

Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

May 21, 2023

10:00 am

Preparation for Worship

The Gathering

Here I Am to Worship

Tim Hughes

1) Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus:

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

2) King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge:

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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Yes He Can

Cain

1) Sometimes I wonder is He faithful
Does He see me in my trouble does He understand
Sometimes I question if He's able
Can He rescue can He save me again and again
But when I look back

Chorus:

Did He move every mountain
Did He part every sea
Yes He did so yes He can
Did He defeat the darkness

Did He deliver me
Yes He did so yes He can
(Yes He did so yes He can)

2) 'Cause sometimes those voices try to tell me
I'm forgotten and I've fallen too far from His hands
But I know what kind of God He is
And I'm trusting in His promises
I'm believing and I'm singing
Yes He can

Bridge:
'Cause I've seen too much now I can't deny
He's come through every single time
From the beginning until the end
He did He will He can

Chorus

Yes He did so yes He can

Prelude

Thine is the Glory
LPC Ringers Handbell Choir

Cynthia Dobrinski

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

Meg Sheffield, Liturgist

Call to Worship

Leader: In a world where power is the ultimate high, Jesus did not regard equality with God as something to exploit.

People: Instead, he emptied himself of power, claiming the lowly lot of a slave.

Leader: In human form he was brought low by death, death on a cross.

People: Therefore, God has highly exalted him, and granted him power above all the powers that be!

Leader: Lift up your hearts,

People: Jesus Christ is Lord! Hallelujah!

***Hymn of Praise**

Lift High the Cross

Refrain: (ALL)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore His sacred name.

Vs. 1: Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. (Refrain)

Vs. 2: Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. (Refrain)

(CHOIR INTERLUDE)

Vs. 3: O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally. (Refrain)

Vs. 4: So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. (Refrain)

(CHOIR: Fanfare ending)

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Jesus, you are the King of Heaven, and you will come to rule the earth. You have given us power to build your kingdom here on earth and to prepare for your coming, but we confess that we lose sight of our purpose. We are easily consumed with the worries of life. We are given to distraction and lack self-discipline. We neglect your call to us, thinking that we'll devote ourselves more fully to you later. Forgive us for getting mixed up and off track. Renew in us a sense of urgency and joyful eagerness to fulfill your purpose for our lives on earth. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***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.



The Children's Time

Brian Mitchell

The Act of Offering

Offertory

Total Praise
LPC Chancel Choir

Richard Smallwood

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn of Preparation**

Fairest Lord Jesus

1) Fairest Lord Jesus,

Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish,
thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2) Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer;
Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3) Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter;
Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.

4) Beautiful Savior,
Ruler of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

The Word of God Proclaimed

Scripture

Acts 1:1-11

Sermon

Upward & Onward

Rev Joy Laughridge

Response of God's People

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Commitment**

The Church's One Foundation

1) The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2) Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

3) Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4) Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore:
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

5) Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
may live eternally.

Blessing and Benediction

***Benediction**

Postlude

Prelude in D minor (BWV 554)

Johann Sebastian Bach

***Indicates Congregation Standing**



5/21 Sunday

- Immediately following the service - All Church Luncheon provided by the Presbyterian Women

5/22 Monday

- 6:30 pm - Chair Yoga in Benz Hall

5/24 Wednesday

- 5:30 pm - Band Practice in the Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm - Choir Practice in the Sanctuary

**For a complete list of events or more information, visit
our website: www.lpcjax.org.**

Duty Elders for May:	Bunny George Dana Jewell Michael Sullivan Debbie Wallace
Liturgist:	Meg Sheffield
Senior Pastor:	Rev. Joy Laughridge
Director of Youth & Christian Education:	Brian Mitchell
Director of Music & Organist:	Carl Marucci
LPC Ringers Director:	Ruthann Strebler
Parish Associate:	Rev. Vickie Bossuot
Nursery Attendant:	Kenya Brantley
The floral arrangement in the chancel is given by George & Cathy Barnwell in thanksgiving for their 46 th wedding anniversary.	

May 14, 2023

Attendance: 124

1st Time Visitors: 4

Lakewood Presbyterian Church
Income Statement: Summary v Budget

YTD March 2023

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Total Income	115,353	146,150	(30,797)
Total Expenses	146,913	141,769	(5144)
Net Income	(31,560)	4381	(35,941)



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Thinking with Christ's mind • Loving with Christ's heart • Serving with Christ's hands