Lakeshore Presbyterian Church June 18, 2023 Pastor Bre Ryan, presiding

When you see **bold print**, the congregation is invited to join in.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 126)

One: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

All: Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy!

One: Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

All: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced!

One: Come, let us worship the Lord!

HYMN "Great is the Lord"

Great is the Lord Ca ngọi Thiên Chúa

Words & Music by Michael W. Smith and Debora D. Smith



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God our Father, you are great! We praise you for your steadfast faithfulness and love. We confess our faithfulness has not been steadfast. We confess our doubt, our lack of trust, and our desire to go our own way. We depend on ourselves rather than relying on you. With you, all things are possible! By Your Spirit, help us to trust that

there is nothing too wonderful for you. Fill our mouths with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy, in the name of Jesus Christ now and forever. Amen.

PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION (in silence)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE OF PRAISE 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Genesis 18:1-18, 21:1-7

Genesis 18:1-18

¹ The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oak¹ of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' ¹⁰ Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, 'After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?' ¹³ The LORD said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah laugh, and say, "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" ¹⁴ Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.' ¹⁵ But Sarah denied, saying, 'I did not laugh'; for she was afraid. He said, 'Oh yes, you did laugh.'

¹⁶ Then the men set out from there, and they looked towards Sodom; and Abraham went with them to set them on their way. ¹⁷ The LORD said, 'Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸ seeing that Abraham shall become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

Genesis 21:1-7

¹ The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. ² Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³ Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. ⁴ And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵ Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶ Now Sarah said, 'God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.' ⁷ And she said, 'Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.'

SERMON "Laughing Matters"

HYMN "God Can Do Anything"

God Can Do Anything But Fail



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us say what we believe:

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell; On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you!

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer, O LORD"

Hear our prayer, O Lord Hear our prayer, O Lord Incline Thine ear to us And grant us Thy peace

THE OFFERING

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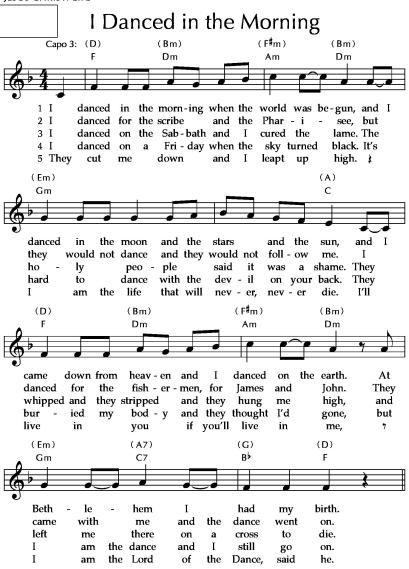
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him all creatures here below

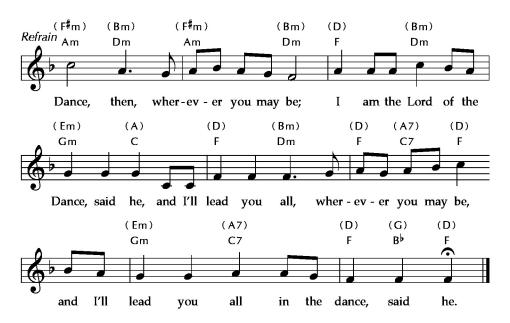
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HYMN "I Danced in the Morning" #302



This 20th-century ballad-like retelling of the life of Christ, though written for this Shaker tune, has many similarities with the pre-Reformation carol "Tomorrow shall be my dancing day." Such narrative carols were common both at Christmas and as part of medieval mystery plays.

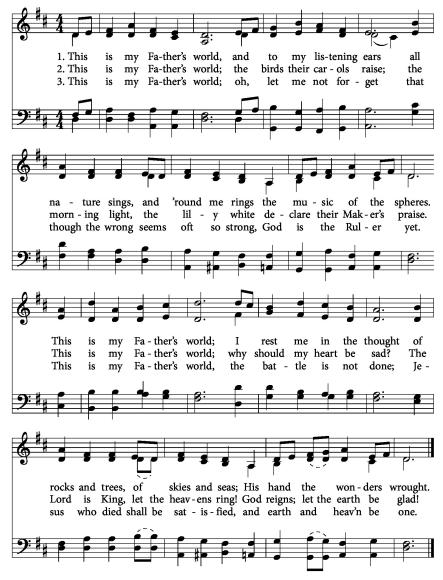


CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "This is My Father's World" #293 v1

This Is My Father's World

The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains; the world, and those who dwell in it. Psalm 24:1



FELLOWSHIP



Honoring all the fathers, grandfathers, godfathers and special men in our lives

TODAY



Happy Birthday

Joy Foglesong Jackie Bolman Bible Study



Every Sunday 9-9:45 am

Happy Anniversary

Clare and Marcia Scheurer

OOPS!

A woman's black full length coat was missing from the coatrack last Sunday.

Please check your closets and return it to the church.

PRAYER GROUP Join us Thursday's 10 am



Dates to Remember

6/18 Father's Day Pancake Breakfast after worship

6/25 Summer Celebration after worship

6/27 VBS Planning Meeting 3 pm



6/18 Sue Dykstra, Marsha Hiller, Wanda McCormick, Pat Moses

6/25 Barb Wismer, Marcia Scheurer, Clay Osborne, Steve Steinhaus



Shine a light on Jesus' Love

Vacation Bible School Space Adventure

Children 4-12

August 21-25 4pm – 6pm