Welcome to Lake Shore

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 in Ordinary Time

Today is the Eleventh 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. The church often explores life in Jesus Christ as it relates to everyday life during Ordinary Time.

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The Worship of God Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost August 8, 2021

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.

Prelude

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" arr. Alvin Whitworth Cindy Fuller

Meditation

"As we listen for the sounds of God's Spirit in our midst, and as we seek ways to attune our own spirits to God's, we will find ourselves taking part, not only with God, but also with one another in the healing of the world."

Dorothy Bass

Welcome & Passing of the Peace

Sharlande Sledge

ONE: The Peace of Christ be with you.

MANY: And also with you.

*Affirmation of Our Faith

from 1 John 4

ONE: Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God;

MANY: everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

ONE: Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

MANY: God's love was revealed to us in this way: God sent Jesus into the world so that we might live through Christ.

ONE: In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son. Since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one

another.

MANY: God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God and

God abides in them.

*Invocation

Ashley Thornton

*Hymn of God's Presence

ABBOT'S LEIGH of - fer is here! As we praise and prayer, meet to Here are sym-bols to re-mind us of our life - long need of church and king-dom, of in an age of change and doubt we find ful in in is cross has fount, and pul - pit; here keep us faith - ful to the gos-pel; help us work your pur - pose out. Here, as the world a -round us, a11 va - ried skills and arts Our in ho - nes prea-ching, here in si - lence, as Here, in this day's - ca - tion, we have to give, re-ceive; wait the co - ming of here, in new-ness and re-ne-wal, God the Spi - rit comes to each.

*Gospel Reading

we, who can - not live with-out you,

Matthew 22:34-40

Jon Snyder

a - dore you! We

"God Is Here"

ONE: This is the gospel of grace. **MANY: Thanks be to God.**

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Children's Time

Milo Grant

Children are invited to participate in Children's Time from their seats.

*Words of Gratitude

Beth Miller

ONE: God is the Creator of the Heavens and the Earth.

MANY: God has made everything and given it to us.

ONE: Jesus is our Redeemer, our Savior, our Friend.

MANY: Jesus has come to show us God's love and teaches us to love

one another.

ONE: The Holy Spirit moves in us, brings us together, and guides us in life.

MANY: The Spirit reminds us that everything comes from God. ONE: Let us share in all of the good gifts of God.

MANY: Our giving is a sign that we worship our God together.

Offertory

"As the Deer" with "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Mark Hayes

Cindy Fuller

Meditation

"Your way of acting should be different from the world's way; the love of Christ must come before all else. You are not to act in anger or nurse a grudge. Rid your heart of all deceit. Never give a hollow greeting of peace or turn away someone who needs your love."

from The Rule of St. Benedict

Pastoral Prayer

Sharlande Sledge

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 3:1-6 **Brett Younger**

ONE: This is the word of the Lord.

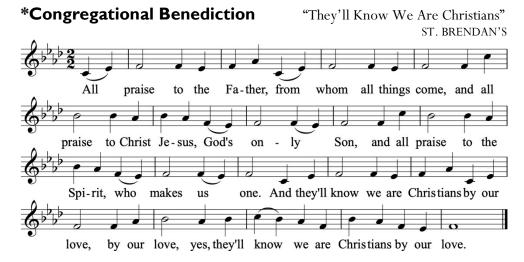
MANY: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"God's Love Letters"



*Pastoral Benediction



Postlude

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" arr. Michael Cox

Cindy Fuller

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