

Rock Lake Presbyterian Church
Celebrating 76 years of "Shining Christ's Light"



Jesus Appears to the Disciples

Welcome to Rock Lake Presbyterian Church

August 23, 2026
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Here are a few tips to help you participate:

"*" Invites all who are able to stand.

Bold type invites reading or singing by the congregation.

Italic type invites silent reading by the congregation.

Large print hymnals are available from the usher.

Please return hymnals after the service.

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 23, 2026

Gathering

THE CHIMES CALL US TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"I Danced in the Morning"

Arr. John A. Behnke

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the Lord our God,
the Maker of heaven and earth,
who comes to our aid in times of need,
who gives us the courage to do what we know is right,
who invites us to turn away from the influences of the world around us
and confess Him alone as Saviour and Lord.
This is our God! Let's worship together.

*OPENING HYMN #157

"I Danced in the Morning"
Sing stanzas 1 and 2, then refrain
Sing stanzas 3 and 4, then refrain
Sing stanza 5, then refrain

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

...and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD #466

"Come and Fill Our Hearts"

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong.
We have turned from you as we have turned away from neighbors in need.
We have ignored your gracious invitation to come to you in prayer.
We have lived for ourselves and apart from you.
We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor,
and the oppressed.

**In your mercy, forgive us,
free us from selfishness,
meet us in prayer,
strengthen our faith, that might know your love and your peace,
through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

*Silence for personal confession. God's people say **Amen.***

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

...May we respond to such abundant grace with deep gratitude for God's unending forgiveness.
**God loves me, heals me, strengthens me and calls me by name.
Through Jesus I am made whole! Thanks be to God!**

Listening to the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of light, your wisdom is right here, speaking truth to us in love. We pray for you to open our eyes, our ears and our hearts so we may drink in all that you have for us to learn today.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 51:1-6

51 Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug. **2** Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah, who bore you, for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. **3** For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. **4** Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation, for a teaching will go out from me and my justice for a light to the peoples. **5** I will bring near my deliverance swiftly; my salvation has gone out, and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. **6** Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath, for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats, but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" **14** And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." **15** He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" **16** Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." **17** And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. **18** And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. **19** I will give you the keys of the

kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Who Is Jesus to You?”

Randy Fife, ALP

Responding to God

*HYMN

“He Is Lord”

**He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!**

**He is King, he is King! He will draw all nations to him, he is King;
and the time shall be when the world shall sing that Jesus Christ is King!**

**He is Love, he is Love! He has shown us by his life that he is Love;
all his people sing with one voice of joy that Jesus Christ is Love!**

**He is Life, he is Life! He has died to set us free and he is Life;
and he calls us all to live evermore, for Jesus Christ is Life.**

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe and know that Jesus is the Holy One of God.
We believe that he is the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.
We believe that he is in the Father and the Father is in him.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we have life
in his name. Amen.**

Written by Michael Perry. Posted on The Jubilate Group website. <http://www.jubilate.co.uk/liturgy/>

JOYS & CONCERNS

If you would like to share a joy or concern, we would like to hear it. In order to hear it, please raise your hand and a microphone will be brought to you.

PASTORAL PRAYER and 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.**

Going Forth to Serve

*HYMN #546

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

*BENEDICTION

*DEPARTING SONG #591

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!”

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, Hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

Greet one another in peace as you depart

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Church Notes

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgist: David Broyles
Preacher: Randy Fife, ALP
Music Director: Marilyn Padon
Organist: Pam Ferrell

WE WELCOME RANCY FIFE BACK TO OUR PULPIT TODAY.

Randy completed the Presbytery’s Authorized Lay Preacher/Commissioned Pastor program in 2024 and preaches regularly in several; different churches of the Presbytery. He is an Elder, served as Clerk of Session, and over the years has served the Presbytery as Moderator, Commissioner to the General Assembly, Chair of the Committee on Ministry and Chair of the Leadership Team. Randy retired from the practice of law after 37 years. He is married and has two adult children.



Blessing of the Backpacks

School has started!!

We will begin packing food ministry bags for Bridgeview Elementary after church service on Sunday, August 30 for a September 2nd delivery.

Our closet is completely empty so any donations will be welcome!

Below is a list of food needed for the program:

Mac & Cheese (microwavable and single serving)

Pudding Cups

Juice Boxes

Individual cereal packages

Snack Bags (pretzels, cheezits, goldfish, gummies, chips, cookies (individual packages)

Chocolate milk

Ravioli (or other Chef Boyardee Pastas, microwavable, single serving)

Applesauce or Fruit Cups

Pop Tarts

Thank you for your generosity!!

Prayer List

*To add/remove/correct names on the prayer list,
please call the church office (768-4141) or email rocklakepreschurch@gmail.com*

Prayers of Joy

All the preachers who have served in our pulpit since January. And the generosity of this part of Christ's Body.

Prayers for Concerns – Our friends and neighbors and their families

Patricia Ansley & Family	Ravi Isaiah	Don Shroder
Merrily Bailey	Kirk King*	Mike & Susan Spurgeon
Barker Family	Doug Lathom	Ed Thompson
Shayne Compton	Cheryl Laws	Bill Wagner
Pam Gano*	Hollie McCraw	Gary Withrow
Larry Graham	Rick McGuire	
Emily Holton	Karen Robinson	

- Praying for all those people in Hawaii after Hurricane Lala hit the island last weekend with flash floods and mudslides, leaving many people without homes and devastation to their island.
- Praying for peace in the US/Iran conflict, Ukraine/Russia conflict, and the Israel/Hamas conflict and all conflicts around the globe. Grant us peace!
- We pray for peace in the world. We pray for our world leaders to do what is right and just. We pray for all the people in the world who are affected by war: The children, the common person, the armies, the leaders. Grant us courage and grace during the coming year.
- Climate change as evidenced by more severe and deadly storms, fires, floods, and prolonged heat waves locally, nationally, and globally. These events are causing large numbers of injuries and deaths of people, disruptions of food supplies, and many animal & plant species to greatly diminish and even go extinct

Prayers for our Military

Brett Baker	Evan Chaney
Jeff Barker	Nigel Jeffries
Brent Bishop	

All who are serving, who have been injured and the families who have lost someone in combat; those who live and serve on the Korean Peninsula and other nations in that region of the world; our troops facing terrorist attacks.

Prayers for those in Senior Residential Centers - Jackie Pauley, Valley Center

Prayers for those at Home –Joel Callison, Bonnie Cheely, Anita Wehrmann

Prayer List for Churches: Comfort Presbyterian Church; Spring Creek Presbyterian Church; Renick Union Presbyterian Church; Muringato Church; Rware Parish