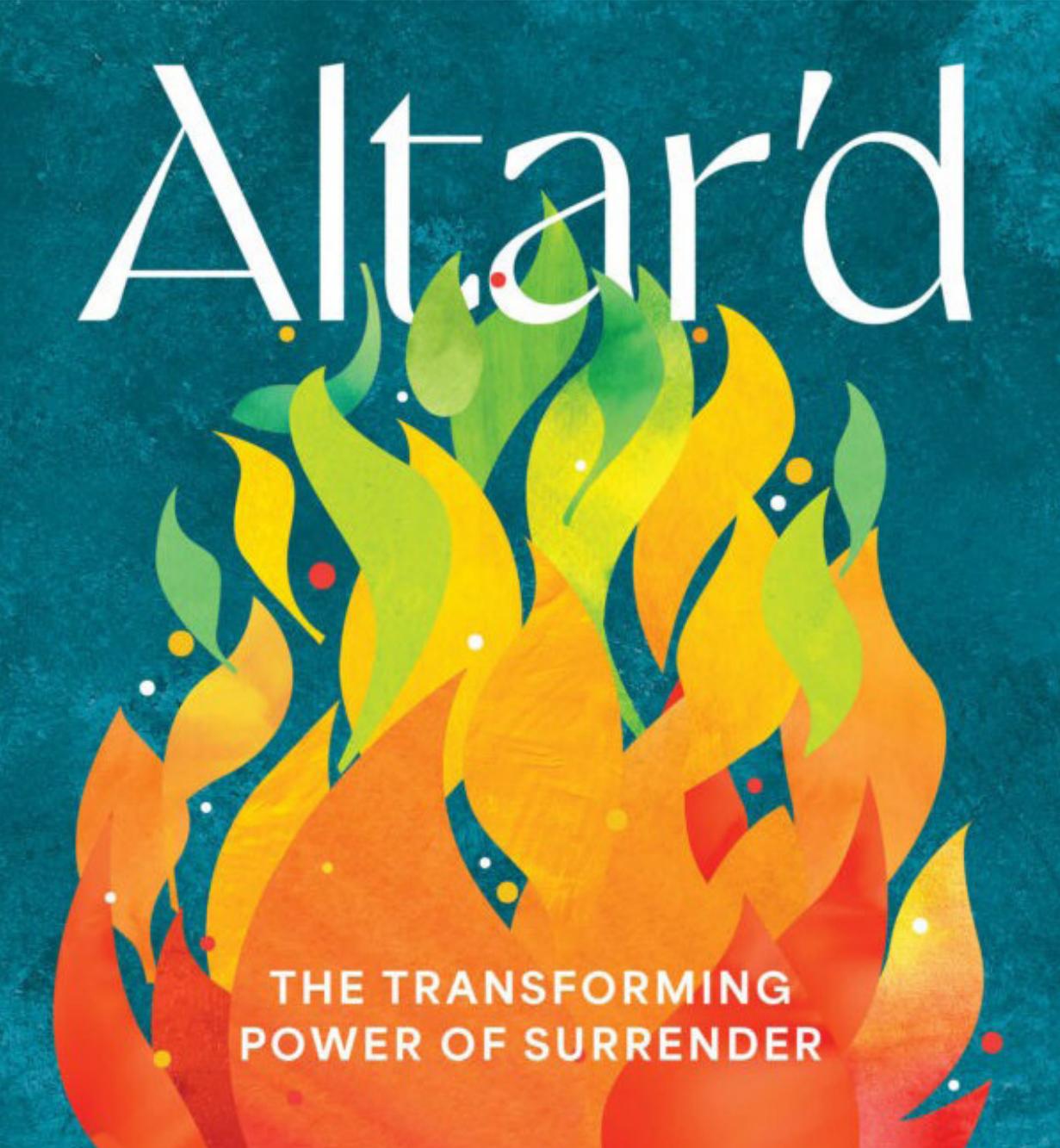


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THE TRANSFORMING
POWER OF SURRENDER

Traditional Worship - March 8, 2026 - 8:30 & 11:00 am

Entering into the Spirit of Worship

Greeting

8:30 - Tom Beattie
11:00 - David Morgan

Prelude

Adagio in G minor

Tomaso Albinoni

***Call to Worship**

8:30 - Julie Feucht
11:00 - Susan Spearing

Leader: Come, people of God - bring your worries, your divided hearts, your restless minds.

People: We come to seek the God who quiets our fears and renews our faith.

Leader: "How long will you waver?" Elijah asked. Today we choose the Lord as our only God.

People: The Lord - He is God! The Lord - He is our hope!

Leader: Come, lay down your burdens. Come, rebuild the altar of your heart. Come, trust the One who is faithful.

All: We come to worship the Lord our God - our peace, our strength, our only God.

***Hymn**

Hallelujah! What a Savior

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The Uniting of our Hearts in Prayer

Prayer

Pastor Robby Strock

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

All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall
Choir, Philip Schleich, trumpet

Dean Wagner

All mankind fell in Adam's fall,
one common sin infects them all;
from sire to son the bane descends,
and over all its curse impends.
Through all man's pow'rs corruption creeps
and him in dreadful bondage keeps;
in guilt he draws his infant breath
and reaps its fruits of woe and death.

But Christ, the second Adam, came
to bear our sin and woe and shame,
to be our Life, our Light, our Way,
our only Hope, our only Stay.

From hearts depraved, to evil prone,
flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;
God's image lost, the darkened soul
nor seeks nor finds its heav'nly goal.

As by one man all mankind fell
and, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
so by one Man, who took our place,
we all received the gift of grace.
We thank thee, Christ; new life is ours,
new light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs:
may grace our ev'ry way attend
until we reach our journey's end

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that worry has divided our hearts. We have trusted our own strength more than Your faithful love. We have chased lesser things instead of placing You first. Forgive us, Lord. Renew our faith. Teach us to surrender our fear and trust You as our only God. Amen.

Offering our Gifts to God

Holy, Holy, Holy
Joy Ringers

Ardis Freeman

***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 Surrender All* (v. 3)

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Scripture

1 Kings 18:21-22, 30-39

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Message

Renew Our Faith
Altar'd

Pastor Jared Priset

Sending Forth***Closing Hymn***Revive Us Again*

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Benediction*Postlude***Canzona*

Jean Langlais

*Those who are able, please stand

Choir Director & Organist/Accompanist - Dean Wagner

Altar Flowers: are given by Brenda Rapp
in memory of Denny Rapp, his birthday, and their anniversary

Acolytes: Sylvia Long & Kasima Willey

Sermon Outline

Focus: God calls us to surrender our worry and place Him first. We may want everything, but God must be our only thing.

I. Divided Loyalty Creates a Soul Drought

Elijah asks: “How long will you waver between two opinions?”

To “waver” means **to limp**—trying to follow two gods at once.

When God is not our only security, we look for other saviors, but false gods cannot carry the weight of our souls, leading to anxiety and spiritual drought.

II. False Gods Produce Paralyzing Worry

Baal worship required constant effort to earn favor, but the Living God is a covenant God who makes promises.

False gods leave us alone with anxiety, but the Living God meets us in uncertainty and brings peace.

Stephan’s battle for his life

III. Renewal Begins When the Altar Is Repaired

Revival begins not with spectacle—but with returning to the altar.

The grain offering symbolized: dependence on God and trust in God’s provision

A grain offering is an offering of worry surrendered to God.

IV. The Living God sends Living Water

Elijah’s altar points to a greater altar. At Mount Calvary, the fire of God’s judgment fell on Jesus for us.

Where false gods leave us dry, Jesus gives living water and lasting peace.

V. Where is worry dividing your heart?

March Missional Measure:

Did I open my life to be changed by Christ today?

Contemporary Worship - March 8, 2026 - 9:30 & 11:00 am

Praise Songs	<i>The King is in the Room</i> <i>Sit Enthroned</i>
Cherub Choir (9:30 only)	<i>I've got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy Down in my Heart</i>
Welcome	9:30 - Matt Ritzert Oasis - Julia Fabich
Worship Song & Offering	<i>Monday Morning Faith</i>
Prayer	9:30 - Pastor Robby Strock Oasis - Pastor Bryan George
Scripture Message	1 Kings 18:21-22, 30-39 Renew Our Faith Altar'd Pastor Bryan George
Closing Song Benediction	<i>Come As You Are</i>

Sermon Outline

Focus: On the altar at Mt. Carmel, Elijah demonstrates the need to choose worshipping the Lord over other idols. The good news of Jesus is that we discover life through his willingness to bear the sacrifice for our sins of idolatry.

- I) The many altars of different gods competing for the people's attention and loyalty
Stephen Prothero *"Both tolerance and respect are empty virtues until we actually understand whatever it is we are supposed to be tolerating or respecting."*
The Ahab and Jezebel's of the world trying to make us worship idols (I Kings 16:31ff)
- II) Elijah's challenge to the people on Mt. Carmel (I Kings 18)
Fractured by many priorities: *"go limping with two different opinions?"* (v. 21)
No position is a position! *"the people did not answer him with a word"* (v. 21)
When attempting to be "tolerant" is actually intolerant: All religions are not valid!
- III) A Showdown between the Baal's of life and the LORD (v. 22-29)
 - 1) false gods require strenuous efforts; the LORD is known by grace through faith (v. 26)
 - 2) false gods mutilate you; the LORD mutilated himself for you (v. 28)
 - 3) false gods are ultimately powerless; the LORD answers by a miracle (v. 29, 38)
 - 4) false gods lead to soul drought; the LORD deluges us with living water (v. 41)Tim Keller: *"Jesus is the only God that if you find him, will satisfy you; and, if you fail him, will forgive you."*
- V) Making a choice to worship a LORD who can "altar" your life?
The reason that the people were not consumed by the fire was due to the sacrifice (v. 38)
Jesus takes on the "Fire of Judgement" on Mt. Calvary that we deserve (Luke 9:54-55)
Jesus also has the *"baptism with which to be baptized"* ref. to suffering (Luke 12:50)
Stop *"limping with two different opinions?"* by bowing down at the altar of the Lord

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Feminine Hygiene Drive - HER Project

Turn in donations of feminine hygiene products TODAY. The HER (Helping Educate and Reduce Period Poverty) Project is through the Heart of Ohio Diaper Bank. SNAP and WIC do not over feminine hygiene products, and many low-income women are unable to afford period supplies.

Widow's Connection

The widow's connection group will have lunch at Carrabba's Italian Grill on **Tuesday, March 17th**, 11:30 am. RSVP by *March 15th* to Sue Hoffmeyer, 330-704-1774.

Youth Mission - Respite/Babysitting

On **Sunday, March 22nd**, 12:30 - 3:30pm, the Church of the Lakes youth will offer babysitting services for all parents and foster families with babies and children up to 6th grade. Register by *March 19th* at churchofthelakes.breezechms.com/form/ymrc26

Jesus in the Home - Bowling Event

Families are invited to an evening of fellowship and fun at Park Centre Lanes on **Sunday, April 26th**, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Cost is just \$12 per person and includes 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, and a pizza dinner. Sign up soon as we have a limited amount of space. Park Centre Lanes is located at 7313 Whipple Ave, N Canton. Register on our website.

Egg Your Lawn

Through an egg-slusive contract with the Easter bunny, after dark on **April 4th**, Church of the Lakes youth will hide filled eggs in your yard - so your family wakes up to a fun Easter Egg hunt at your home. Proceeds benefit Church of the Lakes Youth Missions. To sign up by *March 27th* visit churchofthelakes.breezechms.com/form/eggs26.

Lenten Organ Recital

Join us on **Wednesday, March 25th**, 12:00 pm as our organist Dean Wagner will present a Lenten Organ Recital at St. Joseph's Church on 3rd street in Massillon. The concert is free and will be approximately a half hour in length.

Serve

Vacation Bible School Volunteers

Vacation Bible School has 2 sessions: mornings, 8:45 am - 12:15 pm, **June 8th -12th** or evenings, 5:30 - 8:30 pm, **June 7th - 11th**. We need volunteers for VBS to help as: Station Leaders, Station Assistants, Crew Leaders, Snack Helpers, Dinner Team, Nursery Workers, and Decorating Team. To volunteer, email Angela@churchofthelakes.org. Volunteer training is *Tuesday, April 28th* at 10:00 am or 6:30 pm, in room 206.

Baby Bundles Plus

Join our sewing group on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month (**March 12th & 26th**) in room 108 at 9:30 am to help cut, sew and stuff dolls for Akron Children's Hospital; make quilts for Aultman NICU; and other ministry projects. With questions contact Lucy Woods, 330-417-0282.

WAYS TO GIVE

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

Offering envelopes are located by the Activity Center entrance

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

Lil' Lambs Closet Spring & Summer
Consignment Sale



Friday, March 13th
10 am – 7 pm

Saturday, March 14th
8 am – 12 pm

50% off select merchandise on Saturday

Church of the Lakes
 5944 Fulton Dr NW
 Canton OH 44718
 (on the corner of Brunnerdale)



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Women's **Retreat** Ministries

at the
 Carlisle Inn
 Walnut Creek



Let Us Pray

April 17th - 18th

Cost is just \$60 for the retreat
Hotel accomodations are additional

Register by April 1st
 Registration forms at church office or on our website

Hotel block has expired,
 but reservations can still be made

Featured Speaker - *Angela Fritz*
 Worship Leaders - *Sharon & Brian Hayward*

Church of the Lakes
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026
 For children age 4 - 6th grade

Mornings: June 8th - 12th
8:45 am - 12:15 pm

Evenings: June 7th - 11th
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE:
CHURCHOFTHELAKES.ORG

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



Please pray for: Holly Bolinger, Allen Lea, and Bobby Addis.

Our condolences to Cathy Fike and family on the passing of her husband, John

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