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SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Worship Schedule: 10 AM
In –person and livestreamed

Masks are required!

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Pastor's Ponderings

The Rev. Emma Horn

What Did Jesus Pray?

Have you ever wondered about what Jesus said when he prayed? We get one example when he teaches the disciples the prayer we now know as the Lord's Prayer and another in Jesus' emotional petitions in the Garden of Gethsemane but, these examples are certainly not the only recorded prayer of Jesus in the scriptures. This week in worship we will be looking at another prayer of Jesus that is in scripture, one that is recorded in John 17:6-19. In this passage, we get an inside look of a prayer that Jesus lifts up on behalf of the disciples, a prayer which invites the hearer to think, "What now?" and what comes next after Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. One commentator, Brian McGowan writes that, "Hearing Jesus prayer (not think!) aloud here is an immense privilege. It's an amazing display of oneness with God and with his friends." But, this prayer is not just about what comes next for the disciples but, has much larger implications.

Rev. Bryan Findlayson, writing on Lectionary Bible Studies and sermons, describe this week's passage, John 17:6-19 in this way, "In our passage for study, John has recorded the prayer Jesus prayed in the upper room on the Thursday evening before his arrest and crucifixion. Way back in the sixteenth century a Lutheran theologian, David Chytraeus, gave the prayer the title "Jesus' High Priestly Prayer" and this title has stuck. In summing up the prayer, one of the great Bible commentator's, B.F. Westcott, writing at the beginning of the twentieth century, said, it is "at once a prayer, a profession and a revelation." This week in worship, we will unpack what it means that this portion of scripture is identified as a High Priestly Prayer and also dig more deeply into the idea that this is a prayer, profession and revelation and explore what this prayer means for us as modern believers.

JOYS AND CONCERNS FROM MAY 9, 2021

Our pastor's contact information can be found on the front page of this newsletter. Pastor Emma is available for conversation and prayer. Also, please continue to share your joys and concerns with us so that we may continue to support each other in specific prayer requests.

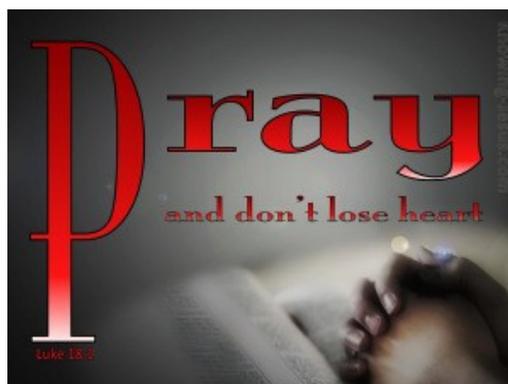
Joys and concerns may be submitted to the office via email or by phone. We check messages regularly.

Please let us know of answers to prayer – so that we can give thanks to God!

Congratulations to Chelsea Spyres, friend of Pastor Emma's and Convening Pastor at Riverfront Church, for her graduation from Wesley Seminary on May 10th, 2021.

Best wishes to Mgrs. Joseph Rebman on his retirement from serving St. Joseph's on the Brandywine. A tribute video to Mgrs. Rebman can be found [here](#).

We pray for one of our youth friends who is struggling with some recent health issues.



2021 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Year to Date Total Giving 2021:	\$108,692
Budgeted Giving 2021:	\$244,249

WORSHIP LINKS

May 9, 2021

"Living In Love"

◇ [Audio/Video link](#)

◇ [Bulletin/Liturgy link](#)



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Churches have personalities influenced by stories that are told about them. Over the 300 years that Lower Brandywine has been in existence, some are funny, some sad, and some tickle your heart. Our newer members do not know these stories to their loss, so now is the time to share, and be amused, and talk about them. We invite you to write your stories and submit them to the church office by June 15th. If you have pictures that would enhance your story, please feel free to submit those as well. You can email them to Becky at lbpc@comcast.net or drop them in her mailbox. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Planning on visiting a shut-in to pass on Christ's love from our congregants at Lower Brandywine? Consider leaving a calling card! You may find these at the desk in the office. You can leave them as is, or fill in your name/phone/email if you want the person to have your personal contact information in addition to the church's information.



Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.

We are so pleased to announce that The Missions Committee has voted to donate our church's portion of the Pentecost offering to the LBPC LIFT!

PENTECOST IS SUNDAY, MAY 23RD. THE SPECIAL OFFERING WILL BE COLLECTED THAT SUNDAY.



Speaking of LIFT...

They are so excited to be able to participate in an offsite mission trip this year! Our youth and leader's will depart Sunday, June 20th for another Group Mission workcamp in Gilbert, South Carolina. Because of your extreme generosity, 8 youth and 2 adults are able to participate at no personal cost to them. Thank you!!!

In addition to the great work that will be done that week, we will take with us donations of canned/nonperishable food and paper products (i.e. toilet paper and paper towels) for Gilbert Food Pantry and Mission Lexington. If you would like to contribute you may drop your donated items in the special collection box in the Social Hall.

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Stories of Kindness

One of our youth shared a story of how he stopped and gave some money to a homeless man, and told of how grateful the man was!

Did you visit a friend, write a nice note, donate your time to help someone else? Let us know so that your story might be an inspiration to someone else!



During your spring cleaning, have you located a stash of old glasses and wondered what to do with them? Well here's your answer...

Beginning **Tuesday, May 4th and continuing through Sunday, May 16th**, the LBPC office will be collecting used eyeglasses in GOOD CONDITION to donate to VSP Eyes of Hope. Look for the donation box in the office foyer. On nice days, we might just leave it on the bench in front of the office. Easy-peasy!

Glasses only please, no cases. Thank you!



Al-Anon/Alateen is a recovery support fellowship for families and friends of alcoholics. Al-Anon/Alateen members share how attendance has helped them more fully understand their alcoholic relative, and how they can enjoy a full and happy life, regardless of whether the alcoholic is still drinking or not. Al-Anon meets twice weekly and Alateen meets once a week at LBPC:

Al-Anon Meetings: Monday 7:00-8:00 pm and Wednesday Noon-1:00 pm

Alateen Meeting: Monday 7:00-8:00 pm

Due to the pandemic, Al-Anon and Alateen are having virtual meetings.



Lower Brandywine Office Hours

Monday through Thursday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Cemetery by appointment only.

Voicemail is always monitored. If you have an urgent need, do not hesitate to call. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

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IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

300th Anniversary Campaign Update



We have reached and exceeded our goal with a total of \$300,039 donated to the 300th Anniversary Campaign! Thanks to all for their very generous contributions!

If you still wish to contribute, please contact Linda Natali at linda.natali@comcast.net or visit www.vancopayments.com to give electronically, or mail your check to the church office with a memo, "300th Anniversary."

Did you know that you can contribute to LBPC with a stock contribution? Or electronically via Vanco services? Vanco – visit our website and follow the instructions to "contribute online."

Stock Transfers – inform your investment company to send the transfer to Fidelity Investments. Our DTC is 0226, Account **772-118389**. If needed – Fidelity Investments – 4001 Kennett Pike Ste. 120, Greenville, DE 19807, our Account Executive is Daniel Glazer 302-428-3776 ext. 78869.

Please remember to advise Linda Natali at [linda.natali@comcast](mailto:linda.natali@comcast.net) of your donation, so that we may credit your giving account promptly.

Donations of Required Minimum Distributions from Retirement Accounts

Did you know that you can make a donation of all or a portion of the Required Minimum Distribution from your retirement account to tax exempt charities, such as Lower Brandywine Presbyterian Church and your donation will be tax exempt?

Here's how it works. If a person is at least age 70½, they must take at least a minimum distribution from their IRA or incur a penalty equal to one-half of the otherwise required minimum distribution amount. They may take more than the minimum at their discretion. These individuals may instruct their IRA account manager to distribute any amount of their choosing to one or more tax exempt charities such as Lower Brandywine Presbyterian.

When that is done, it is considered to be a tax-exempt contribution. Lower Brandywine would acknowledge to the giver the receipt of that contribution from their IRA. Also, this contribution is tax exempt even if the individual does not itemize deductions for income tax purposes because the IRA account manager would not identify this to the IRS as reportable income in accordance with the tax code.

May 2021 Lectionary Readings

Fifth Sunday of Easter—May 2

Acts 8:26–40

Psalms 22:25–31

1 John 4:7–21

John 15:1–8

Sixth Sunday of Easter—May 9

Acts 10:44–48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1–6

John 15:9–17

Seventh Sunday of Easter—May 16

Acts 1:15–17, 21–26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9–13

John 17:6–19

Day of Pentecost—May 23

Acts 2:1–21 or Ezekiel 37:1–14

Psalm 104:24–34, 35b

Romans 8:22–27 or Acts 2:1–21

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

Trinity Sunday—May 30

Isaiah 6:1–8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12–17

John 3:1–17

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

MAY BIRTHDAYS

05/03	Georgia Coats Karen Light
05/04	Owen Coats
05/08	Sandra Paul
05/07	Kieran Connolly
05/10	Sean Kennedy Emma Main Molly Main
05/11	Ashley Vanderslice
05/12	Elizabeth Earnst
05/13	Joanne Haase David Heckman
05/16	Linda Natalie Deb Ventura
05/19	Bruce Ringstrom Leif Major
05/21	Gail Kother
05/22	Emily Coons Emma Horn
05/23	Chantel Connolly
05/26	Sally Kephart

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

05/05	Ed Nass & Deb Ventura
05/17	Matthew & Emily Kmecz
05/24	James & Maret Headley
05/25	Michael Csuy & Linda Bronson

CALENDAR

MAY 10TH—MAY 23RD

Start Date	Start Time	Subject	ZOOM Link
05/10/2021	10:00 AM	Gillespie Funeral	
	7:00 PM	Al-Anon	
	7:00 PM	Al-Ateen	
05/11/2021	5:00 PM	KPA Meeting in Social Hall	
	7:00 PM	Centerville Civic Association in Social Hall	
05/12/2021	12:00 PM	Al-Anon	
05/13/2021	9:00 AM	Summer Worship Planning Meeting	Contact Pastor Emma for Zoom link
	5:30 PM	Mission Trip Leader Dinner Meeting	
05/16/2021		Seventh Sunday after Easter	
	10:00 AM	Worship Service	
	11:00 AM	LIFT End of Year Bash	
05/17/2021	7:00 PM	Al-Anon	
	7:00 PM	Al-Ateen	
	7:00 PM	Finance & Administration	
05/18/2021	10:00 AM	Missions Committee	
	12:00 PM	Richard Rohr Small Group (ZOOM)	Contact Sandra Borrer for Zoom link
05/19/2021	12:00 PM	Al-Anon	
05/23/2021		Day of Pentecost	
	10:00 AM	Worship Service	
	1:00 PM	Mission Trip Participant ZOOM Meeting	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85076569997?pwd=cEpUdFRSR1RKanNETGxEN0lGb0l1UT09





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