

Welcome to Lake Shore

This is our third Sunday back in the building after fifteen months worshipping by Zoom. We hope you saw this sign on the front door as you came in this morning:

Lake Shore Baptist Church welcomes you and all persons.
To protect you and us, we require that everyone entering
the church wear a mask and practice social distancing.

We will give you a mask if you don't have one.

We STRONGLY recommend that all persons entering
this church be vaccinated now, or as soon as possible.

And most of all:

WE WELCOME YOU.

For information about becoming a member of our Lake Shore, please contact one of our ministers.

Worship at Lake Shore

Today is the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time is the season beginning the week after Pentecost Sunday until the Sunday prior to the week of Advent, known as Reign of Christ Sunday. "Ordinary" takes its name not from "mundane" or "common" but from "ordinal" as these Sundays are "counted" time between these Sundays. Life in Jesus Christ as it relates to everyday life is often explored during Ordinary Time.

Extended Care workers for today

Sakina Dixon & Elizabeth Dell

Please silence your cell phones during the worship service.
Please recycle your worship guides in the recycling station outside the sanctuary.

Hearing assistance receivers available upon request.

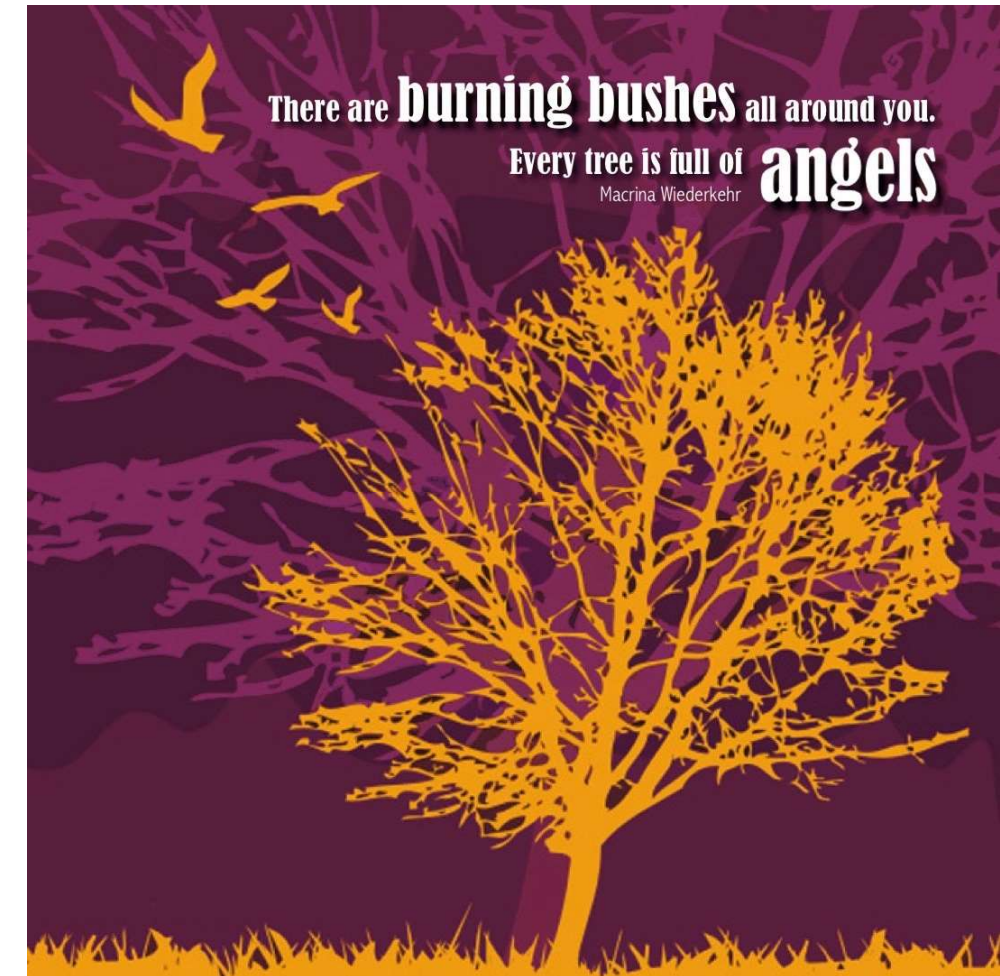
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Tom Hanks, College Minister	Jon Snyder, Minister of Music



"A Tree Full of Angels," Phillip Chircop

The Worship of God

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 25, 2021

We want you to know all are welcome here because we believe God's love holds no bounds.

Prelude

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”
arr. Larry Shackley
Cindy Fuller

Meditation

“We live in a world of theophanies. Holiness comes wrapped in the ordinary. There are burning bushes all around you. Every tree is full of angels. Hidden beauty is waiting in every crumb. Life wants to lead you from crumbs to angels, but this can happen only if you are willing to unwrap the ordinary by staying with it long enough to harvest its treasure.”
– Macrina Wiederkehr, *A Tree Full of Angels*

Welcome & Passing of the Peace

Jon Snyder

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

*Call to Worship

ONE: We come to this holy place to catch a glimpse of the greatness of God.
MANY: Let us turn our eyes away from the things that would hinder our true worship to see signs of God’s presence.
ONE: We come to this holy place united as a body of Christ for the purpose of worshipping the one true God.
MANY: Let us listen for the call to serve, and when we hear our names, may we offer our gift in worship and praise.

*Gathering Hymn

“Out of Need and Out of Custom”
Ken Medema
GATHERING

Out of need and out of cus - tom, we have ga - thered here a - gain; to the
Come we now our masks dis - pla - ying, fear - ing that we shall be known, foo - lish
We have heard the glo - wing sto - ries of the things that God has done, of the
gath - ering we are bring - ing love and laugh - ter, grief and pain. Some be -
games for - e - ver pla - ying, feel - ing mean - while so a - lone. Let pre -
po - wer and the glo - ry, of God's love in Christ the Son. God of
liev - ing, some re - joic - ing, some a - fraid, and some in doubt, come we
ten - sion's power be bro - ken, to be hu - man let us dare; let the
hu - man trans - for - ma - tion, for your pre - sence now we pray, lead us
now our ques - tions voic - ing, we would search these mat - ters out.
truth in love be spo - ken, let us now the ques - ting share.
e - ver on the jour - ney as we ga - ther here to - day.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

*The Litany on the Church

Donna Casstevens

ONE: Young and old, children of God, all you who are the diverse creations of God’s imagination and love, join in praise and thanksgiving as we worship the One who brings us together.
MANY: We come to this place, bringing our varied stories, our unique gifts, and our distinct calls to serve.
ONE: We come together in partnership and mission, knowing that we are called to be the church; to celebrate God’s presence, to serve others, to seek justice, to offer the hope of the Resurrected Christ.
MANY: We are called to be the body of Christ – a community of believers, a household of faith, a communion of saints, the people of the covenant.
ONE: We are called to the one hope of our high calling – one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God.
MANY: As members of the body of Christ, we covenant together in this hour to build on our sure foundation of Jesus Christ our Lord and to seek the vision of Christ’s hope for the world.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21
Rick Allen

ONE: This is the word of the Lord.
MANY: Thanks be to God.

Children’s Time

Milo Grant

Children are invited to participate in Children’s Time from their seats. Afterwards, a volunteer will escort preschoolers and kindergarteners downstairs to extended care.

Blessing of Our Gifts

Mike Raymond

Offertory

“Morning Has Broken”
arr. Larry Shackley
Cindy Fuller

Pastoral Prayer

Sharlande Sledge

Silence

“We do not know this Messiah solely through the red letters in the gospel texts. We know him in his fullness because we are joined to him in his body, the church. In this joining, we do not lose our individuality or our individual stories of conversion and encounter with Christ. Instead, our own small stories are wrapped up in the story of all believers throughout time, which are together part of the eternal story of Christ... Christ’s ordinary years are part of our redemption story. Because of the incarnation and those long, unrecorded years of Jesus’ life, our small, normal lives matter.”
– Tish Harrison Warren, *The Liturgy of the Ordinary*

*Scripture Readings

Scott Houser

“The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, Generous inside and out, true from start to finish.”
- John 1:14, *The Message*

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’ So God created humankind in God’s image, in the image of God, God created them; male and female God created them.
- Genesis 1:26-27

ONE: This is the word of the Lord.
MANY: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The ‘Power’ of Our Incredible, Ordinary Life Stories”

*Sending Hymn

“The World Is Full of Stories”
ELLACOMBE

The world is full of sto - ries, of sto - ries that have passed to
The world is full of sto - ries, new sto - ries peo - ple tell, and
The world is full of sto - ries that cap - ture and en - thral; but
It tells us of the an - guish God's love was bound to bear, to
us a - long the a - ges; great sto - ries that still last, to
young and old come un - der the sto - ry - tel - ler's spell which
joy - ful faith dis - co - vers that one trans - cends them all: God's
con - quer death and e - vil and fa - thom our des - pair. As
tell of hu - man feel - ings drawn deep from heart and mind, more
stirs i - ma - gi - na - tion and o - pens wide our eyes to
love as told in Je - sus, who shared our life on earth, and
we re - peat the sto - ry, hope comes to life and thrives, to
true than fact: their mean - ing the sur - est we can find.
du - ty and con - vic - tion, to won - der and sur - prise.
hu - man re - cre - a - tion be - gin - ning at his birth.
make the love of Je - sus the sto - ry of our lives.

*Pastoral Benediction

Scott Houser

*Congregational Benediction

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds”
DENNIS (Nägeli)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christ - ian love; the
fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.

Postlude

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”
arr. Ovid Young
Cindy Fuller

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