

## Worship Notes

Today is the Fifteenth 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.

### What We "Sing" Today

This Irish text brings the clear presence of God into harmony with the fervent prayer of the believer. Stanza 1 affirms the vision of God that becomes the guiding light in the hearts of God's people. Stanza 2 calls for God's knowledge and truth to give guidance both day and night. Stanza 4 provides a fitting climax, claiming victory regardless of what may befall the faithful believer.

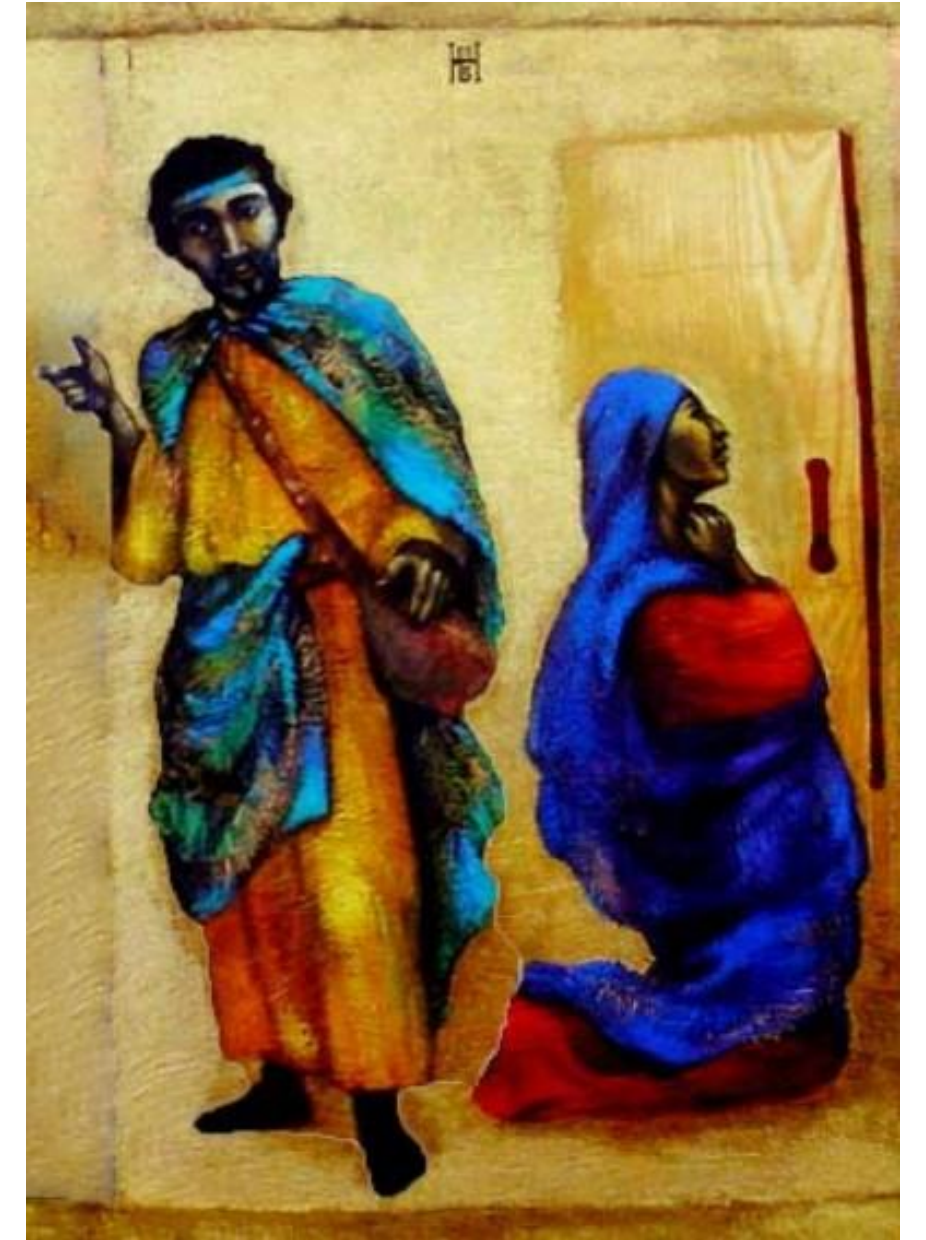
## Welcome to Lake Shore

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.



"The Widow and the Judge," Nelly Bube, Kazakhstan

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city, there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.'"

– Luke 18:1-3

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# The Worship of God

## Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

### September 5, 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

“Be Thou My Vision”  
arr. Paul Manz  
Cindy Fuller

#### Meditation for Preparation

It is when we are pushed to the edge of human possibility by our poverty or our grief, by our thirst for righteousness or our search for peace, by our suffering or our love that God meets us. In these moments, which are our perfection and our peace, Jesus comes to us as sure as the taste of salt on our tongues. — *Barbara Gerlach*

#### Welcome

Jon Snyder

#### \*Call to Worship

ONE: In the midst of our failures,  
**MANY: we stand in God's grace.**  
ONE: In the midst of our struggles,  
**MANY: we rest in our hope through Christ.**  
ONE: In the midst of our suffering,  
**MANY: we claim the endurance given by the Holy Spirit.**  
ONE: Let us come and worship our Triune God,  
**MANY: for God is worthy of our praise.**

#### \*Hymn of the Day

“Be Thou My Vision”

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence, my light**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

#### \*Invocation

Milo Grant

#### Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 4:1, 5-9, 16  
Lyndsay Cole

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

#### Prayers of Intercession

ONE: Incline your ear to us, O God, and hear our prayers,  
**MANY: that we do not lose heart.**  
ONE: We pray for those whose bodies and spirits need healing,  
**MANY: that they do not lose heart;**  
ONE: for those who are vigilant in their pursuit of justice,  
**MANY: that they do not lose heart;**  
ONE: for those who persevere in the face of danger,  
**MANY: that they do not lose heart;**  
ONE: for those who live in hope in spite of what they see,  
**MANY: that they do not lose heart;**  
ONE: for those who pray without ceasing,  
**MANY: that they do not lose heart;**  
ONE: for those who help because helping is what you would do,  
**MANY: that they do not lose heart;**  
ONE: for those who believe even in their unbelief,  
**MANY: that they do not lose heart.**  
ONE: Fill us with such confidence in Jesus Christ that we may always work  
for the good of all, strengthened by his steadfast love.  
**MANY: Amen.**

#### Children's Time

Milo Grant

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

#### Gift of Music

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”  
arr. Heather Sorenson  
Cindy Fuller

#### Silence

Personal prayer begins in the morning shower and goes all through the day and into the night; even our dreams or our sleeplessness become a form of prayer. And then the next morning, the next shower, it all resumes. But in a way it never stopped — God with us; Jesus feeling every joy and pain with us; no reason to lose heart. Just reason to pray without ceasing. — *Linda Loving*

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

#### Pastoral Prayer

Vernon Davis

#### \*Gospel Reading

Luke 18:1-8  
Sharlande Sledge

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

#### Sermon

“Bothering God”

#### Celebration of Communion

ONE: Spirit of God, you lift up the brokenhearted; you restore our spirits.  
You hear our prayers.  
**MANY: Give us your bread to eat and your cup to drink. Nourish us  
by your love to serve the world.**

*All who confess faith in the Risen Lord are welcome to eat the bread and to drink the cup in communion with all believers everywhere.*

#### \*Pastoral Benediction

Sharlande Sledge

#### Postlude

“Be Thou My Vision”  
arr. Larry Shackley  
Cindy Fuller

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