



Welcome to St. Luke's Church

Sunday, June 18, 2023

Proper 6

Our Mission:

"To Know God and To Make Him Known"

*Visitors are not expected to participate in the offering.
We hope you enjoy visiting with us today. Please come again soon.*

www.stlukesakron.com

Processional Hymn

“Cornerstone - My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name (Repeat)

Chorus: Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

Edward Mote | Eric Liljero | Jonas Myrin | Reuben Morgan | William
Batchelder Bradbury © 2011 Hillsong Publishing (Admin. by Capitol CMG
Publishing) CCLI# 73146

Welcome and Call to Worship

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

All: Blessed be His Kingdom now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

**All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Summary of the Law

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 22:37-40)

The Kyrie

**Sung: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy
 Hear our cry and heal our land
 Let kindness lead us to repentance
 Bring us back again**

Chris Tomlin | Jason Ingram | Matt Maher | Matt Redman © 2016

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: O Lord, from whom all good proceeds: Grant us the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may always think those things that are good, and by your merciful guidance may accomplish the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Praise and Worship

“Our Father”

Our Father in heaven hallowed be Your Name
Your kingdom come quickly Your will be done the same

Chorus: On earth as it is in heaven
 Let heaven come to Earth as it is in heaven
 (Let heaven come)

Interlude:

Let heaven come, let heaven come

Bridge:

Yours is the kingdom Yours is the power
Yours is the glory forever amen

Marcus Meier© 2009 Forerunner Worship CCLI License # 73146

“To Our God”

Up from the ashes Your love has brought us
Out of the darkness and into the light
Lifting our sorrows, bearing our burdens
Healing our hearts

Chorus: To our God we lift up one voice
To our God we lift up one song
To our God we lift up one voice
Singing hallelujah

Chains have been broken eyes have been opened
An army of dry bones is starting to rise
Death is defeated, we are victorious
For You are alive

Bridge: Hallelujah, singing hallelujah
Hallelujah, singing hallelujah
Hallelujah, singing hallelujah, hallelujah
Make His praise glorious, glorious, glorious
For His name is glorious, glorious, glorious
Make His praise glorious, glorious, glorious
Shout His name glorious, glorious, glorious

Brian Johnson | Jeremy Riddle | Joel Taylor © 2012 Bethel Music
CCLI License # 73146

“Glory”

Glory, glory and honor to the King, Emmanuel.
Worship, worship and praises to the King, Emmanuel.
For God alone is worthy. His love flows from the throne.
We bow to You and exalt Your Name, today and evermore.

Righteous, righteous and holy is the King, Emmanuel.
Faithful, faithful and mighty is the King, Emmanuel.
For God alone is worthy. His love flows from the throne.
We bow to You and exalt Your Name, today and evermore.

Abba, Abba Father. You're my King, Emmanuel.
My Lord, my Lord God Almighty
You're my King, Emmanuel.
For God alone is worthy. His love flows from the throne.
We bow to You and exalt Your Name, today and evermore.

For You alone are worthy,
Your love flows from your throne.
I bow to You and exalt Your Name, today and evermore.

Notluf Mij ©1989

Announcements

The Lessons

At the end of each reading the lector says:

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Exodus 19:1-8

Psalm 100

Romans 5:1-11

The Gospel *[All rise]*

**Sung: Word of God speak would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty
To be still and know that You're in this place
Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness
Word of God speak**

Bart Millard | Pete Kiple © 2002 Songs From The Indigo Room, Simpleville
Music, Curb Wordspring Music CCLI License # 73146

Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew 9:35-10:15.

All: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

At the end of the reading:

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Message

The Nicene Creed *[All rise]*

Celebrant: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Deacon: Let's pray for the Church and the World as our hearts and voices proclaim our desire to see you move in our midst.

We pray Lord for peace, that the world would operate in your presence, apply your love and live in unity until we are called into your heavenly kingdom.

Pray for the World: Please add here your prayers and intercessions for the world.

Deacon: We pray for our archbishop, our bishop, our priests, and deacons. We know that we are connected to a larger fellowship sphere of influence than just our church and we pray that we would be unified in our purpose and ministry so that people would be drawn to your transforming love and kingdom purposes.

Pray for the Church: Please add here your prayers and intercessions for the church.

Deacon: We pray that your Word would go out to the ends of the earth. We pray for all believers to have a hunger for your word and to seek to teach and disciple others from it.

Pray for all who proclaim your Gospel: Please add your prayers for preachers, teachers, and evangelists.

Deacon: We pray for believers and missionaries who are persecuted for their faith.

Pray for the persecuted: Please add your prayers for those who are persecuted throughout the world.

Deacon: We pray for you to call our nation back to you, and for those in authority and public service, that they may seek your face and do your will.

Pray for our nation's leadership: Please add your prayers for our nation.

Deacon: We Pray for the broken, anxious, depressed, ill, recovering, or any form of physical or spiritual oppression.

Pray for those in need: Please add your prayer for those who the Lord has placed on your heart.

Deacon: We pray for those who grieve the loss of loved ones. We thank you Lord for the hope of heaven and we entrust those who have passed to your eternal care.

Pray with thanksgiving for the hope of heaven: Please add the names of those who have gone to be with the Lord.

Celebrant: Father God, we lift our hearts to you in prayer, trusting our hopes and hearts desires to your response. May we continue to give thanks for your continued hand upon our lives and that our hearts and minds would be aligned with your will as we prayer to you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to the Lord.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Comfortable Words

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15)

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:1-2)

The Peace

Deacon: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Deacon: Exchange with one another the Lord's Peace.

The Offertory *[Tithes and offerings are collected at this time]*

Celebrant: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

“Psalm 46 (Lord Of Hosts)”

O come behold the works of God the nations at His feet
He breaks the bow and bends the spear
And tells the wars to cease
O Mighty One of Israel You are on our side
We walk by faith in God
Who burns the chariots with fire

Chorus: Lord of hosts You're with us with us in the fire
With us as a Shelter, with us in the storm
You will lead us through the fiercest battle
Oh where else would we go
But with the Lord of hosts

O God of Jacob fierce and great
You lift Your voice to speak
The earth it bows, and all the mountains move into the sea
O Lord You know the hearts of men
And still You let them live
O God who makes the mountains melt
Come wrestle us and win
O God who makes the mountains melt
Come wrestle us and win

Bridge: Though oceans roar You are the Lord of all
 The One who calms the wind and waves
 And makes my heart be still
 Though the earth gives way
 The mountains move into the sea, the nations rage
 I know my God is in control

Jennie Lee Riddle | Josh Miller | Josiah Warneking | Shane Barnard © 2015
Jennie Lee Riddle Music, Tent Peg Music, Songs From Wellhouse
CCLI License # 73146

Doxology *[All rise]*

Sung: **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.

Louis Bourgeois | Thomas Ken © Words & Music: Public Domain Music CCLI# 73146

Celebrant: All things come of you O Lord
All: And of Your own have we given You.

The Great Thanksgiving

[We invite all baptized Christians to join us at the Lord's table.]

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere
to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and
earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week
overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

**Sung: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Most
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Most High
All glory power and praise
And blessing now we raise for You alone can save**

Dan Morgan ©

The Prayer of Consecration

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved.

By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory; that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Mystery of Faith

Deacon: Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord:

All: Face to Face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray

**All: Our Father Who art in Heaven
Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as 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 the power and the glory
Forever and ever. Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

All: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Prayer of Humble Access

All: We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies.

Apart from your grace, we are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord, whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Agnus Dei

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

All: Have mercy on us.

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

All: Have mercy on us.

Celebrant: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world

All: Grant us your peace.

Celebrant: The gifts of God, for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Celebrant: The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.
 The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation.

Music During Communion

“Forever Reign”

You are good, You are good
When there's nothing good in me
You are love, You are love on display for all to see
You are light, You are light when the darkness closes in
You are hope, You are hope, You have covered all my sin

You are peace, You are peace when my fear is crippling
You are true, You are true even in my wandering
You are joy, You are joy, You're the reason that I sing
You are life, You are life, In You death has lost its sting

Chorus:

Oh, I'm running to Your arms, I'm running to Your arms
The riches of Your love will always be enough
Nothing compares to Your embrace
Light of the world forever reign

You are more, You are more than my words will ever say
You are Lord, You are Lord, all creation will proclaim
You are here, You are here,
In Your presence I'm made whole
You are God, You are God,
Of all else I'm letting go (Chorus)

Bridge:

My heart will sing no other Name: Jesus, Jesus

Jason Ingram | Reuben Morgan © 2009 Hillsong Music Publishing, Sony/ATV
Timber Publishing, West Main Music, Windsor Hill Music CCLI License # 73146

“Eyes Of Mercy”

When I am weak that's when You are strong
When I let go I fall into Your arms (Repeat)

Pre-Chorus: I take up Your yoke, I know that it's so easy
I take up Your burden that's light (Repeat)

Chorus: I look into Your eyes of mercy
I remember that Your heart it's for me
Lord it's for me
I'm holding on to Your divine love
I'm holding on and I'm not letting go
Oh no it's not my zeal, it's that Your love is strong
It's not my strength, it's that You're faithful

Jaye Keheir Thomas | Jon Thurlow © 2012 Jaye Thomas Music, Jon Thurlow
Music, Watershed Publishing Group, Watershed Worship Publishing
CCLI License # 73146

“You Never Let Go”

Even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught in the middle
Of the storms of this life
I won't turn back I know You are near

Pre-Chorus: And I will fear no evil for my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear, whom then shall I fear

Chorus: Oh no You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no You never let go
In every high and every low
Oh no You never let go
Lord, You never let go of me

And I can see a light that is coming
For the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth

Bridge: Yes I can see a light
That is coming for the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
Still I will praise You, still I will praise You

Beth Redman | Matt Redman © 2005 Thankyou Music CCLI License # 73146

Post Communion Prayer *[All rise]*

All: Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out into the world to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant: All our problems

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: All our difficulties

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: All the devil's works
All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: And all of hopes
All: We set on the risen Christ

The Blessing

The Recessional

"Forever Reign"

You are good, You are good
When there's nothing good in me
You are love, You are love on display for all to see
You are light, You are light when the darkness closes in
You are hope, You are hope, You have covered all my sin

You are peace, You are peace when my fear is crippling
You are true, You are true even in my wandering
You are joy, You are joy, You're the reason that I sing
You are life, You are life, In You death has lost its sting

Chorus:

Oh, I'm running to Your arms, I'm running to Your arms
The riches of Your love will always be enough
Nothing compares to Your embrace
Light of the world forever reign

You are more, You are more than my words will ever say
You are Lord, You are Lord, all creation will proclaim
You are here, You are here,
In Your presence I'm made whole
You are God, You are God,
Of all else I'm letting go (Chorus)

Bridge:

My heart will sing no other Name: Jesus, Jesus

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

This Week at St. Luke's Church, June 19th – June 25th

Monday

Boy Scout Troop 411, 7:00-8:30 PM (The Harbor)

Tuesday

Worship With the Word, 6:00-8:00 PM (Sanctuary)

Stage 4 Ministry, 6:30-8:30 PM (Conference Room)

Women's Group, 7:00-8:30 PM (Common Room)

Wednesday

Thursday

Stage 4 Ministry, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM (Conference Room)

Morning Intercession Group, 9:30-11:30 AM (Sanctuary)

Friday

Saturday

Men's Group, 9:30-11:00 AM (Café)

Sunday

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 AM (Sanctuary)

Bethel Akron Worship, 5:00-7:00 PM (Sanctuary & Upper Level)

Youth Group, 6:30-8:30 PM (The Harbor)

St. Luke's Summer Gatherings:

June 30th July 9th July 28th

August 6th August 25th

Save the Date:

July 16th – Youth Group Mission Trip to Chicago

August 4th thru 6th – Copley Heritage Days

October 5th thru 7th – New Directory Photos

**Readings for June 25: Jeremiah 20:7-13, Psalm 69:1-18
Romans 5:15b-19, Matthew 10:16-33**