

Lewes Presbyterian Church

Believing, growing and sharing the love of Christ

11:00 AM Worship Service

July 12, 2026



SERMON SERIES: I Corinthians

SCRIPTURE: I Corinthians 12:1-14

SERMON: Spiritual Gifts

Rev. Greg Wiest

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PRELUDE

Sarah Rose

GREETING AND WELCOME
THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

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HYMN: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" Hymnal pg 342

He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation, wisdom and knowledge... " Isa 33:6

1. Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.

3. To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of host today;
with thy wonted loving kindness
hear thy people as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.

5. Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory,
while unending ages run.

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.

* Refers to the universal church of believers not specifically Roman Catholic church

INVITATION TO SILENT CONFESSION
DECLARATION OF PARDON

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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 107:29-43

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He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed.

They were glad when it grew calm, and he guided them to their desired haven.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men.

Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.

He turned rivers into a desert, flowing springs into thirsty ground, **and fruitful land into a salt waste, because of the wickedness of those who lived there.**

He turned the desert into pools of water and the parched ground into flowing springs;

there he brought the hungry to live, and they founded a city where they could settle.

They sowed fields and planted vineyards that yielded a fruitful harvest; **he blessed them, and their numbers greatly increased, and he did not let their herds diminish.**

Then their numbers decreased, and they were humbled by oppression, calamity and sorrow;

he who pours contempt on nobles made them wander in a trackless waste.

But he lifted the needy out of their affliction and increased their families like flocks.

The upright see and rejoice but all the wicked shut their mouths.

Let the one who is wise heed these things and ponder the loving deeds of the Lord.

STEWARDSHIP & OFFERING
PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

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PREPARATION

HYMN: "Higher Ground"

The Lord said to him, 'Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground. Act 7:33

1. I'm pressing on the upward way,
new heights I'm gaining every day
still praying as I'm onward bound,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

CHORUS

Lord, lift me up and let me stand
by faith on heaven's table land;
A higher plane than I have found,
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground

2. My heart has no desire to stay
where doubt arise and fears dismay;
Tho some may dwell where these abound,
my prayer, my aim is higher ground.

CHORUS

3. I want to live above the world,
tho' Satan's darts at me are hurled;
for faith has caught the joyful sound,
the song of saints on higher ground.

CHORUS

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING: I Corinthians 12:1-14
New International Version (NIV)

Bible pg 1636

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SERMON: Spiritual Gifts

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HYMN: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Hymnal pg 634

I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer." Psalm 17:6

1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care, and bids me at my Father's throne, makes all my wants and wishes known!
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the tempter's snare, by thy return, sweet hour of prayer.
2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, the joys I feel, the bliss I share of those whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place where God, my Savior, shows his face, and gladly take my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.
3. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, thy wings shall my petition bear to him, whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless; and since he bids me seek his face, believe his Word and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Greg Wiest

Flowers are given by **Sabatino & Joyce Maglione** *in memory of loved ones.*

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!

Sweet Hour of Prayer

1842

William Walford (1772-1850) was born in Bath, Somerset, England. Walford was a blind English Congregationalist layman and hymn writer known for this single widely used hymn text. Walford lost his eyesight early in his life which limited his access to formal education and traditional career paths. Despite his blindness, he was known for a strong mind and an exceptionally retentive memory which he used to memorize vast portions of Scripture.

Walford dictated to friends his religious poetry compositions. One hymn attributed to him is *Sweet Hour of Prayer*, a text reflecting personal devotion and the comfort of prayer in Christian life. The hymn was later set to music by William Bradbury and became widely used in Protestant hymnals.

Walford lived in the hamlet of Coleshill, Warwickshire, where he ran a small shop and served as an unordained lay preacher in local Congregational and independent churches.

Called to preach from time to time in rural England, Walford composed sermons in his head to deliver on Sundays. He memorized a huge amount of the Bible which he quoted verbatim in his sermons. His pulpit ministry became legendary for his verbatim recitation of the Bible, including the entire New Testament, Psalms, major prophecies and sections of biblical history with perfect accuracy.

Thomas Salmon, a New York native, spent time in England and became acquainted with Bradford. He tells of the time he was visiting the blind pastor "He repeated two or three pieces which he had composed, and having no friend at home to commit them to paper, he had laid them up in the storehouse within. I rapidly copied the lines with my pencil as he uttered them and sent them for insertion in the *New York Observer*...." The *Observer* considered them worth preserving and they were published on September 13, 1845.

We know little of William Walford, other than this hymn which has touched hundreds of thousands of lives on both sides of the Atlantic, expressing the genuine joy he found in prayer.

Walford's life and writing illustrate the contribution of lay believers to the devotional hymn tradition of the 19th century and speaks to resilience, faith and the power of the spoken word. Walford's devotion to God and Scripture left a lasting mark on Christian worship.