

## Worship Notes

**Today is the third Sunday of Easter.** Though we typically think of Easter as one day, it is also a season in the church year, spanning the time from Easter Sunday through Pentecost. During this season we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Christ and the meaning it has for our lives individually and as a community.

Fredrica Mathewes-Green says this:

“Easter addresses . . . the weariness of life, the pain, the profound loneliness and hovering fear of meaninglessness. Yet in the midst of this desolation we find Jesus, triumphant over death and still shockingly alive, present to us in ways we cannot understand much less explain. In him we find vibrancy of life, and a firm compassion that does not deny our suffering but transforms and illuminates it. He is life itself. As life incarnate, he could not be held back by death.”

**This morning we welcome Tommy Edds from Seventh & James Baptist Church as our guest instrumentalist on piano and organ.**

## Welcome

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.

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

## COVID-19 Policy Update

Attendees of Sunday morning services will no longer be required to wear masks during worship. Members of the congregation who feel that they should wear masks are, of course, welcomed to do so. Moreover, we encourage everyone to be mindful of those in our congregation with compromised immune systems, especially when interacting with folks in church. Sanctuary chairs will still be spaced apart as they have been.



There is plenty of work to be done down here, God knows. To struggle each day to walk the paths of righteousness is no pushover, and struggle we must because just as we are fed like sheep in green pastures, we must also feed his sheep, which are each other. Jesus, our shepherd, tells us that. We must help bear each other’s burdens. We must pray for each other. We must nourish each other. In short, we must love each other. We must never forget this.

— Frederick Buechner, *The Clown in the Belfry*



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**The People of Lake Shore Baptist Church**  
**Gathered for**  
**The Worship of God**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**May 1, 2022**

**Welcome** Martie Sauter

**Meditation of Preparation**

It is the brokenness of this world that cries out to us: Help us! And the sparks of God’s love in our heart respond . . . To each one we say, “We can bring you help and hope, feasts and comfort. But here is the most important thing we bring: a bit of bread and wine. This is where the world begins and where it begins to make sense. This is a love that will lead you and compel you to love in turn.”

*—Frederica Mathewes-Green*

**Prelude** “Saviour, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”  
arr. Tommy Edds  
Tommy Edds

**\*Hymn for Eastertide** “Alleluia! Hear God’s Story”  
W ZLOBIE LEZY

Alleluia! Hear God’s story, still unfolding with each dawn.  
Taste the wine and body broken: God’s creative love lives on.  
Who the neighbor? Who the hungry? Who is thirsty for shalom?  
God of journey, in your story, lead us, with the neighbor, home.

Alleluia! Sing the story; God’s great faithfulness proclaim.  
Tell of prophets and apostles; sing the pow’r of Jesus’ name.  
Who the neighbor? Who the list’ner? Who has ears to hear our song?  
God of hist’ry, tune our voices, make our hopeful witness strong.

Alleluia! Dance the story; ev’ry sinew now engage.  
Tethered close in truthful worship, boldly face the coming age.  
Who the neighbor? Who the watchful? Who will welcome life’s embrace?  
God of gospel, tell the story through our dancing of your grace.

**\*Affirmation of Faith** Brittany Ramirez

The Good News came in Jesus Christ.  
Jesus was God’s sign of what it means  
to be fully human and fully divine;  
Jesus revealed to us who we are – children of God.  
Jesus went about bringing joy to life and gave of himself  
as he shared bread and fish with the poor,  
as he handed bread and wine to his friends,  
as he became bread and hope for the world.  
Christ’s love we preach every time we are together.  
Christ’s gospel we profess every time we speak or act  
for our neighbors in the power of Jesus’s name. Amen

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

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**Reading of the Psalm** Psalm 23  
Vern Sauter

**Call to Prayer** Rory Stonikinis & Kim Kellison

Open our eyes that they may see the deepest needs of people;  
**move our hands that they may feed the hungry;**  
touch our hearts that they may bring warmth to the despairing;  
**teach us the generosity that welcomes strangers;**  
let us share our possessions to clothe the naked;  
**let us offer the care that strengthens the sick;**  
help us share in the call to set the prisoner free.  
**In sharing our anxieties and our love, our poverty and our  
prosperity, we partake of your divine presence.**

*prayer of a Zimbabwean Christian*

**Prayer for Us as We Shepherd Each Other** Brittany Ramirez

**\*Hymn for Christ’s Guidance** “Saviour, Like A Shepherd Lead Us”  
BRADBURY

Saviour, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;  
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine; do thou befriend us; be the guardian of our way;  
keep thy flock; from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear thy children when we pray;  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear thy children when we pray.

Early let us seek thy favor; early let us do thy will;  
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still;  
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

**\*Blessing of Our Gifts** Vern Sauter

**Offertory** “I Surrender All”  
arr. Tommy Edds  
Tommy Edds

**Meditation**

"If we want to share our experience of new life, we first have to demonstrate it by doing the simple, but demanding task of tending the sheep around us."

*—Alan Brehm*

**\*Gospel Reading** John 21:1-19  
Sharlande Sledge

This is the Gospel of grace.  
**Thanks to be God.**

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**Sermon** “Breakfast for Everyone”  
Sharlande Sledge

**Prayer of Confession** Brittany Ramirez

O God, your tender care surrounds us.  
**Yet we wander from your will like sheep without a shepherd.**  
We come to the table confessing our sins,  
**our faithlessness to you and to one another,**  
our forgetting the poor and the broken  
**our failure to love without hesitation.**  
Forgive us so we may forgive. Love us that we may love.  
**Feed us so that we may feed your children.**

**Celebration of the Meal**

*Christ feeds us like a Shepherd feeding his sheep.*

*You are invited to eat the bread, drink the cup, and give thanks.*

**\*Hymn of Welcome** “We Come as Guests Invited”  
WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine,  
his friends on earth united to share the bread and wine;  
the bread of life is broken the wine is freely poured  
for us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need,  
and in our hearts believing on him by faith we feed;  
with wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end,  
we find in Jesus living our ever-present friend.

One bread is ours for sharing, one single, fruitful vine,  
our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine:  
renewed, sustained, and given by token, sign, and word,  
the pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.

**\*Benediction** Sharlande Sledge

**\*Congregational Benediction** NETTLETON

We will practice resurrection in the name of Christ our Lord,  
raising joyful “alleluias” in each kindness, deed, and word;  
living in faith the daily habits,  
helping your grace and hope unfurl.  
**This our Easter prayer and purpose:**  
**“Love the Lord” and “Love the world.”**

*hymn text, Sharlande Sledge*

*with thanks to Frederick Buechner for words “practice resurrection”*

**Postlude** “People Need the Lord” and “Pass It On”  
arr. Kurt Kaiser  
Tommy Edds

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