



**Lake Highlands UMC
Traditional Worship
April 11, 2021**

Prelude

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"
Hannah Payne and Kathi Best

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Welcome and Greeting

Pastor Jill Jackson-Sears

- Welcome to Lake Highlands UMC! We are so glad to have you here this morning.
- We encourage all of you to take a few moments to check in on our website
<https://www.lhumc.com/onlineworship>
- If you are watching online and would like to receive Holy Communion you can drop by the church between 12 and 12:15pm in the McCree Parking lot just next to the Welcome Center doors and we would love to serve you in that way.

Announcements:

- At Lake Highlands UMC, we believe that the best way to connect with other people and grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ is get plugged into a **group** and we have lots of groups that are beginning soon for men, women, couples, etc. Many of them meet on Sunday morning and some on other days and times during the week. You can find out more or sign up for any of our groups online at www.lhumc.com/groups
- **Israel Trip-** We are excited to tell you that Lake Highlands UMC is taking a group to Israel on January 4-15, 2022. Dr. Robert Hunt from SMU will be leading this trip and Andy and Gretel Roberts and will also be providing devotions and some spiritual direction. So, if the past year has you ready to travel a little bit, then I hope you will join others from the church for the trip of a lifetime as we see the significant Jesus historical sites and we will also take time to learn about the Israel/Palestine conflict. If you are interested in going please email andy@lhumc.com or visit: www.lhumc.com

- **Greater:** We believe that LHUMC is called to equip and empower believers to “do even greater things” as we faithfully share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the world. Lake Highlands United Methodist Church makes disciples of Jesus Christ, who are sent to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in transformative ways. So, if you are feeling a call to ministry and want to see God use you in greater ways for the Kingdom of God please go to our website: www.lhumc.com and look for the Greater program to learn more information and to fill out an application!

Call to Worship

Liturgist

Leader: For just this hour,

All: Follow me.

Leader: Listen to my word,

All: Follow me.

Leader: Think about your life as my disciple every day,

All: Follow me.

Leader: Pray

All: Follow me.

Leader: Sing,

All: Follow me. Come, let us worship God!

Hymn #261 Lord of the Dance

1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

Dance, then wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2 I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
They came to me and the dance went on.

Dance, then wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

5 They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Dance, then wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Opening Prayer:

Liturgist

Gracious Christ, you came to the fishermen when the prophet John was taken away. Come to us now, as we fear losses of our own. Grant us courage to cast aside the nets that bind us, to follow you into true freedom and newness of life. Help us to be faithful disciples, that we might inspire others to follow in your ways. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Children's Ministry Time

Ministry Moment: Spanish Bibles at the New Room! For our next sermon series entitled "Disciple-Making Church" we will be collecting **detergent** for our clients for Feed Lake Highlands every Sunday during this 6 week series. So, you can bring laundry and dishwasher detergent to worship or you can drop it off in buckets in the McCree center parking lot!

Sunday morning offerings look a whole lot different than they used to. We ask you to please take a few moments now and click on the give button www.lhumc.com/give on our website or take a few moments to write a check to Lake Highlands UMC. There will also be some offering baskets as you exit the Sanctuary. Thank you in advance for your generous gifts.

Service of Holy Communion

Pastor Andy Roberts

INVITATION

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON:

ALL: **Merciful God,**
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader to people: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

Leader and people: **Glory to God. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image
and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed,
your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity,

made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through the prophets.
And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit anointed him
to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit.
When the Lord Jesus ascended,
he promised to be with us always,
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Invitation to Discipleship

Hymn #398 Jesus Calls

1. Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea:
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me!"

2. As of old the apostles heard it by the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.

4. In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these!"

5. Jesus call us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

Benediction

Pastor Andy Roberts

Postlude

“Jesus Shall Reign”
Kathi Best, organ

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