

# Lewes Presbyterian Church

*Believing, growing and sharing the love of Christ*

**11:00 AM Worship Service**

**May 10, 2026**



**SCRIPTURE: I Corinthians 3:10-19**

**SERMON SERIES: I Corinthians**

**SERMON: A Sure Foundation**

**Rev. Greg Wiest**

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Mother's Day

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PRELUDE

Sarah Rose

GREETING AND WELCOME

Rev. Greg Wiest

THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Hymnal pg 295

*On his head are many crowns. Rev. 19:12*

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose power a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.
4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me:  
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

ANTHEM "Ancient of Days"

I James

## **THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,**  
Maker of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ,** his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit;**  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
and the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO SILENT CONFESSION  
DECLARATION OF PARDON

Dawn Hurd  
1 John 1:9

## **GLORIA PATRI**

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.

## CELEBRATION

**PSALTER READING: Psalm 104:19-36**

Dawn Hurd

He made the moon to mark the seasons and the sun knows when to go down.

**You bring darkness, it becomes night, and all the beasts of the forest prowl.**

The lions roar for their prey and seek their food from God.

**The sun rises, and they steal away; they return and lie down in their dens.**

Then people go out to their work, to their labor until evening.

**How many are your works, Lord! In wisdom you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number – living things both large and small.

**There are ships go to and fro, and Leviathan, which you formed to frolic there.**

All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.

**When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.**

When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust.

**When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.**

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works,  
**he who looks at the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.**

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

**May my meditations be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the Lord.**

But may sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more.

**Praise the Lord, my soul. Praise the Lord.**

STEWARDSHIP & OFFERING  
PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Dawn Hurd  
Rev. Greg Wiest

**PREPARATION**

HYMN: "Behold Our God"

*Many prophets and Kings have desired to see those things which you see. Luke 10:23-24*

**CHORUS**

Behold our God, seated on His throne,  
come, let us adore Him.

Behold our King, nothing can compare,  
come, let us adore Him!

1. Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.  
All creation rises to rejoice.

**CHORUS**

2. Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds:

**CHORUS**

3. Who has felt the nail upon His hands,  
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave,  
Jesus, Savior risen now to reign!

**CHORUS**

## PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING: I Corinthians 3:10-19  
New International Version (NIV)

Bible pg 1625

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HYMN: "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

Hymnal pg 479

*He calls his own sheep by name. John 10:3*

1. Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me;  
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.

### REFRAIN

Come home, (come home), come home  
ye who are weary, come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner, come home!

2. Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me?

### REFRAIN

4. Oh! For the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me;  
though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me.

### REFRAIN

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Greg Wiest

Flowers are given by **Troy & Brenda Hazzard**, *in memory of Mac and Alberta Cullum and Linda Hazzard and Joanne Ash.*

Please welcome our new LPC members: Haide Earl, Dinah Handy-Hall and John and Mary Kovac.

## 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.***

We are glad you are here to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us. We look to God's Word as the foundation for our church and our personal lives, and we joyfully praise God as we welcome you to our church family.

If you are visiting for the first time, we invite you to complete a connection card found in the pew and put it into 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!**

## Crown Him with Many Crowns

1851

The original form of this hymn was written by Matthew Bridges and consisted of six eight-line stanzas. He thought of his hymn as a sermon in song, based on Revelation 19:12 “... and on His head were many crowns.” He called his hymn, “*The Song of the Seraphs.*”

Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) was born in Essex England, the youngest son of John Bridges, a priest of the Church of England. Bridges’ career as an author began at the age of 25 in 1825, and, although he was raised in the Church of England, he converted to Roman Catholicism in 1848 at the age of 48 where he remained the rest of his life. Throughout his life he published a number of prose and poetry books, and a collection of hymns in 1851 and again in 1852.

His most famous hymn, “Crown Him with Many Crowns,” was first published in 1848 and remains one of the most beloved hymns in Christian worship. However, in 1874, Godfrey Thring, a staunch Anglican clergyman feared some of Bridges’ verses held too much Catholic doctrine. Verse two, for example, said:

*Crown Him the virgin’s Son, the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won which now His brow adorn;  
Fruit of the mystic rose, as of that rose the stem;  
the root whence mercy ever flows, the Babe of Bethlehem*

It seems odd to us now that such a verse would cause controversy. Thring wrote six new verses for the same song, re-naming the hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns*, which were:

*Crown Him with crowns of gold .....*  
*Crown Him the Son of God, before the worlds began .....*  
*Crown Him the Lord of light .....*  
*Crown Him to Lord of life, who triumphed over the grave .....*  
*Crown Him the Lord of lords, who over all doth reign.....*  
*Crown Him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above.....*

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” became a six-verse hymn which was written twice!

Bridges traveled to and lived in Quebec, Canada for several years, immersing himself in the Catholic community there, but in his later years he returned to live at the Convent of the Assumption in Sidmouth, Devon, England where he died on October 6, 1894 at the age of 94.