



# Welcome!

Message: Yes Lord, You Know That I Love  
You.

APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

Welcome to this very special Worship Service on this 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter! In addition to being the service following Resurrection Sunday, it is remarkable for two reasons: 1.) It is the first Sunday where we have had any worshippers in the sanctuary and will be the first service where Pastor Shari will be preaching to our congregation in person. 2.) We will do the very important job of electing those who will be serving on the Pastor Nominating Committee. This will be immediately following the Worship Service and will be accessible both in person and via Zoom. For those who will be 'in person' the total time will be close to 80 minutes with no break in between.

The sermon is based on the Scripture from John 21: 3-17. We are looking forward to this opportunity to hear Pastor Shari's message in our own sanctuary. We are so grateful for many hours that have gone in to preparing for this day and continue to pray for the continued path toward "back to normal"!

# Order of Worship

Welcome

Pastor Shari

Call to Worship

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: Who alone does great wonders, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Who spread out the earth on the waters, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: Who made the great lights, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: It is God who remembered us in our low estate, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: And rescued us from all that threatens us, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: O give thanks to the God of heaven, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Song of Praise 'They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love'

Written by: Peter Scholtes, Performed by Lydia Walker

Call to Confession

Cassie Miller

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Offering and Prayer

O God, we offer these gifts on the promise that they will serve you in our community and world. May they help bring peace, love, and justice for the earth and all who dwell in it.

Amen.

Gospel of John 21: 3-17

Pastor Shari

Message "Yes Lord, You Know That I Love You"

Call to Reconciliation

Written by Tom Thurman

Cassie Miller

Leader: We use a lot of words, Gracious God, but do little to turn them into deeds. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose sides and form groups of folks just like us. Blessed with great grace, we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the most.

**All: Forgive us, God of love.**

Leader: Forgive us, as we step out of our shadows into your light. Restore us, as we reveal our brokenness.

**All: Hear us, as we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and our God.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Instructions for the Congregational Meeting**

**Benediction – Ephesians 4: 1-6, NRSV**

# Bios of Members Nominated for the Pastor Nominating Committee

## Susan Covey

**Years as a member of LPC:** 23 years

**Ministry Areas of Service:** I feel Mercy and Helps (or Service) are two of my stronger spiritual gifts. I have been blessed to be able to use these abilities in my professional career as a Clinical Oncology CMA and also at church. My two terms as a Deacon and being a co-coordinator of the small group ministry "Let's Talk", which is a safe place for those in attendance to discuss their health issues, were/are opportunities for me to share my compassion and desire to help others. These small groups enabled me to get to know a smaller number of our church family on a more intimate basis. I have received many blessings by serving in these positions.

My two plus terms serving on Session as an Elder on Worship, Personnel and Call to Servanthood ministry teams helped me advance in my personal and spiritual growth. They caused me to have to reach beyond my comfort zone and take on challenges I might have previously backed away from.



**Scripture that inspires me:** I have two Biblical passages that I have found much strength in and have been guided by for most of my adult life.

*Proverbs 3: 5-6*

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight."

*Philippians 4: 6-7*

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition and thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

These scripture passages have given me much peace whenever I am unsure about what the next path/direction is I should be taking in my life as new opportunities are presented to me. They have helped me step out of my comfort zone and have advanced me into life experiences I would never have considered doing on my own.

I know I cannot accomplish anything without the Lord's help (even though I try, all too often, to do it on my own without Him. I can be a slow learner at times.)

Since Michael was diagnosed with his pancreatic cancer in 2016, we have found great peace in our mantra "God is in control". By trusting in the Lord and acknowledging all things are in His control, my fears become light since I know He has my back and is always by my side.



## Becky Grossmann

**Years as a member of LPC:** 37 years

**Ministry Areas of Service:** Evangelism and Mission, Merry Stitchers, Transition Team

I began to learn about mission from Pastor Don Dawson, the organizing pastor of Lacey Pres. LPC started as a mission outreach from Olympia Presbytery to the community of Lacey. I was part of a video about LPC called "Mission on our Doorstep". Pastor Dawson had lived all over the world and shared that global perspective. I developed a sense of local and global mission. As LPC grew, I grew with it and participated in mission activities. This perspective and outlook became my passion

and has been for at least 25 years. That passion led me into local schools as a mentor, into local neighborhoods needing school supplies, into the Merry Stitchers room to tie quilts for at risk infants, and as far as Bolivia on a short-term mission. I stay in touch with PCUSA mission through the Mission Yearbook as part of my daily devotion. Having the privilege to serve on the Transitional Ministry Team has shown me LPC's commitment to engage our local community and beyond. I look forward to continued work in this engagement.

**Scripture that inspires me:** *Psalm 146* "has become a guiding passage for me over the last year of reading it many times in the daily lectionary. It expresses so well putting our hope in God and what God wants for our world: 'defending the wronged, feeding the hungry, protecting strangers, being on the side of widows and orphans'" (summarizing vs. 3-9)

And from *Matthew 25:40*, in Jesus' words: "Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me --you did it to me". (The Message)

## Doug Karman

**Years as a member of LPC:** 21 years

**Ministry Areas of Service:** In 2001 formed a group of men to start the Men's Fellowship Breakfast. I lead this group for 17 years. This was very rewarding over the years as the men got to know each other, studied together, and went out into the community to serve with Rebuilding Together Thurston County, fixing flood damaged



properties in Centralia, working on the Gather Church homeless shelter, and helping out some of our members on projects.

Served as the Elder of Worship, Personnel and Finance over the 7 years I was an active Elder. Serving in leadership can be very stressful and tiring. However, the rewards are great. As Finance Chair formed and served on the Investment Team and the Gifting and Granting Team. Being a part of being good stewards of Gods gifts is a privilege.

**Scripture that inspires me:** *Colossians 1:28-29* – "We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me." This is my mission...because all things are possible in Christ. And, when I am presented to Him, I want to look back at a life that constantly got more and more Christ like. In the same way...I want to be active with my Church family so that others might be presented perfect in Christ.



## Joyce North

**Years as a member of LPC:** 10 years

**Ministry Areas of Service:** Being a deacon (this is my second 3-year commitment) and being on the E&M committee

**Scripture that inspires me:** *The 23rd Psalm*, the Lord is my Shepard -- was taught to me and the others in a children's Sunday class. I was about 7 years old. It has stuck with me all these years. It gives me peace. It has helped me through the deaths in my family by knowing and accepting that they are in Heaven with God, Jesus and other loved ones who passed before them. Psalm is also my favorite book in the Bible, you can go to it for almost everything.



## Carol Ortiz

**Years as a member of LPC:** 18 years

**Ministry Areas of Service:** Primarily, I have been involved in the LPC Music Ministry: Choir, Praise Team and Bell Choir, substituting at the piano from time to time; Have been a Deacon and Moderator of that group; I've also been involved with Vacation Bible School and have been a small group Bible Study facilitator; I was Church Treasurer for 3 years. I believe that my calling is to be involved in and be supportive of the Music Ministry in any way I can be. I also believe that Bible Studies are so important for everyone.



**Scripture that inspires me:** My Life Verse is *Philippians 1:6* "...being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." I wandered away from my faith for a while and when I repented and came back, this is the verse that God gave me as a promise.



## Cheri Stutz

**Years as a member of LPC:** 25+ years

**Ministry Areas of Service:** I have enjoyed many years of being part of Hospitality and Fellowship and even served as an Elder in this position. I have served on the fixer/upper committee and painted quite a few walls over the years. I have also served in Sunday school, Logos program, and as a deacon with my husband Bill Stutz.

**Scripture that inspires me:** My favorite bible verse that is on my desk at work is *Philippians 4:6*. " Do not be anxious about anything...."

## Darren Sumner

**Years as a member of LPC:** 7.5 years

**Ministry Areas of Service:** I have immensely enjoyed being a part of the adult education program at LPC, bringing my gifts and training from my professional vocation as a seminary instructor to the congregation. Our classes at LPC always have terrific conversation from members seeking to learn some church history and challenge their theology. As a volunteer with the worship team it has also been a real joy to share in the morning announcements, to lead LPC in prayer, and on occasion to preach the Sunday morning message.



**Scripture that inspires me:** I strive to center my faith and my theology upon the person of Jesus Christ, as the event where God is at work to draw all people into fellowship with God. So one of my favorite passages is *2 Corinthians 5:11-21*, in which Paul talks about the "ministry of reconciliation." The work of God in Christ is the same work that has now been passed on to his body, the church: "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation" (verse 19).



# Congregational Meeting

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Pastor Shari

Declaration of Quorum

Appointment of Balloting Committee

Presentation of the Slate of Nominees

Carol Merritt

- Susan Covey
- Becky Grossman
- Doug Karman
- Joyce North
- Carol Ortiz
- Cheri Stutz
- Darren Sumner

Motion to Elect the Nominees to serve as the Pastor Nominating Committee

Discussion

Pastor Shari

Nominations from the Floor

Excuse Nominees

Explanation of voting process

Balloting

If instructed to vote by poll do so using Zoom. If necessary call (360) 491-7722 to cast your vote

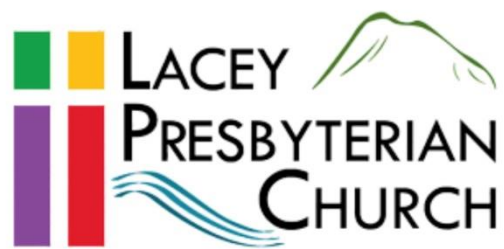
Announcement of Election Results

Balloting Committee

Closing Prayer

Sending Song: 'Yes Lord!' ('Trading My Sorrows')

Written and performed by: Darrell Evans



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