



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



Traditional Worship - July 12, 2026 - 8:30 & 11:00 am

Entering into the Spirit of Worship

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

Prelude *Sonata 3: Adagio* Handel

***Call to Worship** 8:30 - Matt Feucht 11:00 - Pastor Susan Curtis

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all the Lord's blessings.

Leader: God forgives all our sins.

People: God heals all our diseases.

Leader: God redeems our lives from the Pit.

People: God crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.

Leader: As long as we live, God blesses us with good.

People: We are renewed and made whole!

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

***Hymn** *Blessed Assurance* #570

The Uniting of our Hearts in Prayer

Prayer 8:30 - Pastor Robby Strock 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 *Christ Beside Me* Tom Fettke
Summer Choir

Scripture Reading Matthew 7:7-11 pg. 782

Prayer
We come to this place of prayer with confidence that our prayers are heard. And yet, we cannot help but wonder at the outcome of our prayers.
We pray for peace, yet wars abound.
We pray for healing, yet disease persists.
We pray for light to shine in the dark places of our lives and of our world, and yet we see only dim shadows.
We pray for freedom for all peoples, yet see daily reports of enslavement and abuse.
We pray for reconciliation, and yet are beset with the turmoil inflicted by others seeking revenge. We pray for justice and fairness, and yet feel only the pain of an unjust world.
Nevertheless, we come to you in prayer, Almighty God, because we don't know everything. Help us to trust you. Help us to let go of the outcome and put our faith in you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offering our Gifts to God	<i>Sonata 3: Allegro</i> Tommy Ralston	Handel
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***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>He Touched Me</i>	#578
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Commissioning Royal Family Kids Camp Volunteers

Scripture	James 5:13-15	pg. 985
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Message	Grounded in Prayer Kingdom Wisdom	Pastor Bryan George
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Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn	<i>O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus</i>	#121
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***Benediction**

Postlude	Dialogue and Trumpet Tune	Alfred Fedak
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*Those who are able, please stand
Choir Director & Organist/Accompanist - Dean Wagner

Altar Flowers: are given by Scott & Wendy Lloyd
in celebration of their anniversary

Sermon Outline

Focus: Kingdom wisdom recognizes that prayer is our first response and not our last resort. One of the greatest gifts that we can offer to others is to pray for them not just in our minds but with words that touch them.

I) Kingdom wisdom prays and praises in every season

“Are any among you suffering? They should pray” (v. 13a)

“Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.” (v. 13b)

John Wesley: *“One who always prays is ever giving praise, whether in ease or pain, both for prosperity and for the greatest adversity. He blesses God for all things, looks on them as coming from Him, and receives them for His sake.”*

II) Kingdom wisdom does not pray alone

“Are any among you sick? ...call for the elders ... have them pray over them” (v. 14)

Baron von Hugel: *“no one is ever saved alone or by his own efforts”*

III) Kingdom wisdom realizes the power of the Holy Spirit in all forms

“anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord” anoint is a sign of the Holy Spirit

The Good Samaritan uses oil and wine to treat wounds (Luke 10:34)

IV) Kingdom wisdom draws on the power of a prayer of faith

“the prayer of faith will save the sick” (v. 15)

Not a prayer of certainty but a direct request to the Father.

V) Why are we reluctant to pray out loud for others?

Don't know what to say!

PT Forsyth *“Our best prayer, broken, soiled, and feeble as it is, is caught up and made prayer indeed and power with God.”*

Convinced that faith is private!

William Law *“Prayer is a mighty instrument not for getting man's will done in heaven but for getting God's will done on earth.”*

A challenge to embrace the kingdom wisdom to pray in for others in all circumstances

A prayer in the middle of a park

Contemporary Worship - July 12, 2026 - 9:30 & 11:00 am

Praise Songs

Build Your Kingdom Here
Trust in God

Welcome

9:30 - Matt Ritzert Oasis - Julia Fabich

Worship Song & Offering

Do It Again

Prayer

Pastor Tony Walsh

Commissioning Royal Family Kids Camp Volunteers

Commissioning Sierra Leone Mission Trip (9:30 only)

Scripture

James 5:13-20

Message

Faith on Its Knees
Kingdom Wisdom

Pastor Jared Priset

Closing Song

Run to the Father

Benediction

Sermon Outline

Focus: Kingdom wisdom recognizes that prayer is not our last resort—it is our first response.

I. Kingdom Faith Prays in Every Season

In suffering, we pray.

In joy, we praise.

Every circumstance is an invitation to draw near to God.

II. Kingdom Faith Refuses to Fight Alone

God never intended us to carry our burdens by ourselves.

Pray with and for one another.

Healing often begins when we bring our burdens into the light.

III. Kingdom Faith Expects God to Move

Our confidence is not in our prayers, but in our God.

Prayer is powerful because God is faithful.

Prayer isn't our last resort – it is our first response.

IV. Questions for Reflection

What is my first instinct when life becomes difficult?

Where is God inviting me to trust Him more deeply?

Who can I encourage or pray for this week?

Church Office Hours - The church office will be closed on Mondays in July.

Hiring Assistant Director of Child Care Center

**The job description has been updated and this position is open to active members of any church. If you know someone who might be interested please pass this on to them.* This part-time position helps with day-to-day operations of the preschool and child care center. For the full job description and details on how to apply visit churchofthelakes.org/job-posting.

Explore

Healing Ministries Fellowship Picnic

Join us on **Wednesday, July 22nd**, 2:00 - 9:00 pm at the Jackson Township North Park Shelter. We'll eat around 5:30 pm. This is for anyone who has been part of one of our GriefShare or DivorceCare Groups, their families and potential participants. Bring a covered dish to share. Let Pastor Nancy know that you are attending, 330-417-4334.

Baptism by Immersion

A Baptism by Immersion service will be held on **Sunday, August 16th**, during the church picnic. Anyone who has never been baptized into the Christian faith and would like the chance to make a profession of faith in Jesus and be baptized by immersion are invited to take part. There will be an informational meeting on *Sunday, August 9th*, 12:15 pm in room 206. If this is a first baptism this meeting is strongly encouraged, those reaffirming their baptisms are not required to attend. For more information contact Cassandra in the church office, 330-499-8972.

Walk to Emmaus - Information Meeting

Walk to Emmaus is a three-day spiritual retreat designed to help Christians grow in their relationship with Christ and strengthen their walk of faith. We invite you to join us for one of two informational meetings about the Walk to Emmaus on **Sunday, August 9th**, at either 10:45 am or 12:15 pm in room 201. During this meeting, you'll learn what the weekend experience is like and hear from members of our congregation about how the Walk has impacted their lives. Come ask questions, gather information, and discover what Walk to Emmaus is all about.

Serve

FISH Fund

Some families in our church and community may be struggling with housing insecurity, utility shut off notices, or difficulty providing enough food for their families. The Fish Fund receives requests for assistance with these urgent needs and prayerfully considers each request based on the circumstances and the resources available. Please keep this ministry in your prayers and consider making a donation to support this important outreach. Donations can be made by marking your offering envelope "Fish Fund", by making checks payable to Church of the Lakes with "Fish Fund" noted in the memo line, or through our online giving.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Church of the Lakes is hosting a blood drive on **Saturday, August 8th**, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm in the Activity Center. The American Red Cross is in critical need of blood donations. Signup for an appointment at redcrossblood.org and search using sponsor code 'churchofthelakes'.

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

ready. set. build!

Build with the
Kerns Family
Church of the Lakes



Ready to volunteer?

1. Visit habi.build/COTL and click "Sign Up to Volunteer."
2. Select your preferred volunteer shift(s).
3. Tell us a little about yourself.
4. Provide your emergency contact information.
5. Click "Continue."
6. Review the Release and Waiver of Liability, add your signature to agree, then click "Submit." You will receive an automatic email confirmation and text.



Questions?
Contact Habitat:
330-916-6989

Scan to sign up!



Volunteers needed for our Habitat Home Build:

Saturday 7/18 - Insulation

Friday 7/24 & Saturday 7/25 - Drywall

Thursday 8/13 - Paint Doors
at Habitat Workshop

We also need volunteers for devotions & snacks for build days. Register for these opportunities at habi.build/cotl

Lil' Lambs Closet



Fall & Winter Consignment Sale

Friday, July 31st
10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 1st
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
50% off select items on Saturday

FIND GREAT DEALS:

Back-to-School clothes for infants, children, teens & young adults, nursery & children's furniture, shoes, bookbags, books, DVDs, sports equipment, accessories, baby items, exersaucers, and more!

Register to consign or volunteer at
www.cotl-lillambscloset.com

**30% of proceeds
go to children in need**



Bring a dish to share
main dish, drinks & tableware provided

FUN FOR EVERYONE:
giant slide, jump house, games, door
prizes and ice cream treats

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



Our Condolences to Kerry Simonson on the passing of her father, Don.

Please pray for:

The 64 campers and 85+ volunteers at Royal Family Kids Camp this week.
****Bracelets with individual camper's names on them are available as you exit worship today. Please take one and pray for that camper this week.****

Our July 18th - August 1st Sierra Leone Mission Trip team: Pastor Jared Priset, Julia Fabich, Brian Knis, Sharen Lindberg, Dave Mulcahey, Tom Ralston, and Tricia Talbott.

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