



Traditional Worship - October 20, 2024 - 8:30 & 11:00 am

Entering into the Spirit of Worship

Greeting 8:30 - Tom Beattie 11:00 - Wrenn Nicodemo

Prelude *The Solid Rock* Held

*Call to Worship 8:30 - Katie Kreitzer
11:00 - Wrenn Nicodemo

Leader: Come, let us gather in the presence of the Lord, the One who has come to proclaim good news to the poor!

People: We come, ready to hear the voice of the Savior who brings hope and healing.

Leader: Jesus, the Anointed One, has been sent to proclaim freedom to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind.

People: We come, seeking freedom from what binds us, and new vision to see the world as God sees it.

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord is upon Him, to set the oppressed free and to declare the year of the Lord's favor!

People: We come, rejoicing in the grace and mercy of our God, who makes all things new.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who brings good news, heals the brokenhearted, and sets the captives free!

People: We come to worship in spirit and in truth, with hearts open to God's transforming power.

*Hymn *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing (v. 1-5)* #1

The Uniting of our Hearts in Prayer

Prayer 8:30 - Pastor Jared Priset
11:00 - Pastor Nancy Conley

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 *My Tribute* arr. Lojeski
Sanctuary Choir

11:00 *How Beautiful* arr. McDonald
Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading 1 John 3:16-18 pg. 995

Affirmation of Christian Mission

Our mission is the mission of Jesus Christ. He lived as an ordinary human being. We will care for the common life of humanity. He served men and women. We are committed to working for human well-being in all its forms. He suffered. We will see the face of Christ in the faces of suffering people. He was crucified. We will reject and oppose injustice and refuse to be complicit in it. He rose from the dead and will come again. We will live with the hope that God will renew humanity and will be victorious over all wrong. Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and promised return will be our pattern of life and service. We confess Christ in our words and will confess him through our lives of service.

Offering our Gifts to God

Now Let Me Fly
Men's Chorus

arr. Johnson

*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 Love to Tell the Story (v. 1)

#160

Commission Care Ministers (8:30 only)

Good News Moment

Habitat for Humanity

Scripture

Luke 4:16-19

pg. 830

Message

Empowering the Poor

How to Neighbor

Pastor Robby Strock

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign (v. 1-4)

#282

*Benediction

Postlude

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

Biery

*Those who are able, please stand

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

Altar Flowers are given by Cathy Beckley
in loving memory of Barbara Hoovler

Acolytes: Jacob Ashley & June Ashley

Sermon Outline

Focus: The Lord commands us to love our neighbors as ourselves. That includes empowering the poor by service, building relationships, and spreading the gospel truth.

I. How to Neighbor

Love our neighbors... as ourselves (Leviticus 19:17-18; Mark 12:31)
Political reconciliation
Embrace orphans

II. Luke 4:18-19

III. Who are “the Poor?”

I’m so broke...
Those who lack material things?
Those who have a poverty mindset!

IV. Empowering the Poor

Hand-ups **&** Handouts
Sharing the Good News
1 John 3:17-18

V. What Can You Do?

1. Serve the poor (GRACE6:8, Habitat, TLC, etc.)
2. Relate to people (not rescue)
3. Spread the Gospel

This month try sharing the Good News by practicing active listening and faith sharing with an acquaintance from church.

Visit churchofthelakes.org/good-news for more details about flash prayers

Contemporary Worship - October 20, 2024 - 9:30 & 11:00 am

Praise Songs

*My Lighthouse
Goodness of God*

Welcome

9:30 - Matt Ritzert Oasis - Julia Fabich

Worship Song & Offering

Defender

Prayer

Tony Walsh

Receive New Members (9:30 only)

Good News Moment

Habitat for Humanity

Scripture

Luke 4:16-19 & 1 John 3:17-18

Message

Empowering the Poor

How to Neighbor

Pastor Jared Priset

Closing Song

O Come to the Altar

Benediction

Sermon Outline

Focus: In Luke 4 and 1 John 3, we see that empowering the poor is both a rallying cry to love others “in action and in truth” and a gospel mandate. We are called to step into the brokenness of others and bring freedom and restoration, just as Christ Jesus did for us.

I. Poverty

“I’m so broke...” tweets

Material possessions vs. mindset

Hand-ups not handouts

Poverty is ultimately about brokenness

II. Luke 4; 1 John 3

Rallying cry for God’s kingdom – loving others with “action and truth”

How to empower the poor:

1. We are called to serve others not save others

Isaiah 61: Good news to the poor

Redefinition of identity

Christ and Christ alone is the Savior – not us

2. Relate to people, not rescue people

Helping others experience the freedom and restoration that only a relationship with Jesus can bring

Craig Groeschel: “Those struggling are not projects to help, but people to love.”

Not transactional ministry; it’s relational ministry

3. Empowerment reflects the heart of the gospel

We were spiritually poor, but Jesus proclaimed good news to us!

Empowering the poor is a gospel mandate!

III. The King and the Beggar

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League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters November 2024 Guides are available in the church entryway

New Members

Today we welcome Chip Painter and Lisa Turkalj-Painter into our faith family at the 9:30 service.

Congregational Care Ministers

Today we have the joy of commissioning Jim Grow, Patty Grow, and Susan Spearing as a congregational care ministers during the 8:30 service.

Annual Charge Conference

The Annual Charge Conference will be held on **Monday, October 28th**, 6:30 pm in room 206. The purpose of the Charge Conference is to review committee nominations, membership rolls and clergy salaries. All church members are welcome to attend.

Explore

Youth Ministries are offering a Child-Free Afternoon

Our youth are planning a fun afternoon for your children so you can get a few child-free hours. Enjoy the time by going on a date with your spouse, get some chores done, or just relax. On **Sunday, October 27th**, 12:00 - 4:00 pm, the youth of the church (with adult supervision) will feed and entertain your children. You can have a stress-free afternoon knowing that your kids are in capable hands and will enjoy activities, games, singing and more. Space is limited, reservations are required by *TODAY*. To register visit churchofthelakes.org/event/child-free-afternoon.

Women's Ministry Planning Meeting

ALL women are invited to join the Women's Ministry Planning Committee meeting tomorrow, **October 21st**, 6:30pm in room 214. We will be planning events for 2024/2025. Our focus will be on planning some activities to help women of all ages get better connected within the church. Childcare is provided if requested in advance at churchofthelakes.org/sgcc. If you would like more information about women's ministries contact Angela, angela@churchofthelakes.org.

Serve

Thanksgiving Meal

We are planning our annual Thanksgiving Dinner for church members and the community. Anyone who has nowhere to spend Thanksgiving is welcome and we look forward to serving you a wonderful, hot meal on *Thanksgiving Day, November 28th* at noon. If you would like to help with preparation or serving on Thanksgiving Day, join us in room 201 for planning meetings on: **October 25th**, 6:00 pm; **November 8th**, 11:00 am; **November 18th**, 6:00 pm

Socktober Fest

Stark County Jaycees is accepting donations of new socks, bras, pajamas, underwear, and undershirts this month in the entryway. Donations will be distributed through Refuge of Hope, Domestic Violence Project, YWCA, SAM Center, Perry Helping Perry, and Hope Chest.

WAYS TO GIVE

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

Offering envelopes are located in the pew pad clipboards.

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

Help save a life.



ACTIVITY CENTER
5944 Fulton Dr NW • Canton, OH 44718

Saturday, November 2, 2024
9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Schedule your blood
donation appointment today.



For an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org
Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
OR Download the Red Cross App
Use Sponsor Code - ChurchOfTheLakes

Surviving
the *Holidays*

GRIEF & SHARE
DIVORCE Care



*provides encouragement,
support, and valuable tools
to navigate the season.*

Saturday, November 9th
9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Call 330-499-8972 to register

Paint & Praise

Presented by *Women's Ministries*

Sunday, November 3rd
3:00 pm Activity Center
Cost: \$20



*This event is open
to all women*

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give
thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's
will for you in Christ Jesus*
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Register by October 27th
at the church office
or at churchofthelakes.org/event/paint-praise

Snacks will be provided
Childcare is available (please request when you register)

JESUS in the **HOME**
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



\$2 per
person

Join us for pizza dinner & a
showing of the movie
THE STAR

Sunday, December 8th
4:30 pm
Church of the Lakes
Activity Center

Bring a box of your favorite movie candy to add to the candy trail mix.
We will also have plenty of other movie snacks.

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



Please pray for: John Zona, Eric Clark, Cindy Baltzer and *all those affected by
Hurricanes Helene & Milton.*

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