



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

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Working Hard for What God Freely Gives

YOU

Traditional Worship - May 5, 2024 - 8:30 & 11:00 am

Entering into the Spirit of Worship

Greeting 8:30 - Tom Beattie 11:00 - Dave Morgan

Prelude *We Gather Together* Willan

*Call to Worship 8:30 - Ernest Pratt
11:00 - Wrenn Nicodemo

Leader: Come, let us worship God our Savior,

People: Who desires everyone to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Leader: Come, let us praise the one mediator between God and humankind,

People: Jesus the Christ, who gave himself a ransom for all!

—Based on 1 Timothy 2:3-5.

*Hymn *All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord* #387

The Uniting of our Hearts in Prayer

Prayer Pastor Bryan George

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 (11:00 only) *My Worth is Not in What I Own* arr. Angerman
Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading Psalm 147:12-20 pg. 508

Affirmation of Faith

We trust God — the God who listened to our ancestors' prayers of distress and responded with steadfast love, the God who kept them from shame and defeat. We believe in the God who is with us from birth, who protects as a loving parent from our first breath. But we know the world is broken. We are scorned and despised; we are mocked for putting our trust in you! We also believe that you, O Lord, are not far away; you are quick to deliver us from peril; you save our souls. We will praise you to all the congregation, and we believe that all the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you, and all the families of the nations shall worship you. For all power and glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

—Based on Psalm 22

Offering our Gifts to God

How Deep the Father's Love for Us
Abe Gibson & Jimmy Oakley

arr. Shackley

*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)

God is So Good

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New Members (11:00 only)

We give thanks for all that God has given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation at Church of the Lakes, we renew our covenant to connect through worship, explore our faith through discipleship, serve the missions and ministries of the church, offer financial support and pray for the Church family, the community and the nation that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Scripture

Genesis 28:10-17

pg. 22

Message

The Blessing of Revelation

Jacob

Pastor Bryan George

Responding With Thanksgiving

Communion (8:30 only)

Communion is open to all who hunger to receive the love and mercy of the Lord

We will practice communion at stations, come forward to the station that is closest to where you are seated. Individual pieces of bread and cups will be passed to you. Deposit empty cups in the receptacles at the end of the aisles. If you are unable to come forward due to physical limitation, the ushers will bring the elements to you as you remain seated in your pew. Allergen-free wafers are available.

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn

Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine

#413

*Benediction

Postlude

Revelation of Joy

Gieschen

*Those who are able, please stand

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

Altar Flowers are given by Scott and Wendy Lloyd
in memory of loved ones

Acolytes: Ava Mayle & Adelaide Priset

Contemporary Worship - May 5, 2024 - 9:30 am

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| Praise Songs | <i>Battle Belongs</i> <i>Bless God</i> | |
| Welcome | | Matt Ritzert |
| Worship Song & Offering | <i>Brokenness Aside</i> | |
| Prayer | | Pastor Bryan George |
| New Members | | |
| Scripture | Genesis 28:10-17 | |
| Message | The Blessing of Revelation | |
| | Jacob | Pastor Bryan George |
| Closing Song | <i>Give Me Jesus</i> | |
| Benediction | | |

Sermon Outline

Focus: The blessings of God are not something that we have to climb up to but are sent by God. Worship enables us to realize God's revealed glory even when we are tired, restless and broken.

- I) Experiencing a blessing in the most unexpected times
Elizabeth Gray Vining and a locust blossom
"Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" v. 16
- II) A runaway fugitive is given a revelation
A vision of a ramp that links heaven and earth
Jacob doesn't have to climb anything... the angels descend to him
Norris: *"Even when we try to run away from our troubles as Jacob did, God will find us, and bless us, even when we feel most alone, unsure if we'll survive the night"*
- III) The fruit of worship:
Experiencing a deeper reality: (v. 16)
Barnes: *"It is the goal of secular culture to squeeze all the sacredness out of our lives, to preoccupy us with the horizontal perspective and to teach us to avoid the dangerous highs and lows of life."*
Finding a link to the eternal: (v. 17)
Discovering our axis mundi- the cross is the center of the world
- IV) Giving God worth in the midst of worthless situations
Dropping a special chalice ... catching a holy moment

May Missional Measure:
Did I actively seek ways to grow spiritually today?

New Members

Today we welcome new members to our faith family: Sandy Melchior (9:30 service); Tim and Pegi Tehan (11:00 service)

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

Youth Mission Trip

A team of youth and adults will be headed to Nashville, Tennessee **June 23rd -29th** for mission work this summer to serve at an adult day program, an art camp for disabled adults, a senior center, a children's ministry camp, a Christian summer literacy program, a non-profit that collects and redistributes shoes and clothes, doing landscaping for a 10-acre retreat center for a local non-profit or gardening at a community farm.

They have planned for 25 youth from Church of the Lakes to go which means we will need at least five adults to go as well. If you have been interested in going on a mission trip but know your construction skills are not up to par, this may be the trip for you. At a minimum, youth must be entering 9th grade in the fall of 2024.

Cost: \$300-350/person. We will be holding a fundraiser in May to help lower the final cost. This includes lodging, and all but one meal while in Nashville, a T-shirt, and more.

Any youth, youth parent, or adult volunteer interested in the mission trip are invited to our informational meeting on *Wednesday, May 8th*, 8:00 pm in room 206.

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.

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

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LEGACY

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



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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: Bill Woods, Larry Parker, and Debbie Rupert

Condolences to Katelyn Weaver & family on the passing of her grandmother,
Marian Fowler.

To submit prayer requests call 330-499-8972 ext. 203 or email: prayer@churchofthelakes.org.