



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 28, 2024 - 8:30 & 11:00 am

Entering into the Spirit of Worship

Greeting 8:30 - Tom Beattie 11:00 - Monica Coventry

Prelude *As With Gladness Men of Old* Pelz

*Call to Worship 8:30 - Bill Christiansen
11:00 - Dianne West

Leader: We gather together in praise and worship of our Faithful God, because our help and hope rests always in the Lord our God.

People: We bring our praises and thankful responses to our Saving God.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord our God, who is our security and home, and whose mercy and grace free us from all that traps us.

People: Our eternal trust is in the name of the Lord our God, who is our Maker, our Savior, and our timeless Home. Amen.

—Based on Psalm 124.

*Hymn *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* #351

The Uniting of our Hearts in Prayer

Prayer 8:30 - Bill Christiansen
11:00 -

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

8:30 *You Will I Love* Fettke/Grassi
Sanctuary Choir

11:00 *Shine, Jesus, Shine* arr. Schrader
Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9 pg. 991

Prayer

O God, what joy that we can live as people of hope. What peace that we can know beyond a shadow of a doubt that this Earth is not our final home. We long for your beauty, your redemption of this life, for eternity with you. Help us to live with eternity always in our hearts — believing that the world to come far exceeds the world here on Earth. And yet, we thank you for the tastes of heaven that we have here. They are gifts beyond measure stirring longing for more into our souls. Come quickly, Lord Jesus, come. Amen.

Offering our Gifts to God

Rondo Passacaglia
Bells of the Lakes

Dobrinski

*Response in Song (11:00 only)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts; Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts. Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication (11:00 only)

*Hymn (11:00 only)

I Need Thee Every Hour (v. 1)

#340

Good News Moment

Habitat for Humanity

Scripture

Genesis 27:42-45; 28:1-5

pg. 21

Message

On the Lam(b)
Jacob

Pastor Bryan George

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

#154

*Benediction

Postlude

God, We Praise You

Sadowski

*Those who are able, please stand

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

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God

Acolytes: Adam Wentling & Elliana Lokie

Contemporary Worship - April 28, 2024 - 9:30 am

Praise Songs

*This is Amazing Grace
It Is Well*

Welcome

Matt Ritzert

Worship Song & Offering

Trust in God

Prayer

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Living Hope

Closing Song
Benediction

Sermon Outline

Focus: In our quest to find the blessing of home, we can often find ourselves running right past the place where we find peace, purpose and fulfillment. The good news of our faith is that God provides a home where we are not where we think we should be.

I) A Pennsylvania State Representative on the lam last week

“On the lam” A hasty departure- running from an authority.

II) Why is Jacob running away from home?

He is fearful: (v. 42-43)

“Fear is the darkroom where negatives develop.”

He is Poser (27:15ff)

Jarrid Wilson *“A believer twists the Bible to fit his or her lifestyle. A follower works to make his or her lifestyle resemble the teachings of the Bible”*

Running past our blessings.

Barnes: *“Rather than running to the next available relationship, job, city or life-changing experience, it is much more helpful simply to spend time with our restless hearts.”*

IV) Running on the wrong road

Lee’s story

Ephesians 4:22-24 *“put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness”*

V) Instead of running on the lam why not try resting in the lamb?

Matthew 11:28ff *“Are you Tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me- watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t let anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly” (The Message)*

April Missional Measure:
Did I thank God today?

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.

Care & Connect

This support group is open to all foster, adoptive, and kinship families in our church and our community at no cost. Care and Connect will take place the second Monday of each month (**May 13th**), 6:30 pm in room 201. Free child care will be provided for those who register online at churchofthelakes.org. For more information contact Julia Fabich, 419-651-2087.

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.

Baby Bundles Plus

Join us on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month (**May 9th & 23rd**), 9:30 am in room 108. Help sew & stuff little dolls for Children's Hospital, baby quilts for Pregnancy & Parenting Center and also for Baptisms. All are welcome, instructions given. Flannel, cotton, fleece & monetary donations are accepted. Place in baskets in the entryway or call/text Lucy. With questions call or text Lucy Woods, 330-417-0282.

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

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



**Build for the Burgess family
in Massillon begins June 1st**

Register for the build team, or to help
with lunch, snacks or devotions at
habi.build/cotl

Donations of bottled water for the build
team can be placed in the entryway
closet at the bottom of the ramp.

SCUBA
giving into friendship with god

church of the Lakes

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**

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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



PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME
NASH FAMILY EVENT CENTER
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

DRESS: BUSINESS CASUAL

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



Please pray for: Lori Briggs, Bob Webster, and Debbie Rupert
Condolences to Rick Brown on the passing of his father, Vern; Steve Weltmer on
the passing of his father, Edward.
Special prayers for the mission team in Sierra Leone: 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.