

Largs Church of the Nazarene

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LargsNaz Vision Statement

In the year ahead, Largs Church of the Nazarene will fulfil our mission to make Christlike disciples, to incorporate believers into fellowship and membership, and to equip for ministry all who respond in faith, by focusing on **hospitality, health, and holiness**. Hospitality entails providing a welcoming safe space and fellowship at the Lord's table, while **health includes promoting good stewardship of ourselves** and **our environment**, and holiness is perfect love and heart cleansing that transforms the way we think and act. Following the example of the early church in Acts 2, we believe that God will bless our efforts and empower us with the Holy Spirit to bring wholeness and healing to our community.



Genesis 2

7 then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. 8 And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. . . . 15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden **to till it and keep (shamar)** it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

John 3

16 "For God so loved the world (*kosmos*) that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17 "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Glory to God Forever*

Steve Fee, Vicky Beeching

Before the world was made , Before You spoke it to be
You were the King of kings ,Yeah You were, yeah You were
And now You're reigning still, Enthroned above all things
Angels and saints cry out, We join them as we sing

(We sing) Glory to God, Glory to God , Glory to God forever
Glory to God, Glory to God , Glory to God forever

Creator God You gave me breath, So I could praise
Your great and matchless name, All my days all my days
So let my whole life be, A blazing offering
A life that shouts and sings, The greatness of our King

Take my life and let it be
All for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours
Take my life and let it be
All for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours

Living by Faith

James Wells, R.E. Winslett

I care not today what tomorrow may bring,
If shadow or sunshine or rain,
The Lord I know ruleth o'er everything,
And all of my worry is vain.

Though tempests may blow and the storm clouds arise,
Obscuring the brightness of life,
I'm never alarmed at the overcast skies—
The Master looks down on my strife.

Refrain: Living by faith in Jesus above,
Trusting, confiding in His great love;
Safe from all harm in His sheltering arm,
I'm living by faith and feel no alarm.

I know that He safely will carry me through,
No matter what evils betide;
Why should I then care though the tempest may blow,
If Jesus walks close to my side. [Refrain]

Our Lord will return to the earth some sweet day,
Our troubles will then all be o'er;
The Master so gently will lead us away,
Beyond that blest heavenly shore. [Refrain]

Hospitality, Health and Holiness: Stewardship of Our Environment (Genesis 2; John 3)

- God's love for creation is woven through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation
 - *shalom - peace, harmony, wholeness*
- God made the world and He loves it (Genesis 2)
 - Adam and Eve were put in the garden to till it and keep (*shamar*) it.
 - Genesis 28:15: "Know that I am with you and will keep (*shamar*) you wherever you go"
 - Environment is "that which surrounds those we love. That which surrounds the people Jesus died for." (Lowell Bliss)
- John 3: *kosmos*
- When we knowingly abuse the resources we are given, we sin against God.

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

Do what's right. Don't do what's wrong.

This is my Father's World/Holy Ground[†]

Maltbie D. Babcock/Geron Davis

This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and 'round me rings,
The music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas—
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world: He shines on all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

[†] We are standing on holy ground,
And I know that there Are angels all around
Let us praise Jesus now
We are standing in His presence on holy ground

This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! Let all the earth be glad!

Doxology

Thomas Ken

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

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