

Lakewood Presbyterian Church

Order of Service for the Worship of God

July 31, 2022

10:00 am

Preparation for Worship

The Gathering

Change My Heart, O God

VERSE:

Change my heart, O God;
Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God;
May I be like You.
Change my heart, O God;
Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God;
May I be like You.

CHORUS:

You are the potter;
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me ;
This is what I pray. (Repeat Verse to Ending)

ENDING:

Change my heart, O God;
Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God;
May I be like You.

Ancient Words

1. Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart.
Oh, let the ancient words impart.
Words of life, words of hope
Give us strength, help us cope
In this world, where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home.
Chorus: Ancient words ever true
Changing me, changing you.
We have come with open hearts
O let the ancient words impart.
2. Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age.
Came to us through sacrifice
Oh, heed the faithful words of Christ.
Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart.
Oh, let the ancient words impart. (Chorus)

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: From the side of the roads we travel daily, Jesus calls:

People: "Follow me."

Leader: In the midst of our duties and distractions, Jesus says again:

People: "Follow me."

Leader: Even when the task seems urgent, or the person important, Jesus persists:

People "Follow me."

All: With focused faithfulness, let us join in worship, striving to follow him.

*Hymn of Praise

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Hymn #396

Brethren, we have met to worship
and adore the Lord our God.
Will you pray with all your power
while we try to preach the word?
All is vain unless the Spirit
of the holy One comes down.
Brethren, pray, and holy manna
will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you come and help us?
Moses' sister aided him.
Will you help the trembling mourners
who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior.
Tell them that he will be found.
Sisters, pray, and holy manna
will be showered all around.

Is there here a trembling jailer,
seeking grace and filled with fears?
Is there here a weeping Mary
pouring forth a flood of tears?
Brethren, join your cries to help them;
sisters, let your prayers abound!
Pray, O pray, that holy manna
will be scattered all around.

Let us love our God supremely;
let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for sinners
till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven;
at his table we'll sit down.
Christ will gird himself and serve us
with sweet manna all around.

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, you never tire of loving and sustaining your people and the whole Creation. Our Lord Jesus never failed to obey you and never stops leading us. Your Spirit never leaves us or ceases to be our helper. Our confession is that we are not so consistent, or reliable, in being faithful to you. You love us, and we take it for granted. Jesus leads us, and we fail to follow. The Spirit speaks, and we don't pay attention. We allow ourselves to be lulled into complacency and neglect our commitment to you. We are grateful for your tender mercy and ask to receive it now. Give us strength to keep running the race set before us and give us joy in the running. 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

Day by Day
Sara, Aidan, & Brennan Mitchell

***Doxology**

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Word of God Proclaimed

Hymn of Preparation

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

Tho' none go with me, I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.

My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;
My cross I'll carry till I see Jesus,
My cross I'll carry till I see Jesus;
No turning back, No turning back.

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.

Scripture

Luke 9:57-62
Philippians 3:12-14

Drama

“Marionetta”
Kathryn Balow, Travis Woodlief,
Beau Southwood, Aidan Mitchell

Sermon

No Turning Back

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Commitment**

Jesus Calls Us

Hymn #720

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."

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

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."

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thy obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

Blessing and Benediction

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Indicates Congregation Standing**

Duty Elders for July:

Stan Pilinski

CJ Clark

Frank Wood

Liturgists:

Virginia Catherine Laughridge

Conner Balow

Senior Pastor:

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Director of Youth & Christian Education:

Brian Mitchell

Director of Music:

Tony Testino

Parish Associate:

Vickie Bossuot

The Floral Arrangement in the Chancel this morning is given by Diana Quinlan in honor of Kristen Quinlan's birthday.



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Upcoming Events

Friday 8/5

- 9 am - 12 pm - The Big Pink Bus – Mobile Mammograms

Saturday 8/13

- 2 pm - River City Men’s & Women’s Chorus Concert – Rejoicing in Song

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**LPC FAITHFULNESS REPORT
JUNE 30, 2022 YTD (preliminary)**

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
REVENUES*	\$272,250	\$285,530	\$13,280
EXPENSES	\$267,351	\$274,515	(\$7,164)
INCOME	\$4,898	\$11,015	\$6117

	Available	Notes
Window Replacement Fund	\$32,000	
Irrigation & Landscaping Fund	\$21,000	If not needed for windows
Designated Capital Reserves	\$16,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking lot resurfacing • Exterior door replacement
Undesignated Capital Reserves	\$13,500	

- The Finance Ministry