

Lakeshore Presbyterian Church  
November 12, 2023  
Pastor Bill Davis, presiding

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

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (Joshua 24:19-24)**

One: But Joshua said to the people, If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.'

**ALL: And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the LORD!'**

One: Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.'

**ALL: And they said, 'We are witnesses.'**

One: He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.'

**ALL: The people said to Joshua, 'The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.'**

**HYMN "Lean on O King Eternal" #447**

1 Lead on, O King eternal,  
The day of march has come;  
Henceforth in fields of conquest  
Thy tents shall be our home:  
Through days of preparation  
Thy grace has made us strong,  
And now, O King eternal,  
We lift our battle song.

2 Lead on, O King eternal,  
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
And holiness shall whisper  
The sweet amen of peace;  
For not with swords' loud clashing,  
Nor roll of stirring drums;  
With deeds of love and mercy  
The heavenly kingdom comes.

3 Lead on, O King eternal:  
We follow, not with fears,  
For gladness breaks like morning  
Where'er Thy face appears;

Thy cross is lifted over us;  
We journey in its light:  
The crown awaits the conquest;  
Lead on, O God of might.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Eternal LORD of all creation, YOU have made it clear that YOUR kingdom will come with deeds of love and mercy. We humbly confess that we sometimes choose power, might, and wealth ahead of love and mercy. We repent! We ask YOU to inject us with the desire to serve JESUS CHRIST, to place HIM ahead of all earthly gods. Fill us with love for YOU and our neighbors. Give us the courage to serve only YOU! AMEN.**

### **PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION** (in silence)

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

### **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** Gloria Patri

**Glorify 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 MESSAGE**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

### **SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

<sup>13</sup> But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> about those who have died,<sup>[a]</sup> so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>15</sup> For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

### **SERMON "God's Promise"**

### **HYMN "Soon and Very Soon"**

#### **Verse 1**

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King! 3x  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

#### **Verse 2**

No more crying there, we are going to see the King! 3x  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

### **Verse 3**

No more dying there, we are going to see the King! 3x  
allelujah, Hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

### **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**

#### **DOXOLOGY #592**

**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 "Abide With Me" #543**

1 Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide!  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
Change and decay in all around I see.  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

3 I need Thy presence every passing hour;  
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

4 I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless:  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

5 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies:  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

## **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

**"Coming again, coming again!**

**Maybe morning, maybe noon, maybe evening and maybe soon!**

**Coming again, coming again!**

**O what a wonderful day it will be-Jesus is coming again."**

## **FELLOWSHIP**