*Let us run with perseverance, the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.  
Heb. 12:1,2*

1. My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine:  
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day be wholly thine.
  
2. May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;  
as thou has died for me, O may my love to thee  
pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire.
  
3. When ends life's transient dream,  
when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll,  
Blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove,  
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.

ANTHEM

"Come and Feast"

Dengler

## **THE NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,**

Maker of heaven and earth  
of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,**

begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God, begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,**

who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **CONFESSION**

**INVITATION TO SILENT CONFESSION**

Nancy Williams

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

1 John 1:9

“If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteous. Friends, believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.”

## CELEBRATION

**PSALTER READING: Psalm 104:1-18**

Nancy Williams

Praise the Lord, O my soul

**O Lord my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.**

He wraps himself in light as with a garment;

**he stretches out the heavens like a tent and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters.**

He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind.

**He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants.**

He set the earth on its foundations;

**it can never be moved.**

You covered it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

**But at your rebuke the waters fled, at the sound of your thunder they took to flight;**

they flowed over the mountains, they went down into the valleys, to the place you assigned for them.

**You set a boundary they cannot cross; never again will they cover the earth.**

He makes springs pour water into the ravines; it flows between the mountains.

**They give water to all the beasts of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst.**

The birds of the air next by the waters; they sing among the branches.

**He waters the mountains from his upper chambers; the earth is satisfied by the fruit of his work.**

He makes grass grow for the cattle and plants for man to cultivate – bringing forth food from the earth:

**Wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine and bread that sustains his heart.**

STEWARDSHIP & OFFERING  
DOXOLOGY

Nancy Williams  
Hymnal pg 731

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Greg Wiest

### PREPARATION

HYMN: “How Great Thou Art”

Hymnal pg 44

*Great is the Lord, and most worthy of praise. Psalm 48:1*

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

### CHORUS

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!

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3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin.

### CHORUS

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

## CHORUS

### PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 2:6-16      Bible pg 1624  
New International Version (NIV)

SERMON SERIES: I Corinthians

SERMON:      Wisdom of the Spirit      Rev. Greg Wiest

HYMN:      “Behold the Lamb”

1. Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us:  
And we remember the promise made  
that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.  
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of his sacrifice,  
as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.
3. The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you;  
Drink and remember He drained death’s cup  
that all may enter in to receive the life of God.  
So, we share in this Bread of Life, we drink of his sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.
4. And so with thankfulness and faith, we rise to respond  
and to remember our call to follow in the steps  
of Christ as His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering; we proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we’ll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.

## CONSECRATION

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

SINGING OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Rev. Greg Wiest

Flowers are provided by **Bob and Mary Young** *in honor of all members of the congregation who are dealing with health issues.*

### WELCOME . . . .

**To Lewes Presbyterian Church** where you are always welcome. Whether you are attending for the first time in years, or the first time as a new resident, or an LPC member, you will always find **LPC has a place for you.**

***LPC is a place to worship*** on Sundays which offers three distinct types of worship services; 8AM, 9AM and 11AM.

***LPC is a place to bring your children.*** Your children are welcomed by caring leaders. LPC has a nursery available during the 9AM worship services. Children's Church is offered before the 9AM sermon for ages 3-7. Adult and Children's Sunday School meet at 10AM during the school year.

***LPC is a place to explore Christianity*** during our Sunday a.m. and weekly Bible studies. ***Welcome to LPC . . . . a place for you.***

If you are visiting for the first time, we invite you to complete a connection card found in the pew and put it in the offering plate as you leave worship today. We encourage you to return often and make LPC a spiritual home for you, your family and friends.

**Experience LPC—we have a place for you!**

# How Great Thou Art

1885

Carl Gustav Boberg (1859-1940), was a Swedish poet, preacher, government official and member of parliament, was best known for writing a poem in 1885 which he called *O Store Gud* – (O Mighty God) from which the English language hymn *How Great Thou Art* is derived.

Boberg was born in Monsteras, Kalmar County in Smaland, the son of a carpenter. The religious revival movements of the time strongly affected him as a young man. He studied at the Mission Covenant Church of Sweden's school from 1897-1882 and was a preacher for Monsteras Mission Assoc. from 1882-1889.

Boberg published his own books and poetry through "Witness of the Truth" magazine's publishing house. His poem was published and "forgotten", or so he thought but several years later Boberg was surprised to hear it being sung to the tune of an old Swedish melody. Hearing this hymn in Russia, English missionary, Stuart Hine, was so moved he modified and expanded the words and made his own arrangement of the Swedish melody. Hine later said the first three verses were inspired by Russia's rugged Carpathian Mountains. The first verse was composed when Hine was caught in a thunderstorm in a Carpathian village and the second as he heard the birds sing near the Romanian border and the third as he witnessed many of the Carpathian mountain dwellers coming to Christ. The final verse was written after Hine return to Great Britain.

Sometime later, Dr. J Edwin Orr heard *How Great Thou Art* being sung by Naga Tribesmen in Assam, India and decided to bring it back to America for use in his own meetings. When Orr introduced it at a conference in California, it came to the attention of music publisher, Tim Spencer, who contacted Hine and had the song copyrighted. It was published and recorded. Boberg died January 7, 1940 In Kalmar County Sweden at the age of 80.

During the 1954 Billy Graham Crusade in Haringey Arena in London, George Beverly Shea was given a leaflet containing this hymn. He shared it with other members of the Graham team. Although it was not used in London during the Graham Crusade, it was introduced the following year to audiences in Toronto. In the NY Crusade of 1957, this hymn was sung by Shea 97 times with the choir joining in the majestic refrain.