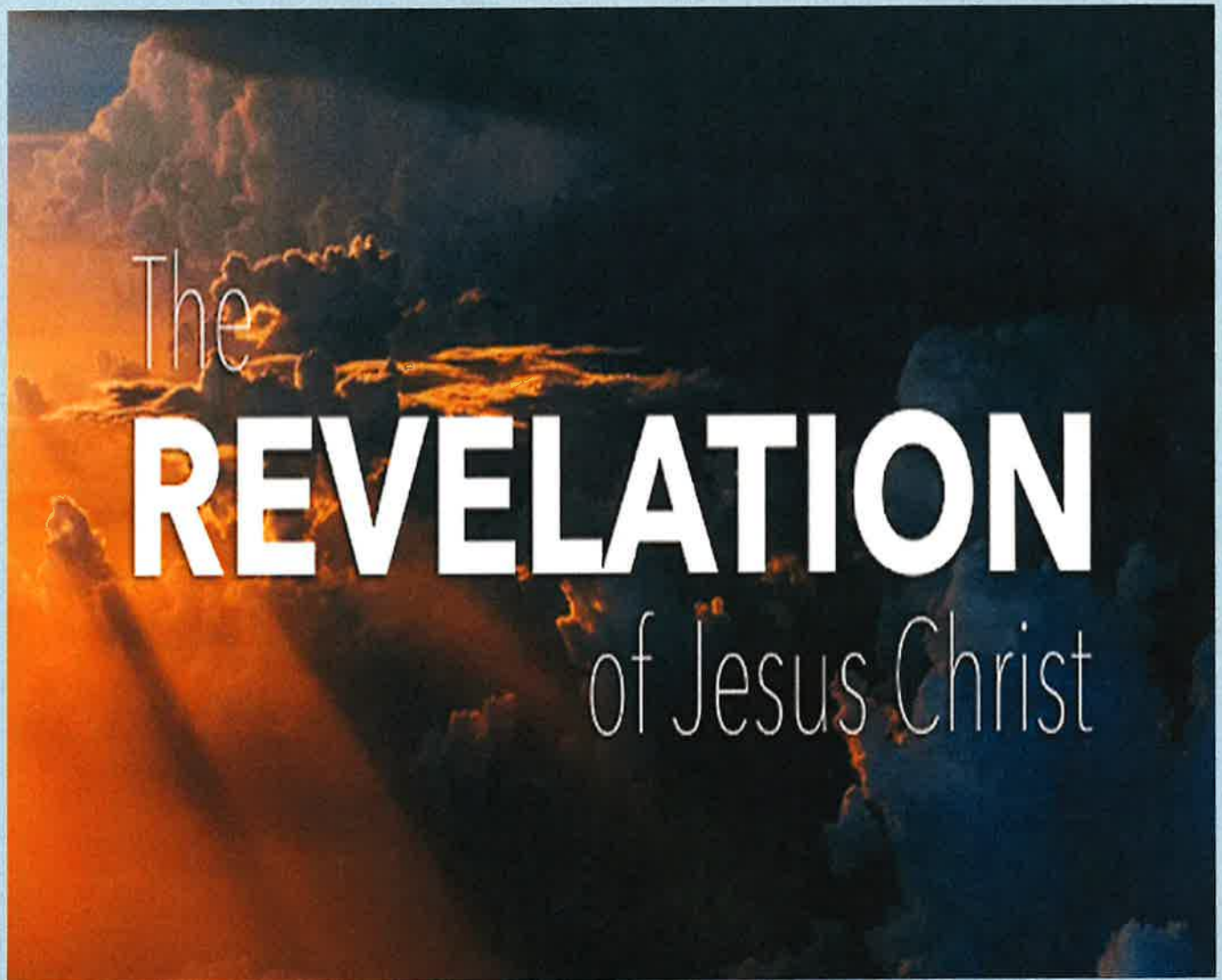


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**11:00 AM Worship Service**

**August 24, 2025**



**SCRIPTURE: Revelation 13:11-13**

**SERMON SERIES: Apocalypse, Symbols of the End Times**

**SERMON: The Beast Out of the Earth**

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PRELUDE

Sara Rose

GREETING AND WELCOME  
THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Greg Wiest

**Minute for Mission**

Byron Hack, GTi Hope, India

HYMN: “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

Hymnal pg 648

*We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19*

1. My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
for thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus ‘tis now.
2. I love thee because thou hast first loved me,  
and purchased my pardon on Calvary’s tree.  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.
4. In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I’ll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;  
I’ll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

## **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

## **CONFESSIO**

**INVITATION TO SILENT CONFESSIO**

Doreen Truitt

**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 unrighteousness. Friends, believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.”

## 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 74:13-23

It was you who split open the sea by your power; you broke the heads  
of the monster in the waters.

**It was you who crushed the heads of Leviathan and gave him as  
food to the creatures of the desert.**

It was you who opened up springs and streams; you dried up the  
ever flowing rivers.

**The day is yours, and yours also the night; you established the  
sun and moon.**

It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both  
summer and winter.

**Remember how the enemy has mocked you, O Lord, how foolish  
people have reviled your name.**

Do not hand over the life of your dove to wild beasts; do not  
forget the lives of your afflicted people forever.

**Have regard for your covenant, because haunts of violence fill  
the dark places of the land.**

Do not let the oppressed retreat in disgrace; may the poor and needy  
praise your name.

**Rise up, O God, and defend your cause; remember how fools mock you all day long.**

Do not ignore the clamor of your adversaries, the uproar of your enemies, which rises continually.

STEWARDSHIP & OFFERING  
PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Doreen Truitt  
Rev. Greg Wiest

### **PREPARATION**

HYMN: "My Worth Is Not In What I Own"

1. My worth is not in what I own;  
not in the strength of flesh and bone;  
but in the costly wounds of love at the cross.

### **CHORUS**

I rejoice in my Redeemer.  
Greatest treasure, well-spring of my soul.  
I will trust in Him, no other;  
my soul is satisfied in Him alone.

3. As summer flowers we fade and die;  
fame, youth and beauty hurry by.  
But life eternal calls to us at the cross.

### **CHORUS**

5. Two wonders here that I confess:  
my worth and my unworthiness.  
My value fixed, my ransom paid, at the cross.

### **CHORUS**

# PROCLAMATION

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New International Version (NIV)

Bible pg 1761

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HYMN: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

“....Now, our God, we give you thanks and praise your glorious name .... “ 1 Chronicles 29:11-14

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory Lord of love.  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!
2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays;  
stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.
3. Thou art giving and forgiving. Ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother. All who live in love are Thine.  
Teach us how to love each other; lift us to the joy divine.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Greg Wiest

Flowers are provided by **Margaret Peterson** *in memory of my husband Bruce and my son Frank.*

**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 as *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!**

## **My Jesus, I Love Thee** **(1864)**

“The young people of today are utterly dissolute and disorderly,” fumed grumpy old Martin Luther in the sixteenth century. The philosopher Plato agreed. “The youth are rebellious, pleasure-seeking and irresponsible,” he wrote. “They have no respect for their elders.” Socrates complained, “Children now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority. They show disrespect for elders and love chatter.” A 6,000-year-old Egyptian tomb bears the inscription: “We live in a decadent age. Young people no longer respect their parents. They are rude and impatient. They inhabit taverns and have no self-control.”

The next time you think the ‘modern generation’ is going from bad to worse, remember that God always has a rich handful of teenage heroes ready to change the world – Joseph, the dreamer; Daniel in Babylon, David, the giant killer, and the virgin Mary. As a teenager Charles Spurgeon preached to great crowds, but when they referred to his youthfulness, he replied, “Never mind my age. Think of the Lord Jesus Christ and His preciousness.”

Some of our greatest hymns were written by young adults. Isaac Watts wrote most of his most memorable hymns at about the age of nineteen. Poet John Milton wrote well-known poems at age fifteen.

This hymn of deep devotion, “My Jesus, I Love Thee,” was written by William Ralph Featherston (1846-1873), of Montreal Canada, at age sixteen! It is likely Featherston wrote this hymn as a poem celebrating his conversion to Christ. Reportedly, he sent it to an aunt in Los Angeles who quickly sought its publication. Composer A. Judson Gordon (founder of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary) discovered the lyrics in the 1870 edition of *The London Hymnal*. He included the text with his tune in 1876; the pairing of text and tune is standard to this day.

Little else is known about the author Featherston. It’s enough just to know that God can change the world through anyone – regardless of age – who will say, “My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine. For Thee, all the follies of sin I resign.” Reportedly, his descendants still treasure the original manuscript of the hymn. The simplicity and sincerity of the text has resonated with Christians for well over 150 years, particularly as a hymn of invitation or a prayer hymn.