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Fellow pilgrims on the road.  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.  
I will hold the Christ-light for you  
In the night time of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you;  
Speak the peace you long to hear.  
Will you let me be your servant?  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I might have the grace  
To let you be my servant, too.  
I will weep when you are weeping.  
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
'Til we've seen this journey through.*

The Servant Song  
Richard Gillard

## The Worship of God Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

January 31, 2021

Lake Shore Baptist Church

### Prelude

“Take My Life, Lead Me Lord”

arr. Don Shannon

Cindy Fuller

### Epiphillon

*In 2003 Lake Shore created the word “epiphillon” from the words “Epiphany” and “carillon.” During the Epiphany season, the trilling of the bells beckons us to look for the Christ Child and carry the light into the world.*

### Welcome and Passing of the Peace

Claudia Beal

*We are a welcoming and affirming community of Christians, attempting to discover, articulate, and embody the meaning of the Gospel in the world today. We welcome all at Lake Shore because we believe that God’s love knows no bounds.*

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

### Call to Worship

Bruce Evans

From Isaiah 61:1-3

ONE: The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me;

MANY: **God has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,**

ONE: to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;

MANY: **to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor . . .**

ONE: to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—

MANY: **to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.**

ONE: They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display God’s glory.

### Invocation

Dianna Vitanza

### Song of Discipleship

“Here I Am, Lord”

Daniel Schutte

Steve Gardner

## New Testament Reading

Acts 6:1-6  
Gary Miller

One: This is the word of the Lord.  
Many: Thanks be to God.

## Congregational Hymn

“Take My Life”  
HENDON

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

## Faith Journey

Karyn Miller Brooks

## Congregational Hymn

“Take My Life”

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.

## Faith Journey

Laura Dávalos-Lind

## Congregational Hymn

“Take My Life”

Take my love; my Lord I pour at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee,  
ever, only, all for thee.

## Commitment to Deacon Ministry

Buddy Powell

## Litany of Response

Beth Farwell & Steve Gardner

Laura, Karyn, Steve, Bruce, Diana, Gary, and Claudia, we welcome you to the deacon ministry of our church, and we are grateful to God for your lives. We will work with you and encourage you in living the faith. We share your calling to serve God and our community through this church. We pray that God will richly bless you as we, in turn, are blessed by you.

**New Deacons: Together we remember that our call is to minister, even as others minister to us. Our call is to serve, even as Christ serves us. Our call is to devote ourselves to prayer, even as others pray for us. We will seek the guidance of the Spirit as we use our gifts to serve God’s people.**

## Prayer of Installation and Dedication

Buddy Powell

## Congregational Blessing to Each Other

“Servant Song”  
BEACH SPRING

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We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load  
I will hold the Christ-light for you, in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you; speak the peace you long to hear.

Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.  
Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

I will weep while you are weeping, when you laugh, I’ll laugh with you,  
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we see this journey through.  
When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we’ve known together of Christ’s love and agony.

## Pastoral Benediction

Sharlande Sledge

## Postlude

“Lord, Here Am I”  
John Ness Beck  
Cindy Fuller

Offering: <https://my.simplegive.com/App/Giving/lbcbwaco>

Parents’ Gathering:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3251880550?pwd=YU5RYs9xc3FTWmlEQlZTait5ejlxdz09>  
Meeting ID: 325 188 0550  
Passcode: Bishop5801

Our worship leaders today are Buddy Powell, Chair of Deacons, 2021, and Beth Farwell, Vice-Chair of Deacons, 2021, and deacons beginning their three-year terms in January 2021: Claudia Beal, Karyn Miller Brooks, Bruce Evans, Steve Gardner, Laura Lind, Gary Miller, and Dianna Vitanza.