

Lewes Presbyterian Church

Believing, growing and sharing the love of Christ

11:00 AM Worship Service

August 16, 2026

Jonah 2:2



In my distress I called
to the Lord, and
HE ANSWERED ME!

SERMON SERIES: Jonah

SCRIPTURE: Jonah 2

SERMON: Fish Prayers

Rev. Greg Wiest

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PRELUDE

Sarah Rose

GREETING AND WELCOME
THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Greg Wiest

HYMN: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Hymnal pg 359

You are all one in Christ Jesus. Gal. 3:28

1. Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.
3. We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.
4. When we asunder part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.
6. From sorrow, toil and pain,
and sin, we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

We Believe (Apostle's Creed)

CHORUS

We believe in one true God, Father, Spirit, Son;
One Church, one faith, one Lord of all
His Kingdom come.

1. We believe in God the Father, Almighty Lord of life;
Creator of the Heavens, the earth, the sea, the sky.
And we believe in Jesus, the only Son of God
Born of the virgin Mary who lived as one of us.

CHORUS

2. We believe that Jesus suffered, was beaten, crucified;
He died and He was buried, entombed in darkest night.
The third day rose victorious, ascended into Heaven,
will one day come to judge us, the living and the dead.

CHORUS

3. We believe in God the Spirit, one Church empowered by Him;
Communion of God's people, forgiveness of our sin.
Our bodies resurrected to everlasting life;
to worship, love and wonder before the throne of Christ.

CHORUS

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 in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen, amen

CELEBRATION

PSALTER READING: Psalm 112

Doreen Truitt

Praise the Lord.

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands.

His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for the gracious and compassionate and righteous man.

Good will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice.

Surely he will never be shaken; a righteous man will be remembered forever.

He will have no fear of bad news; his heart is steadfast, trust in the Lord.

His heart is secure, he will have no fear; in the end he will look in triumph on his foes.

He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor, his righteousness endures forever; his horn will be lifted high in honor.

The wicked man will see and be vexed, he will gnash his teeth and waste away;

the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.

STEWARDSHIP & OFFERING

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Doreen Truitt
Rev. Greg Wiest

PREPARATION

HYMN “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” Hymnal pg 87

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. Psalm 23:1

1. The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.
2. Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill,
for thou are with me; and by thy rod,
and staff me comfort still.
5. Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God’s house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Jonah 2
New International Version (NIV)

Bible pg 1324

SERMON SERIES: Jonah

SERMON: Fish Prayers

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HYMN: "In the Garden"

You hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel. Psalm 73:23

1. I come to the garden alone,
while the dew is still on the roses;
and the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
the Son of God discloses,

CHORUS

And He walks with me and He talks with me
and He tells me I am His own;
and the joy we share as we tarry there
none other has ever known.

2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice
is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
and the melody that He gave to me
within my heart is calling.

CHORUS

3. I'd stay in the garden with Him
tho' the night around me be falling;
but He bids me go, through the voice of woe;
His voice to me is calling.

CHORUS

BENEDICTION

Rev. Greg Wiest

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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!

In the Garden
(I Come to the Garden Alone)
1912

Charles Austin Miles (1868-1946) was a pharmacist who began writing gospel songs and eventually became an editor of hymnals and songbooks as well as a popular music director at camp meetings, conventions and churches. His hobby was photography and he found his darkroom perfect for developing, not just his photographs, but his devotional life. In its privacy and strange blue glow, Miles could read his Bible in total privacy. As he was a musician and songwriter, Miles often found himself reading Scripture with the express purpose of getting ideas for Christian songs.

Miles was born in Lakehurst, NJ and attended the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and the University of Pennsylvania. He was a pharmacist until 1892 when he began writing and publishing gospel songs for Hall-Mack Company. He felt he was serving God better in the gospel song writing than as a pharmacist. He worked as editor and manager of Hall-Mack for 37 years and wrote or composed over 550 hymns.

One day in March 1912, while waiting for some film to develop, Miles opened the Bible to his favorite chapter, John 20, the story of the first Easter. Miles later said, "As I read it that day, I seemed to be part of the scene. I seemed to be standing at the entrance of a garden, looking down a gently winding path shaded by olive branches. A woman in white came from the shadows and went to the tomb, looked in the tomb and quickly walked away. It was Mary. John appeared, then came Peter followed by John. As they departed Mary reappeared. As she wept, she turned and saw Jesus standing; so did I. I knew it was He. I awakened in full light, gripping my Bible with muscles tense. Under the inspiration of this vision, I wrote as quickly as the words would be formed, the poem exactly as it has since appeared. That same evening, I wrote the music." Miles said, "It is the daily companionship with the Lord that makes up the Christian's life."

In some polls, *In the Garden* is as popular abroad as in the US. More than a million recordings and printed copies of this hymn have been sold. A resident of Pitman, NJ, Miles died on March 10, 1946, at Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia and is buried in Sewell, NJ.