



"The Sower" - Vincent van Gogh

*"Tell us about the Kingdom of Heaven" they say.
Jesus pauses for a moment, considering. What could
he say? How could he possibly put it into words?
For there is really no adequate way to talk about
God. Try as we may, there will always be more to
God than words can hold. The whole point, after all,
is that God is to be encountered, discovered,
experienced, not to be described.*

— Stacy Swain

Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 13, 2021

Lake Shore Baptist Church

Prelude

"Prelude on PROMISED LAND"
arr. Don Phillips
Cindy Fuller

Welcome

Tom Hanks

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.

Passing of the Peace

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.
MANY: **And also with you.**

Call to Worship

from Psalm 20:6-9
Becky Kennedy

ONE: The LORD will help God's anointed;
MANY: **God will answer from the holy heaven.**
ONE: Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses,
MANY: **but our pride is in the name of the LORD our God.**
ONE: They will collapse and fall,
MANY: **but we shall rise and stand upright.**
ONE: Lord, answer us when we call.
MANY: **Amen.**

Invocation

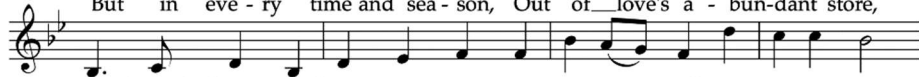
Congregational Song

“All My Hope on God Is Founded”

NEANDER



All my hope on God is found-ed, who does still my trust re - new.
Hu - man pride and earth-ly glo - ry, sword and crown be - tray our trust,
But in eve - ry time and sea - son, Out of love's a - bun-dant store,



Safe through change and chance God guides me, e - ver faith-ful, e - ver true.
though with care and toil we build them, tow-er and tem-ple, fall to dust.
God sus - tains the whole cre - a - tion, Fount of life for - e - ver - more.



God un - known, God a - lone, seeks to claim my heart as home.
But God's power, hour by hour, is my tem-ple and my tower.
We who share earth and air count on God's un - fail - ing care.

Hebrew Scripture

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Milo Grant

ONE: This is a reading from our ancient stories.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Gift of Music

“The Summons”

John Bell

Steve Gardner

Call to Prayer

Sharlande Sledge

ONE: God of Life, because Jesus teaches us to trust you in all things,
we claim Christ's words and share Christ's plea:

MANY: Your kingdom come, your will be done.

ONE: Where food is scarce or wasted, Jesus says, “Feed the hungry.”

MANY: Your kingdom come, your will be done.

ONE: When people are excluded, Jesus says, “Let them come to me.”

MANY: Your kingdom come, your will be done.

ONE: Whenever communities are divided, Jesus says, “Love one
another.”

MANY: Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Silence

*When we pray “Your kingdom come, Your will be done,” we acknowledge the
existence of other kingdoms and confess our affection for things outside the realm of
God's purpose.*

Gathering of Our Prayers

Gospel Reading

Mark 4:26-34

Richard Groves

ONE: This is the Gospel of Grace.

MANY: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Mystery of the Kingdom”

Pastoral Benediction

Congregational Benediction

“Here I Am, Lord”

HERE I AM



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

heard you cal-ling in the night. I will go Lord, if you

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Postlude

“Promised Land”

arr. Joseph Martin

Cindy Fuller

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

Reminder:
Church Business Meeting
TODAY, June 13,
immediately following worship.
See newsletter for details:

<https://mailchi.mp/bd36b1f58d1e/newsletter-8470812>