



Connecting all to Christ to become
healthy in God and courageous in love.

THANK

Working Hard for What God Freely Gives

YOU

Traditional Worship - April 21, 2024 - 8:30 am

Entering into the Spirit of Worship

Greeting Tom Beattie

Prelude *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Behnke

***Call to Worship** Shannon Stacy

Leader: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it;

People: The world and those who live in it belong to God.

Leader: We are a company of those who seek the face of the God of Jacob;

People: Therefore, let us prepare for the coming of the King of glory.

(Based on Psalm 24)

*Hymn *Softly and Tenderly (vs. 1, 2 & 4)* #504

The Uniting of our Hearts in Prayer

Prayer Pastor Jared Priset

Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Proclaiming the Word of God

Anthem *The Potter's Hand* arr. Larson
Sanctuary Choir

Scripture Reading Phillipians 2:1-11 pg. 953

Contemporary Worship - April 21, 2024 - 9:30 am

Praise Songs

*My Lighthouse
Bless God*

Welcome

Pat Wendell

Worship Song & Offering

No Longer Slaves

Prayer

Pastor Jared Priset

Commission Sierra Leone Mission Trip

Scripture

Genesis 27:15-29

Message

Hiding Behind Another Skin

Jacob

Pastor Janet Zimmerman

Benediction

Sermon Outline

Focus: Resentment damages our ability to see our real selves. Jacob's resentment of Esau led him to deceit, blasphemy, and self hatred. There was no need for Jacob to hide his identity and steal the blessing. God had already shown his favor.

I. Introduction

A. Wearing masks

B. *"Some people try hard to succeed so they will feel blessed. Other people try hard to succeed because they already feel blessed. It's the difference between striving and thriving. It's the difference between life and death."* — Alan Wright, The Power to Bless

II. Today's Bible story

A. Esau firstborn, Jacob - God's choice

B. Rebekah schemed for Jacob's to get Isaac's blessing, plan succeeded

III. Importance of Blessing

A. Symbolic action with genuine and abiding power

B. Deep Spiritual discernment of nature, character, and destiny of a person

IV. Isaac's resignation & result

A. Isaac knew he had been deceiving God and accepted defeat - Derek Kinder

B. Esau determined to kill Jacob after Isaac died, Jacob fled, Rebekah never saw Jacob again

V. Comparison of Rebekah and Jesus

A. Rebekah

1. Was willing to take curse (Gen. 27:12)

2. Wanted blessing for Jacob (Gen. 27)

3. Dressed Jacob in Esau's clothes to receive blessing (Gen. 27:15)

B. Jesus

1. Took our curse (Galatians 3:13)

2. Blessed us as joint heirs (Romans 8:16-17)

3. Became like us so we could become like Him (Hebrews 2:17, Galatians 3:26-27)

4. With God, blessing is not the reward for productivity, it is the power for it. (2 Peter 1:3)

VI. Conclusion

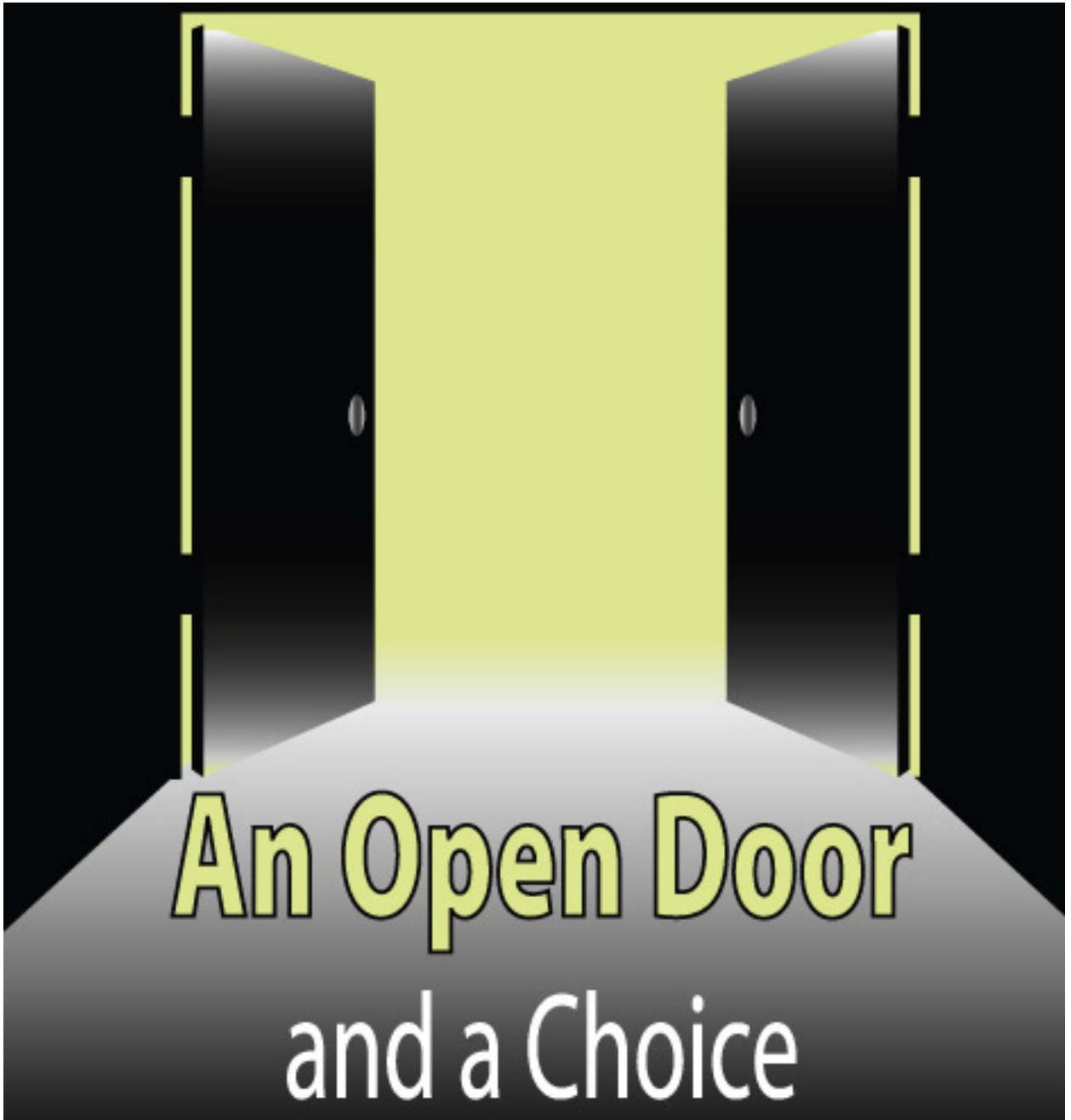
A. Statue of hand-less Jesus, Christ the King Catholic Church, San Diego, CA.

B. "I have no hands but yours"

**April Missional Measure:
Did I thank God today?**



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An Open Door and a Choice

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Entering into the Spirit of Worship

Greeting Monica Coventry

Prelude *I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light* Behnke

***Call to Worship** Monica Coventry

Leader: Let all the people sing out loud!

People: Young women rejoice, Young men be merry!

Leader: The Lord has brought our children home; In his house shall they find their strength.

People: Come, O people, praise the Lord!

Based on Jeremiah 31:10, 13, 17

***Hymn** *Softly and Tenderly (vs. 1, 2 & 4)* #504

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Proclaiming the Word of God

Anthem *All Things Bright and Beautiful* arr. Sue
Joey Ringers

Scripture Reading John 10:1-10 pg. 868

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Response in Song**

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

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. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn**

All to Jesus, I Surrender (v. 1)

#607

Scripture

Revelation 3:7-8

pg. 1002

Message

An Open Door and a Choice

Pastor Jared Priset

Service of Christian Baptism and Confirmation

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of Church of the Lakes, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Sending Forth

***Closing Hymn**

Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated

#586

***Benediction**

Postlude

Hark, the Glad Sound!

Cherwien

*Those who are able, please stand

Choir Director - Abe Gibson; Organist/Accompanist - Jimmy Oakley

Altar Flowers are by Given to the Glory of God

Acolytes: Ava Mayle & Breckie Johnson

Sermon Outline

Focus: Confirmation Sunday is a chance to celebrate young members of our church who have chosen to walk through the door of faith into a great adventure with God. We are all presented with this same opportunity in our own lives.

I. Confirmation Sunday

Albert Camus: *"Life is a sum of all your choices."*

I. Making choices: Doors.

Genesis (Garden of Eden); Noah's ark; Jewish temple; Ark of the Covenant

John 10:9 – *"I am the Door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved."*

Revelation 3:7-8: an open door

The chance to great adventure (Alice in Wonderland!)

God has opened doors to everyone – even those who are young

Our goal: "share the good news of Jesus Christ with somebody in our lives."

Today is not a graduation, but an inauguration!

III. Open doors: opportunities to bless someone else

"If any one of you choose to follow me, let that person deny self and pick up a cross."

No promise of "health and wealth" – but a promise that He will be with us through hardship and use us to grow his Kingdom

God rarely calls people to remain in comfort & familiarity

God calls people to go through the door

An opportunity provided BY God, to act WITH God, and FOR God

IV. Door of invitation: Revelation 3:20

The door of faith

Are you willing to walk through your door? – not gained by good works or good behavior

Opening the door of your heart and life to God to transform you

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Sharing Your Faith

Help the church focus on the best ways to reach our goal for this year of equipping our congregation to intentionally share the Good News of Christ with someone outside of the church. Visit churchofthelakes.org/share to anonymously let us know what barriers you experience to having Gospel Conversations with someone. Your comments will allow us to gear future efforts towards providing practical responses to enable you to easily share your faith.

Explore

Summer Church Camps

Summer Camp has life changing impacts on children. Church of the Lakes finds that summer church camp is so important to spiritual formation and growth that we are providing a \$300 campership to every child that regularly attends Church of the Lakes to attend the church camp of their choice this summer. With questions contact Angela Fritz, angela@churchofthelakes.org.

Women's Book Club

The book club will be discussing 'A Thousand Voices' by Lisa Wingate on **Wednesday, May 1st** at 10:00 am in room 201. We will also be choosing our books for the next year. For more information, contact Sue Hoffmeyer 330-704-1774.

Serve

Towels Needed for RFKC

Royal Family Kids Camp needs towels for campers to use that week. Please place donations of used or new towels in the marked box in the entryway by June 30th. With questions contact Cathy Wendell, 330-730-9270.

Children's Ministry Volunteers

Volunteers make children's ministry possible. Specific needs are Monday Morning nursery workers for our Mom's Bible study, Sunday morning nursery worker once a month during the 11:00 service, and Sunday school teachers to teach once a month for the summer. You will make an eternal difference in our children's lives. If you are interested in serving in children's ministry in any of these ways email Angela Fritz, angela@churchofthelakes.org.

Crosspoint Yard Sale

Crosspoint UMC's annual yard sale is scheduled for **Thursday, June 20th through Saturday, June 22nd**. All donations are greatly appreciated. The Crosspoint garage will be open to receive your donations on *Saturdays, May 11th, June 1st, 8th & 15th*, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. The yard sale will accept most items except exercise equipment and non-flat screen TV's. Proceeds benefit Crosspoint's Mission program. If you have questions or large items to donate contact Johnny Mayer, 330-592-3698. Crosspoint UMC is located at 9687 Portage St. NW Massillon, Ohio 44646.

WAYS TO GIVE

Visit churchofthelakes.org/online-giving or text: give to 330-961-5524

Offering envelopes are located in the back of the pews.

For EFT instructions contact Stephanie Strock, stephanie@churchofthelakes.org

JESUS in the HOME

Family FUN Night

BOWLING NIGHT

Sunday, April 28th
NEXT WEEK 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Register at churchofthelakes.org

\$12 per person
2 hours of bowling
shoe rental
& pizza dinner



The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.



Blood Drive

*In the Church of the Lakes
Activity Center*
5944 Fulton Dr NW · Canton, OH 44718

Saturday, May 18th
9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Register at redcrossblood.org

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vacation bible school 2024

For children age 4 - 6th grade

Mornings: June 3rd - 7th
8:45 am - 12:15 pm

Evenings: June 2nd - 6th
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE:
CHURCHOFTHELAKES.ORG

Total Living Center invites you to
OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

LEGACY

THURSDAY, MAY 16TH 2024
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM
6:30PM TO 9:00PM



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2121 GEORGE HALAS DR NW
CANTON, OH 44708

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE AT
TOTALLIVINGCENTER.ORG
OR BY CALLING JACKIE AT 330-455-3663.

TICKETS: \$60.00 INDIVIDUAL OR
LEGACY TABLE SPONSOR \$1,000.00

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Submit your news, information or announcements to betsi@churchofthelakes.org.



Please pray for: Valerie Miller, Ken Spangler, Julie Krisher, Mark Harrison, and Rick Cline
Special prayers for the mission team heading to Sierra Leone tomorrow: Pastor Jared Priset, Scott Maddocks, Bill Woodard, and Jared Crum.
To submit prayer requests call 330-499-8972 ext. 203 or email: prayer@churchofthelakes.org.