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# Traditional Worship - May 10, 2026 - 8:30 & 11:00 am

## Entering into the Spirit of Worship

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

Habitat for Humanity Video

Prelude

8:30

*Fanacias und Ricercars*  
Dr. Jason Priset

Francesco da Milano

11:00

*Jesus Loves Me*  
Wesley Ringers

**\*Call to Worship**

8:30 - John McClellan

11:00 - Chad Wagner

Leader: O Lord God of Promises,

**People: Loosen our tongues and let us loudly sing,**

Leader: Heal our painful past and flood us with peace,

**People: Smooth our worried brows and let smiles gladden our faces,**

Leader: For you are our God,

**People: And in you is faith for the day and confidence for tomorrow.**

**\*Hymn**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

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**Children's Choirs** (11:00 only)

*With the Help of the Spirit of the Lord*  
Wesley Choir

Jane Southwick Cool

*I Will Call Upon the Lord*  
Cherub Choir & Wesley Choir

## The Uniting of our Hearts in Prayer

Prayer

Pastor Robby Stroock

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

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*  
Men's Chorus  
Lorraine George, piano

Fred Bock

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:25-34

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## Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, friend and companion, we come to you now in this place of worship. You come to us as friend and Savior, as hero and as the encourager. You, Lord Jesus, the healer of disease, the washer of feet, our guide and leader, teach us more about your amazing love and help us to love with confidence and courage. Help us to live without fear and fill us in your Spirit with hope and joy. Take from our hearts the desire for revenge and fill us with the ability to forgive freely and without condition. Help us to be accepting of all persons and especially to care for the lonely, diseased, and those who suffer from war and hunger. Empower us to serve and care for all, as you did, and remind us to offer our lives to God totally and without reservation. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

## Offering our Gifts to God

*Ride the Chariot*  
Men's Chorus; John Starret, solo

William Henry Smith

## \*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)

*In Christ Alone (v. 1)*

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## Baptism (11:00 only)

## Scripture

Philippians 3:1-11

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## Message

**Kingdom Confidence**  
Citizens of Heaven

Pastor Bryan George

## Sending Forth

## \*Closing Hymn

*My Hope is Built*

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## \*Benediction

## Benediction Response

*God Be With You Till We Meet Again*  
Men's Chorus

Bock

## Postlude

*Praise to the Lord Almighty*

Gottfried Walther

\*Those who are able, please stand

Choir Director & Organist/Accompanist - Dean Wagner

**Altar Flowers:** are given to the Glory of God

**Acolytes:** Kasima Willey & Basil Johnson

# Sermon Outline

**Focus: Confidence before God is not built on our resume but on what Christ has accomplished for our sake. Paul calls us to lay down self-reliance and find our righteousness in Jesus alone.**

I) Basing a reputation on a fake resume  
The exposure of George Santos

II) Paul's Resume in which he could boast

A member of the social elite: The meaning of Roman Citizenship (Acts 22:28)

Tarsus was a cosmopolitan and highly educated place

An upbringing steeped in religious worldview: *"A Hebrew of Hebrews"* (v.5)

Raised with strong moral principles (Galatians 1:14)

*"as to zeal, a persecutor of the Church"* (v.6)

Phineas was celebrated for his zeal (Numbers 25:13)

*"as to righteousness under the law, blameless"* (v.6)

Strict obedience to the moral code of Judaism

III) Yet despite credentials nothing compares to *"value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."* (v.8)

His resume is *"rubbish"* (v.8): no longer good for anything but toilet paper.

A new identity was formed from Saul the persecutor to Paul the apostle.

IV) Paul experiences the truth that "religion" cannot replace "personal relationship" (vs.10-11)

Paul's goal: *I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection* (v.10)

works in the life of a Jesus follower, replacing the death-grip of sin

Coupled with *"sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death"* (v.10)

All our suffering is "in Christ" and he is present with us in our sufferings

The gospel doesn't come to make you better – it comes to make you new.

# Contemporary Worship - May 10, 2026 - 9:30 & 11:00 am

Praise Songs

*Praise*

*Firm Foundation (He Won't)*

Welcome

9:30 - Matt Ritzert

Oasis - Julia Fabich

Habitat for Humanity Video

Worship Song & Offering

*Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)*

Prayer

Pastor Tony Walsh

Scripture

Philippians 3:1-11

Message

**Kingdom Confidence**

Pastor Jared Priset

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Closing Song

*Nothing But The Blood*

Benediction

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## Sermon Outline

**Focus: True confidence before God is not built on what we achieve, but on what Christ has accomplished. In Philippians 3, Paul calls us to lay down self-reliance and find our righteousness in Jesus alone.**

I. Where does your confidence come from? Effort? Morality? Success? Christ alone?

Tim Keller: *"The default mode of the human heart is self-salvation."*

II. Misplaced Confidence Will Always Fail (vv. 1–6)

Paul warns against confidence in the *flesh* (human effort, achievement, morality).

If anyone could trust a résumé—it was Paul.

Yet even the best résumé cannot stand before God.

Anything you build your identity on—other than Christ—can be taken from you.

III. Kingdom Confidence Is Found in Christ Alone (vv. 7–9)

Paul counts all his achievements as *loss* compared to knowing Christ.

True righteousness is not earned—it is received through faith.

The Great Exchange: Jesus takes our sin; we receive His righteousness

You don't stand before God based on your performance, but on Christ's perfection.

IV. Religion Cannot Replace Relationship (vv. 10–11)

Paul's goal: *"That I may know Him..."*

Christianity is not about improving yourself – it's about knowing Jesus.

You can do religious things and still miss a real relationship with Him.

The gospel doesn't come to make you better – it comes to make you new.

On Suffering: Charles Spurgeon: *"I have learned to kiss the waves that have cast me upon the Rock of Ages."*

## **Baptisms**

Today we celebrate the baptism of Theodore Christopher Schleich at the 11:00 traditional service.

## **Hiring Assistant Director of Child Care Center**

The Church of the Lakes Child Care Center is hiring an assistant director. This part-time position (35 hrs/week) helps with day-to-day operations of the preschool and child care center, including accounts receivable, payroll and staff training. Deadline to apply is **Friday, May 15th**. For the full job description and details on how to apply visit [churchofthelakes.org/job-postings](http://churchofthelakes.org/job-postings).

## **Retirement Celebration for Lisa Wright**

We want to show our appreciation to Lisa for her 28 years of dedication to the Church of the Lakes Child Care Center. We encourage families of past students and the congregation to join us for Lisa's retirement reception on **Sunday, May 31st**, 12:15 pm in the Activity Center. If you are unable to attend the reception you can send cards to:

Church of the Lakes c/o Lisa Wright Retirement  
5944 Fulton Dr NW | Canton OH 44718

## ***Connect***

### **Stay in Touch**

Even when you're traveling, it's easy to stay connected. Watch the full worship service live—or anytime later—on the **Live Worship page** of our website (9:30 contemporary or 11:00 traditional). You can also watch these services on our **Facebook page**, where they are streamed live and saved for later viewing. If you're short on time, the weekly sermon is posted on our **YouTube channel** ("Church of the Lakes Ohio") each Monday. Or, listen on the go with our **podcast**: sermons are posted Mondays, with new episodes every Thursday. Simply search "Church of the Lakes Ohio" in your favorite podcast app.

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### **Widows Connection**

The widow's connection luncheon will be on **Tuesday, May 19th**, 11:30 am at Twisted Citrus Cafe in North Canton. Join us for great food, good conversation, and fun. RSVP by *May 17th* to Sue Hoffmeyer, 330-704-1774.

## ***Serve***

### **Fellowship of Christian Athletes - All Abilities Camp**

FCA is holding an All-Abilities Sports Camp on **Friday, June 19th**, 5:30-7:45 pm and **Saturday, June 20th**, 9:30 am - 2:00 pm at Malone University. This camp is for individuals with intellectual and/or physical disabilities. They are looking for volunteers to be buddies for each of the campers as they play sports and share the Gospel. Registration must take place on the Hall of Fame FCA website ([halloffamefca.org](http://halloffamefca.org)). Volunteers must be at least 14 years old and will be expected to arrive early both days of camp.

## **WAYS TO GIVE**

Visit [churchofthelakes.org/online-giving](http://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](mailto:stephanie@churchofthelakes.org)



# Church of the Lakes

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026

For children age 4 - 6th grade

**Mornings: June 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>  
8:45 am - 12:15 pm**

**Evenings: June 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

**REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE:**

**CHURCHOFTHELAKES.ORG**

# BAPTISM

*Immersion*



**MAY 24**

- All are welcome
  - New to faith
  - Baptism renewal
- Info meeting: May 17 at 5:30
- Questions? Call the church office



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**Please pray for:** Sid Burns, Sue Hirschman, Bobby Addis, Sheri Grunwald, and Debbie Rupert.

To submit prayer requests call 330-499-8972 ext. 203 or email: [prayer@churchofthelakes.org](mailto:prayer@churchofthelakes.org).