



**Lake Highlands UMC
Traditional Worship
May 2, 2021
8:30am**

Prelude

"Flute Song"
Kathi Best, organist

Thomas Arne

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Andy Roberts

- 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:

- **VBS Shepherds Needed!** VBS is happening this summer, June 7-10! We are in need of 48 shepherds who will guide our Pre-K/K and elementary groups through the VBS rotations. (Covid safety protocols will be in place.) If you would like to help make VBS possible this summer, please take a look at the Volunteer Signup and choose the age group you'd like to serve this summer!
- **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.

- **Women's Retreat-** Save the date... MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the fall women's retreat at the Prothro Center @ Lake Texoma! **November 12-14, 2021!**

Call to Worship

Liturgist

Leader: Take off your shoes!

All: We are standing on Holy ground.

Leader: Shake off the dust!

All: We are ready to start afresh.

Leader: Let us worship God and receive Christ's teachings,

All: that we might be renewed and strengthened to share God's love with the world.

Hymn #584 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

1 Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

2 Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend
And, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity.
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Opening Prayer:

Liturgist

God, just as You called King David so long ago, so You call each one of us to speak and act on Your behalf in our world today. Forgive us when we are hesitant to follow: when we question Your call, or make excuses for our abilities; when we complain about our lack of time or hoard our resources. Give us courage to step out in faith, to go where You send us without hesitation or fear, trusting that Your presence goes with us, and that You will provide all that we need.
Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' 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 Sermon

Rocky Dwyer

Ministry Moment: 800 books for Feed Lake Highlands Book Mobile!

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.

Offering Prayer

Anthem

"Go Out and Tell!"

Lantz III

Hear the good news. I am the key. The deaf will hear, and the blind will see.
Jesus said, "Come and follow me." The deaf do hear, and the blind do see.
Hear the good news. I am the key. The lame will walk, and the demons flee.
Jesus said, "Come and walk with me." The lame do walk, and demons flee.
Go out and tell what you see and hear. When you believe, you need not fear.
Go out and tell what you see and hear. When you believe, you need not fear. Hallelujah!
Go and tell the world! Hear the good news. I am the key. The dead will rise, and the sick be free.
Jesus said, "Come and be with me." The dead are raised, and the sick are free.
Go out and tell what you see and hear. When you believe, you need not fear.
Go out and tell what you see and hear. When you believe, you need not fear. Hallelujah!
Go and tell the world!
Go out and tell what you see and hear. When you believe, you need not fear.

Go out and tell what you see and hear. When you believe, you need not fear.
Hallelujah! Go and tell the world that you believe!

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Andy Roberts

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

Scripture

Mark 6: 6b-13

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Message

"The Mission of Discipleship"

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Service of Holy Communion

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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 #2129 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

1. I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus no turning back, no turning back.

2. The world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me, no turning back, no turning back.

3. Though none go with me, still I will follow, though none go with me, still I will follow,
Though none go with me, still I will follow, no turning back, no turning back.

Benediction

Pastor Andy Roberts

Postlude

“Lead On O King Eternal”
Kathi Best, Organist

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