

Lewes Presbyterian Church

Believing, growing and sharing the love of Christ

11:00 AM Worship Service

August 9, 2026



SERMON SERIES: Jonah

SCRIPTURE: Jonah 1:1-16

SERMON: Running From God

Rev. Greg Wiest

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PRELUDE

Sarah Rose

GREETING AND WELCOME
THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Greg Wiest

HYMN: “Have Thine Own Way, Lord!”

Hymnal pg 688

Declares the Lord, “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in My hand, Israel. Jer 18:6

1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou are the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.
2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.
4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o’er my being absolute sway!
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

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

Doreen Truitt

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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 111

Doreen Truitt

Praise the Lord.

I will extol the Lord with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.

Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and compassionate.

He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

He has shown his people the power of his works, giving them the lands of other nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

They are steadfast for ever and ever, done in faithfulness and uprightness.

He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever – holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding.

To him belongs eternal praise

STEWARDSHIP & OFFERING

Doreen Truitt

PREPARATION

HYMN: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Hymnal pg 252

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me” Gal 6:14

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God;
all my vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Greg Wiest

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Jonah 1:1-16
New International Version (NIV)

Bible pg 1323

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HYMN: "Nearer My God to Thee"

The eternal God is your refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms. Deut. 33:27

1. Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee,
even though it be a cross that raiseth me!
Still all my song shall be; nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer my God, to Thee! Nearer to Thee!
3. There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;
all that Thou sendest me, in mercy given;
Angels to beckon me nearer, my God to Thee.
Nearer my God, to Thee! Nearer to Thee!
5. Or, if on joyful wing cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon and stars forgot, upward I fly,
still all my song shall be; nearer, my God to Thee.
Nearer my God, to Thee! Nearer to Thee!

BENEDICTION

Rev. Greg Wiest

Flowers are given by **Ron & Lorraine Smith** *in honor of family and friends.*

WELCOME

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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!

Nearer, My God, to Thee

1840

Sarah 'Sally' Flower Adams (1805-1848) was born in Harlow, England to Benjamin and Eliza Gould Flower. Benjamin Flower was a newspaper editor, who was liberal in politics and religion. Sarah's mother died when she was 5 and she and her sister, Eliza, were brought up by their father, who died in 1825. The girls then were taken in by the Rev. William Johnson Fox family.

Sarah enjoyed the spotlight and had great interest in the stage and dreamed of becoming an actress. In 1834, Sarah married William B Adams who was a civil engineer and set up house in London so Sarah could be close to the theater. Her frail health hampered her career and she found herself focusing more on her literary gifts. Her literary work often advocated equal treatment for women and for the working class. Among her compositions were hymns of praise to the Lord and because they were so close, Sarah's sister, Eliza, a gifted musician, often wrote music for Sarah's hymns. The girls became close to writer Harriet Martineau, who was struck by the two sisters and used them for her novel *Deerbrook*.

In 1840, their pastor, Rev. Williams Johnson Fox of London's South Place Unitarian Church paid Sarah a visit, stating he was compiling a church hymnbook and wanted to include some of Sarah and Eliza's hymns. He mentioned his frustration at not finding an appropriate hymn to go with the upcoming Sunday's message which was the story of Jacob at Bethel in Genesis 28. Sarah offered to write a hymn based on those verses and worked for a week, pouring over the passage, visualizing Jacob sleeping with a stone for his pillow and dreaming of a ladder reaching to heaven. The following Sunday, South Place Unitarian Church sang Sarah's composition "Near, My God, to Thee." Sarah contributed 13 hymns to the compilation of Rev. Fox's hymnbook.

Sarah's sister, Eliza, who was suffering from consumption (tuberculosis), died in 1846. Sarah had faithfully cared for her sister during her illness but at the time of Eliza's death, Sarah was also showing signs of TB. Sarah died August 14, 1848 at age 43.