

Conflict, Confirmation,



Commission

Traditional Worship - April 27, 2025 - 8:30 am

Entering into the Spirit of Worship

Greeting

Tom Beattie

Prelude

When Morning Glids the Skies

arr. Lani Smith

***Call to Worship**

John Dilworth

Leader: Come gather together here in the presence of Christ, who is our friend and healer.

People: We have entered here, and in our worship together, we yearn for hope and comfort.

Leader: Here we are welcome and loved and cherished.

People: Here we are the people of God. Let us rejoice and give God praise.

***Hymn**

Rejoice, the Lord is King (v. 1-3)

#277

The Uniting of our Hearts in Prayer

Prayer

John Dilworth

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

In Christ Alone
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Hayes

Scripture Reading

Matthew 10:16-20

pg. 785

Prayer of Confession

Holy and gracious God, in Christ all things are made new, including us. Yet, we confess that the “old self” often has more sway than the “new self” your life offers. We are plagued by fear, worry and doubt despite our new identity as your beloved children. Anger, resentment and hatred wreak havoc in our relationships, even though you are the Prince of Peace. We are consumed with regrets, shame and guilt despite the forgiveness you freely give us. We want it to be otherwise, Lord! We want to live fully in the joy of your salvation. Through your forgiving love reconcile us to you and to one another, that we may trust in your goodness, and rest in your grace. Amen.

Offering our Gifts to God	<i>Make Me a Channel of Your Peace</i> Women’s Chorus	arr. Fettke
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Good News Moment		Baptism Video
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Scripture	Matthew 28:16-21	pg. 806
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Message	Conflict, Commission, Confirmation	Pastor Bryan George
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Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn	<i>Take My Life, and Let it Be</i>	#586
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***Benediction**

Postlude	<i>Crowned with Honor</i>	Birch
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*Those who are able, please stand
Choir Director - Abe Gibson; Organist/Accompanist - Joe Jadick

Altar Flowers are given by Dave Conley
to the Glory of God

Contemporary Worship - April 27, 2025 - 9:30 am & Oasis

Praise Songs

Take My Life
I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

Welcome

9:30 - Matt Ritzert Oasis - Julia Fabich

Worship Song & Offering

Gratitude

Prayer

9:30 - Amy George Oasis - Alex Walsh

Good News Moment

Baptism Video

Scripture

Matthew 28:16-21

Message

Conflict, Commission, Confirmation

Pastor Bryan George

Closing Song

You are My King (Amazing Love)

Benediction

Sermon Outline

Focus: In the face of a changing world, a commitment to Christ is a radical lightening rod of hope.

I) Living in a time of rapid transition

A lack of trust in institutions, government and religion

June 6, 1946, Prospect Park in Brooklyn: The Sunday School Union Parade

II) The Once and Future Faith

Conflict: As shrewd as Snakes.. as innocent as Doves

Confirmation: Standing up as a lightning rod to a particular story to live by

Commission:

Go: Not withdraw, but engage

Baptize: Initiate in the way of living

Teach: What would Jesus do?

III) A Professor, a Freshman and a piece of chalk

***As you exit today's service we encourage you to take a
What Would Jesus Do (WWJD) bracelet.***

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Traditional Worship - April 27, 2025 - 11:00 am

Entering into the Spirit of Worship

Greeting

Monica Coventry

Prelude

When Morning Glids the Skies

arr. Lani Smith

***Call to Worship**

Monica Coventry

Leader: We gather today in the presence of God,

People: Who calls us by name and forms us in love.

Leader: We come to celebrate the journey of faith,

People: To affirm God's work in our lives and in our midst.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord in spirit and in truth,

People: With hearts open and ready to receive.

Leader: As we confirm our commitment to follow Christ,

People: May our worship be pleasing to God, our Rock and Redeemer.

All: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Amen.

***Hymn**

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Lord's Prayer

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Proclaiming the Word of God

Anthem

Lord, I Believe
Chancel Choir

Shackley

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:8-10

pg. 948

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.

Offering our Gifts to God

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
Women’s Chorus

arr. Fettke

*Response in Song

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

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

*Hymn

The Church’s One Foundation (v. 1)

#388

Good News Moment

Baptism Video

Scripture

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

pg. 147

Message

Found and Formed

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

#586

*Benediction

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Acolytes: Ava Mayle & Ethan Mayle

Sermon Outline

Focus: In Deuteronomy 6, we see that we are found in God's love and formed into Christ's image. We all are shaped by something, but the greatest life we can live is a life shaped by God as we are formed into the image of Christ.

I. What's forming you?

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Found in God's love and formed by his truth

II. You have been found in God's love

The gospel is that God found us when we were lost

1 John 4:19 *"We love because He first loved us."*

We are made worthy by his love – stepping into a lifelong relationship with Him

Not a halfway commitment, but an all-in surrender (all your heart, soul, & strength)

Do you love him back?

III. Formed into Christ's image

Who (or what) is shaping you?

The call to shape your life around God's presence and allow His word to form us

We are bombarded by influences – are we formed by culture or the Kingdom of God?

24/7 lifestyle of being formed by God

John 15:4 *"Abide in me, and I will abide in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine."*

We are called to look more and more like Jesus

Will you allow God to shape you?

IV. Who is shaping you?

No one accidentally becomes like Jesus – it takes intentionality

As an artist shapes a sculpture, allow Jesus to shape you

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What Would Jesus Do (WWJD) bracelet.***

Today we celebrate the baptism of Becca Reno during the 11:00 confirmation service.

Explore

Widow's Connection

The widow's connection group will meet at LaPizzaria on **Wednesday, April 30th**, at 11:30 am. RSVP to Sue Hoffmeyer by *April 27th*, 330-704-1774.

Women's Book Clubs

The Wednesday Book Club will be discussing 'Women' by Kristen Hannah and choosing books for the next year on **Wednesday, May 7th**, 10:00 am in room 201. The group will not meet again until September.

Join us for the Saturday Book Club on **Saturday, May 17th**, 9:00 am, at the Panera Bread on Belpar by Marc's. We will be discussing 'Women' by Kristen Hannah. For more information contact Kelly Lorenz, 330-904-0136.

PACT - Praying for Adult Children Together

Our PACT group meets the first Thursday of each month (**May 1st**) at 1:00 pm in room 206. This group meets to pray for our adult children and our grandchildren. PACT is open to anyone who would like to join us. Prayer requests are kept confidential. For more information, contact Sue Hirschman, suehirschman6@gmail.com.

Serve

VBS Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers for our Morning VBS Program. Volunteer opportunities include but are not limited to: Station Leaders, Station Assistants, Crew Leaders, Snack helpers, Dinner team, nursery workers and decorating team. Our VBS Volunteer Training meeting will be **THIS Tuesday, April 29th**, 10:00 am or 6:30 pm in room 201. If you would like to volunteer for VBS contact Angela Fritz, angela@churchofthelakes.org.

Baby Bundles Plus

Baby Bundles Plus is a group that makes stuffed animals, little dolls for Children's Hospital and baby quilts for the needy organizations & hospitals. Join us on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month (**May 8th & 22nd**), 9:30 am in room 108. Everyone is welcome. It is a great chance for fellowship and to make new friends. We always need someone to draw, cut or stuff items.

Crosspoint Yard Sale

Crosspoint UMC's annual yard sale is scheduled for **Thursday, June 12th - 14th**. All donations are greatly appreciated. The Crosspoint garage will be open to receive your donations on *Saturdays, May 10th, May 24th and June 7th*, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. The yard sale will accept most items except exercise equipment and clothing. If you have furniture you would like to donate, contact Johnny Mayer, mayerjm@sbcglobal.net. Proceeds benefit Crosspoint's Mission program. 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



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- Everything we have comes from God
- Give to God first
- Resist greed and materialism

This is a FREE event

Presentation by Paul Guerra
Lunch & childcare are provided


SUNDAY
May 4th

 12:30 - 2:30 pm

 Activity Center

REGISTER BY
MONDAY, APRIL 28TH

Visit
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or call 330-499-8972

All Daughters of God Luncheon

Saturday, May 10th

11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Activity Center

Join us to celebrate that we are all daughters of God. For fun, ladies are encouraged to accessorize with your favorite or most creative purse.

Catered by Mr. Mike's
Play Bingo
Fellowship

\$15 per person

Register at 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 17th

9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Register at redcrossblood.org



Church of the Lakes

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

For children age 4 - 6th grade

Mornings: June 9th - 13th

8:45 am - 12:15 pm

Evenings: June 8th - 12th

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

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



Please pray for: Wendy Boron, Lucy Woods, Lori Beuter, Bob Jagers, Debbie Rupert, and Dan George.

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