



Church
of the
Lakes

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

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THE **OVERCOMERS**

GOD'S VISION FOR YOU TO THRIVE
IN AN AGE OF ANXIETY AND OUTRAGE

Traditional Worship - October 18, 2026 - 8:30 & 11:00 am

Entering into the Spirit of Worship

Greeting 8:30 - Tom Beattie 11:00 - Cindy Baltzer

Prelude *Visions* Douglas Wagner

Alpha Ringers

1. Green Hills and Cool Meadows (Psalm 65:10, 12)

2. Springs of Flowing Water (Isaiah 41:18)

***Call to Worship** 8:30 - Tom Beattie 11:00 - Susan Spearing

Leader: People of God, we gather today as one family, redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ!

People: We belong to the LORD, and we belong to one another!

Leader: We are no longer strangers, but members of God's household, united in Christ Jesus.

People: We are one body, one family, and one people in Christ!

Leader: And one glorious day, we will gather at the marriage supper of the Lamb

People: Hallelujah! For the LORD our God Almighty reigns!

Leader: So come, family of faith, let us lift our hearts and voices to the One who has called us His own!

All: To Jesus Christ, the Lamb who was slain and has overcome, be all glory, honor, and praise!

Amen!

***Hymn** *God is Here* #393

The Uniting of our Hearts in Prayer

Prayer 8:30 - Pastor Robby Strock 11:00 - Pastor Jared Priset

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 *Where Can I Go* Molly Ijames

Given for in loving memory of her husband, Jacob Wang
by Naomi Wang

Where can I go from you?
Oh Lord, you've searched and known my ways;
you trace my paths, you count my days.
If I ascend unto the heavens, you are there.
Even before my voice is heard,
you read each thought,
you know each word,
and surely darkness cannot hide me,
you are there.
Where can I go, O Lord from you?
If I should flee, you would pursue.

Though I should take the wings of morning,
I am known.
Within the womb, you formed my frame.
You saw my face, you knew my name.
Your hands have woven me together,
I am known.
All knowing Lord, you test my heart;
you search out every inward part.
Where can I go, except to you, Lord, you alone.
Where can I go? You are there.

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Heavenly Father, we thank You for the incredible gift of belonging to Your family. Through the precious blood of Jesus, You have brought us near, made us Your children, and united us as brothers and sisters in Christ. LORD, thank You that we do not walk this journey alone. Thank You for a family of faith that encourages, strengthens, and carries one another through every season of life. By Your Holy Spirit, continue to shape us into a people who love sacrificially, serve courageously, and welcome others into Your family. In the mighty name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Offering our Gifts to God

On Eagle’s Wings
Julie Sarver, flute

Joel Raney

***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)

Blest Be the Tie That Binds (vs. 1 & 2)

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Good News Moment

Family Empowerment Advocacy
Melody Curtis - Executive Director
Helping Children Worldwide

Scripture

Revelation 19:6-10

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Message

Your Family in Faith
The Overcomers

Pastor Jared Priset

Sending Forth

***Closing Hymn**

All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord

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***Benediction**

Postlude

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Sir David Willcocks

*Those who are able, please stand
Choir Director & Organist/Accompanist - Dean Wagner

Altar Flowers: are given by Joanna Lookabaugh
in memory of Barbara & Tadeusz Starczewski

Acolytes: Asher Burgess & Addison Burgess

Contemporary Worship - October 18, 2026 - 9:30 am

Praise Songs

*Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)
Death Was Arrested*

Welcome

Matt Ritzert

Worship Song & Offering

No Longer Slaves

Prayer

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Beautiful Things

Benediction

Sermon Outline

Focus: Jesus is preparing a people, not merely saving individuals. We belong to the Bride of Christ, and we need one another to remain faithful until He comes.

I. Jesus Is Preparing a People, Not Merely Saving Individuals

“The marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready” (19:7)
Jesus gave His life to create a redeemed people who belong to Him.
The Church isn’t simply a place we attend. It’s a family where we belong.
Nobody overcomes alone.

II. The Family of Faith Reflects the Love of the Lamb

“Fine linen, bright and pure, was given her to wear” (19:8)
We are saved by grace, and that same grace transforms how we live.
The Bride is called to reflect the heart of the Bridegroom.
We don’t merely talk about restoration. We participate in it. (i.e. Paul Smith in Sierra Leone)

III. The Family of Faith Is Getting Ready for a Wedding

“Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb!” (19:9)
The Holy Spirit is preparing us through holiness, obedience, worship, and love.
We help one another remain faithful until Christ returns.
We are not simply waiting for a wedding. We are being prepared for one.

IV. How am I helping others in the family of faith grow closer to Jesus?

And who might God be calling me to welcome into His family?

Explore

Voter Guides

The FREE non-partisan voter guides from the League of Women Voters for the local November elections are available in the church entryway. Stop by to pick up a copy.

Holy Land Trip 2027 - Informational Meeting

Join Pastor Bryan and Amy George on a life-changing trip to the Holy Land, November 1st-10th, 2027. There will be moments of worship, devotion and fellowship that will make indelible marks on your journey with the Lord. Come to the informational meeting on **Sunday, November 8th**, 5:00 - 6:30 pm in room 206 where we will be answering questions and showing some pictures of the places that we will visit.

Family Christmas Movie

Join us on **Sunday, December 6th**, 5:00 pm in the Activity Center for 'VeggiesTales:The Little Drummer Boy Movie'. Join other families for an evening of fun. We will start with dinner (pizza, chips, water, juice boxes, and more). Following dinner we will have a time of fellowship and some crafts and activities. We will then watch the movie. Cost is just \$3 per person. Feel free to bring camp chairs for to use while you watch the movie. Register your family to reserve a spot.

Serve

Soctoberfest

Stark Community Jaycees are collecting donations of new undergarments (socks, bras, pajamas, and underwear) during the month of October in the Church of the Lakes entryway. Donations will be distributed to local shelters and clothing closets. All sizes are requested.

Bag Sunday for Total Living Center

The Total Living Center is working to help families overcome food insecurity in Canton. Our 'Bag Sunday' is more important than ever. Paper bags and the list of items needed are available at the church starting on **Sunday, October 25th** or you can bring donations in other paper or plastic bags. Bring your donations to church on *Sunday, November 1st* by noon. Place items in the designated areas just inside the double doors.

The Total Living Center has requested that we focus on donating the following items to help prepare for a holiday meal: cans of corn, boxes of stuffing, boxes of cornbread mix, canned cranberry sauce, cans of yams/sweet potatoes, bags of brown sugar, bags of marshmallows

Thanksgiving Meal

It's that time of year to begin 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 26th**, 12:00 pm in the Activity Center. If you would like to help with setting up, donating a turkey, decorating or serving on Thanksgiving Day, join us in room 201 for planning meetings on:

October 18th, 12:00 pm

November 8th, 11:00 am or 12:00 pm

November 22nd, 11:00 am

WAYS TO GIVE

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

Offering envelopes are located in the pews

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

Trunk & Treat
Safe & FREE Trick or Treating
event for the community

TODAY
2:30 - 4:00 pm

Church of the Lakes
 5944 Fulton Dr NW, Canton, OH 44718

Wear a family friendly costume
 & invite a friend!

In case of rain, this event will be cancelled.

 Church of the Lakes
 330-499-8972
 churchofthelakes.org

FAITH IN ACTION

SISTERS IN CHRIST SERVING TOGETHER FOR HIS KINGDOM

Join us for a special afternoon of fellowship and service as we share the love of Jesus and serve together for His Kingdom.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST | 3:00 - 5:00 PM

CHURCH OF THE LAKES - ACTIVITY CENTER

BRING A SNACK OR DESSERT TO SHARE, ALONG WITH A COPY OF YOUR RECIPE TO ADD TO OUR COLLECTION OF FAVORITE TREATS.

Through simple, hands-on projects, we'll encourage these ministries and help further their mission of sharing Christ's love.

Register at
churchofthelakes.org/event/faith-in-action

CHURCH OF THE LAKES

CONCERT SERIES

Sunday, October 25th
4:00 pm
Sanctuary

SAMUEL ATKINSON

Enjoy centuries of keyboard literature, featuring works by J.S. Bach, Mozart, Pachelbel, Beethoven, Chopin, Scott Joplin, and Jerry Lee Lewis, along with sacred hymn arrangements and selections from Elton John and Billy Joel.

Admission is free;
 a free will offering supports the concert series



 Lil' Lambs Closet

TOY SALE

Saturday, November 7th
8:00 am - 2:00 pm

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



FIND GREAT DEALS:

Toys, Games, Movies, Books, Electronics, Ride-on Toys, Bikes, Sports, Outdoor Toys, Play Furniture & Toy Storage, Costumes, Arts & Crafts, Puzzles, Winter Snow Coats/Snow Boots, and more!

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www.cotl-lillambscloset.com

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30% of proceeds
go to children in need

Carts are available
Please no strollers

We accept cash, VISA,
MasterCard, Discover &
check (with proper ID)

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



Please pray for: Michael Pryatel, Kerry Simonson, Julie Krisher, John Miller, Mark Harrison, Tom DiGiacinto, and Lori Moss.

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