

# April 7, 2024

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### Quotes for Reflection

"The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love."

Psalm 103:8

"Our mind cannot find a comparison too large for expressing the superabundant mercy of the Lord toward his people."

David Dickson

## Call to Worship

Psalm 40:5, 10-11

You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none
can compare with you!

I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than can be told.

I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your
faithfulness
from the great congregation.

As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

# Prayer

## Songs of Adoration

"Holy Holy Holy"

"Once For All"

Apostle's Creed

Communion

Song of Assurance

"What He's Done"

Community Life

Intercessory Prayer

# Scripture Reading

Romans 9:19-29

<sup>19</sup> You will say to me then, "Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?" <sup>20</sup> But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?" <sup>21</sup> Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use? <sup>22</sup> What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, <sup>23</sup> in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory— <sup>24</sup> even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles? <sup>25</sup> As indeed he says in Hosea,

"Those who were not my people I will call 'my people,'

and her who was not beloved I will call 'beloved.' "

<sup>26</sup> "And in the very place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,'

there they will be called 'sons of the living God.' "

<sup>27</sup> And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: "Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved, <sup>28</sup> for the Lord will carry out his sentence upon the earth fully and without delay." <sup>29</sup> And as Isaiah predicted,

"If the Lord of hosts had not left us offspring, we would have been like Sodom and become like Gomorrah."

#### Sermon

"3M-theology"

Offering

Songs of Response

"Only A Holy God"

"His Mercy Is More"

Benediction



#### **Our Vision**

Transformed by the grace of Christ, and compelled by his love, our vision is to be a flourishing community marked by love for God and for our neighbor. Depending on prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit, we desire to radiate the good news of God's grace in such a way that people are redeemed by the gospel, grow in the context of healthy relationships, serve the poor and needy around us, and partner with the global church to bring the gospel to the nations.



Welcome to Lake Baldwin Church! - To all you first-timers, or recent newcomers, we're so excited that you're here! We hope you are warmly received by our community at LBC. If you'd like to connect, submit a prayer request, or would like more information about our church family, please send an email to <a href="https://hello@lakebaldwinchurch.com">hello@lakebaldwinchurch.com</a>. We look forward to knowing you more!

### We The People (who work here)

Brian Lum Shue Chan, Senior Pastor
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Heather Shiflett, SPLASH Director
Kayla Oliver, SPLASH Volunteer Coordinator
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#### This you should know ...

Membership Classes- We are excited to be offering the next round of membership classes at LBC, and would love to add your name to the list! The class will be Friday, April 26th from 6-9pm with dinner included, and Saturday morning, the 27th, from 9am-12pm. Attending the membership class does not require you to become a member once you've gone through it, rather it gives you a great opportunity to learn more about Lake Baldwin Church, meet some new people and get connected, and ask any questions you may have! If you would like to learn more or RSVP to hello@lakebaldwinchurch.com

Teaching Fellowship: The Art of Marriage - Join us, starting on Sunday April 14, before the service for a 6 week course in The Art of Marriage!We all crave "the good stuff" in our marriages: resiliency, forgiveness, selflessness and all the rest. But how do we practice perfect love in our imperfect marriages? The Art of Marriage study, led by Dave and Meg Robbins, and Shawn and Shayna Cramer, illuminates essential aspects of God's love, bringing his powerful and perfect love for us into practical application through six sessions. Whether you're newly married, seasoned, empty nesters, or part of a blended family, the Art of Marriage course will help you feel understood and equipped to live and show the love of Jesus to your spouse. To sign up email erik@lakebaldwinchurch.com.

Christianity Explored - If you haven't yet followed Jesus in faith and want to explore more about what this means, join Pastor Brian and his wife Debbie as they host a Christianity Explored group at their home. Over 7 sessions in Mark's Gospel, find out more about the life of the person at the heart of the Christian faith - Jesus Christ. The group starts on Monday, April 29th and will meet weekly from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Register for this group by shooting an email to hello@lakebaldwinchurch.com

<u>A Look Ahead</u> - Next week we will continue our series in Romans, Message of Grace, with a message from Romans 9:30-10:4