

## 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

"God Is Here"

ABBOT'S LEIGH

God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer praise and prayer,  
Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long need of grace;  
Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of change and doubt

may we find in ful - ler mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.  
here are ta - ble, fount, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.  
keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our va - ried skills and arts  
Here in ho - nes - ty of prea - ching, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
Here, in this day's de - di - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the co - ming of the Spi - rit in - to o - penminds and hearts.  
here, in new - ness and re - ne - wal, God the Spi - rit comes to each.  
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

#### \*Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-40

Jon Snyder

ONE: This is the gospel of grace.

MANY: **Thanks be to God.**

#### 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"

#### \*Hymn of Community

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

ACCEPTANCE

Help us ac - cept each o - ther as Christ ac - cep - ted us;  
Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life  
Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved  
Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

teach us as sis - ter, bro - ther, each per - son to em - brace.  
we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.  
in li - ving si - tu - a - tions to do the truth in love;  
who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for right - eous - ness and bread,

Be pre - sent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve  
Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,  
to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance, un - til we know by heart  
we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hol - ding on;

we are our - selves ac - cep - ted and meant to love and live.  
to love them as we find them or as they may be - come.  
the ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
re - new us with your Spi - rit; Lord, free us, make us one!

#### \*Pastoral Benediction

#### \*Congregational Benediction

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

ST. BRENDAN'S

All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come, and all

praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son, and all praise to the

Spi - rit, who makes us one. And they'll know we are Christians by our

love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

#### Postlude

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

arr. Michael Cox

Cindy Fuller