

Welcome to Lake Avenue Baptist Church

June 28, 2026



“Rejoice & Be Glad” - Helen Siegl,
Austria

Centering Words

- “I was going to die, if not sooner then later, whether or not I had ever spoken myself. My silences had not protected me. Your silence will not protect you. But, for every real word spoken, for every attempt I had ever made to speak those truths for which I am still seeking, I had made contact with other women while we examined the words to fit a world in which we all believed, bridging our differences. And it was the concern and caring of all those women which gave me strength and enabled me to scrutinize the essentials of my living.”

- Audre Lorde

Good Mornings

Ma gwa na ni (Shona), **Ming galaba** (Burmese), **Mwah be you ay** (Bembe), **Mbote** (Lingala), **Jam bo** (Swahili), **Na Dam Ma** (Chin), **Gaw Ler Gay** (Karen), **Buenos Dias** (Spanish), **Bonjour** (French), **Zǎoshang hǎo** (Chinese), **Kaja Na Ai Ee** (Jinghpaw Kachin), **Te Rya Beh Tee** (Karenni), **Mauri** (Kiribati), **Oo-ya Morgen** (Flemish)

Announcements

- Mission Committee is collecting snacks for Cameron Community Ministries Summer Kids' programs
- Tie-Dye Party and Luncheon Sunday, July 12 at FBC Rochester
- Pride Parade Saturday, July 18
- Pride Service Sunday, July 19
- Sunday School is looking for teachers and people to do the Children's sermons over the summer

Call to Worship - “Ordination Invocation” - Ken Sehested

One: Oh, wondrous One who rides the skies and consorts with earth,

**All: You who haunts the heavens, hounding mere mortals with
the expectation of ecstasy,**

One: Come and arouse us,

**All: Arouse the hungry hearts wandering this barren land to the
aroma of your presence.**

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One: Come to us Holy Spirit, scorch away the encrusted accumulation of living so long outside the breath of your lungs;

All: Lend us your fire.

One: As Jesus was raised as the first fruit of your Reign, now raise the people of God, the vanguard of your vision.

All: Visit us again with power on this day and breathe life into your Resurrection movement.

Opening Hymn - In the Midst of New Dimensions

In the midst of new dimensions,
In the face of changing ways,
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples
Wandering in their separate ways?

Opening Hymn - In the Midst of New Dimensions

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
Leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey
Now and ever
Now and ever
Now and evermore.

Opening Hymn - In the Midst of New Dimensions

Through the flood of starving people,

Warring factions and despair,

Who will lift the olive branches?

Who will light the flame of care?

Opening Hymn - In the Midst of New Dimensions

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
Leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey
Now and ever
Now and ever
Now and evermore.

Opening Hymn - In the Midst of New Dimensions

As we stand a world divided
By our own self-seeking schemes,
Grant that we, your global village,
Might envision wider dreams.

Opening Hymn - In the Midst of New Dimensions

God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
Leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey
Now and ever
Now and ever
Now and evermore.

Opening Hymn - In the Midst of New Dimensions

We are man and we are woman,

All persuasions, old and young,

Each a gift in your creation,

Each a love song to be sung.

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Opening Hymn - In the Midst of New Dimensions

Should the threats of dire predictions

Cause us to withdraw in pain,

May your blazing phoenix spirit

Resurrect the church again.

Opening Hymn - In the Midst of New Dimensions

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Leading where the eagles soar,
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Children's Message



“Let the Children Come Onto Me” - Fritz von Uhde

Song of Blessing for Children

**Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the
love of God surround you everywhere,
everywhere you may go. X2**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

- Invitation to Offering
- Ministry of Music
- Doxology
 - **Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen**
- Blessing

Prayer Concerns and Celebrations

- Sharing of Joys and Concerns
- Pastoral Prayer
- Lord's Prayer
 - **Our Father who 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, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Ancient Word: Isaiah 43:1-7

1 But now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name; you are mine.

2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

Ancient Word: Isaiah 43:1-7

3 For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

4 Because you are precious in my sight
and honored and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

Ancient Word: Isaiah 43:1-7

5 Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;

6 I will say to the north, “Give them up,”

and to the south, “Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of the earth—

Ancient Word: Isaiah 43:1-7

7 everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

Hymn - Quirky, Queer, and Wonderful

Quirky, queer, and wonderful

Distinct, unique, and odd...

All of our humanity

Reveals the face of God.

Hymn - Quirky, Queer, and Wonderful

No “normal” can encompass
Or comprehend the range
Of all the kinds of people
That God created strange!

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Hymn - Quirky, Queer, and Wonderful

From Jesus we learn riddles;

He said the last are first.

He tweaked received religion

With roles that he reversed.

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Hymn - Quirky, Queer, and Wonderful

To Peter, God presented
Untouchable cuisine
And said “Do not call dirty
What I declare is clean.”

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In Christ the false divisions
Of gender, class, and race,
Can never separate us
From God's abundant grace.

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The many parts that form us

Each serve a different role.

In Christ, we are one body,

Made holy, good, and whole.

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Ancient Word: 2 Corinthians 3:17-4:6

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

18 And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Ancient Word: 2 Corinthians 3:17-4:6

4:1 Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart.

2 We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Ancient Word: 2 Corinthians 3:17-4:6

3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.

4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing clearly the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

5 For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake

Ancient Word: 2 Corinthians 3:17-4:6

6 For it is the God who said, “Light will shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reflection on the Word - “Mercy and Ministry”



“Pentecost” - Stushie

Litany of Renewed Commitment

One: O God, as we are gathered here today, may we be challenged to remember your call to each of us.

Two: In that remembering may we be renewed in our commitment to serve you.

All: By name you have called us to be members of your body, siblings of Christ.

Litany of Renewed Commitment

Two: We acknowledge to one another and to you, O God, that we sometimes grow tired and our struggles seem to much for us to bear.

One: Then we remember...

All: By name you have called us to strive to make your church a welcoming and comforting haven for all people.

Litany of Renewed Commitment

One: We acknowledge to one another and to you, O God, that we do not always know how to manage our differences, hear other's voices, feel each other's pain.

Two: Then we remember...

All: By name you have called us to be seekers of truth and embracers of diversity, united in our love for you and your love for all creation.

Litany of Renewed Commitment

One: We acknowledge to one another and to you, O God, the needs of our community and the world seem overwhelming and evil confronts us daily.

Two: Then we remember...

All: By name you have called us to follow Jesus, the Christ, to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the imprisoned, to comfort all who mourn.

Litany of Renewed Commitment

One: As we join hearts and hands today to acknowledge your call of your servant, Rick Mixon, along with others in our midst, to ordained Christian ministry, we also renew our own promises to be your ministers, especially on this 30th anniversary of Lake Avenue Baptist Church's joining the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists.

Two: Called as partners in Christ's service, we joyfully pledge to support one another and hold us all in prayer as we minister together in Christ's name.

All: For by name you have called us and bound us together by your grace.

Closing Hymn - We Are the People of God

We are the people of God.

Come to this hallowing place.

We are the body of Christ,

Bonded together by grace.

Closing Hymn - We Are the People of God

Maker of heav'n and earth,

Sov'reign of life and death,

Nurture us toward new birth,

Filling our bones with your breath.

Closing Hymn - We Are the People of God

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Come to this hallowing place.

We are the body of Christ,

Bonded together by grace.

Closing Hymn - We Are the People of God

Jesus, our Lord and friend,
You break down every wall,
Let each division end
Till you shall be all in all.

Closing Hymn - We Are the People of God

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Come to this hallowing place.

We are the body of Christ,

Bonded together by grace.

Closing Hymn - We Are the People of God

Spirit of power and peace,
Descend like bread from God,
Manna which will not cease
Till life's long way has been trod.

Closing Hymn - We Are the People of God

We are the people of God.

Come to this hallowing place.

We are the body of Christ,

Bonded together by grace.

Closing Hymn - We Are the People of God

Creator, strong and sure;
Jesus, our friend and guide;
Spirit and comforter,
Come to us now and abide.

Closing Hymn - We Are the People of God

We are the people of God.

Come to this hallowing place.

We are the body of Christ,

Bonded together by grace.

Sung Blessing - Here I Am, Lord (Refrain)

Here I am, Lord

Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord,

If you lead me,

I will hold your people in my heart.

Thank You
for Joining
Us!



“The Assumption” - Stephen B. Whatley