

John 20 (The Message)

20 ¹⁻² Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone was moved away from the entrance. She ran at once to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, gasping for breath. “They took the Master from the tomb. We don’t know where they’ve put him.”

³⁻¹⁰ Peter and the other disciple left immediately for the tomb. They ran, neck and neck. The other disciple got to the tomb first, outrunning Peter. Stooping to look in, he saw the pieces of linen cloth lying there, but he didn’t go in. Simon Peter arrived after him, entered the tomb, observed the linen cloths lying there, and the kerchief used to cover his head not lying with the linen cloths but separate, neatly folded by itself. Then the other disciple, the one who had gotten there first, went into the tomb, took one look at the evidence, and believed. No one yet knew from the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. The disciples then went back home.

¹¹⁻¹³ But Mary stood outside the tomb weeping. As she wept, she knelt to look into the tomb and saw two angels sitting there, dressed in white, one at the head, the other at the foot of where Jesus’ body had been laid. They said to her, “**Woman, why do you weep?**”

¹³⁻¹⁴ “They took my Master,” she said, “and I don’t know where they put him.” After she said this, she turned away and saw Jesus standing there. But she didn’t recognize him.

¹⁵ Jesus spoke to her, “**Woman, why do you weep?**” Who are you looking for?”

She, thinking that he was the gardener, said, “Sir, if you took him, tell me where you put him so I can care for him.”

¹⁶ Jesus said, “Mary.”

Turning to face him, she said in Hebrew, “Rabboni!” meaning “Teacher!”

¹⁷ Jesus said, “Don’t cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go to my brothers and tell them, ‘I ascend to my Father and your Father, my God and your God.’”

¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went, telling the news to the disciples: “I saw the Master!” And she told them everything he said to her.

Deep Sheet

The Lord guarantees a bright future that will only get brighter, so why do you weep? Let’s live instead in gratitude for all he has done and will do for us.

What was your time of greatest despair?

When could you sense that the Lord is with you?

What kind of test do you see yourself going through in the future?

What is your greatest source of encouragement for testing?

Notes:

April Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	☑	Special Prayer	Old Testament	☑
20	Su	Acts 24			Esther 5	
21	Mo	Acts 25			Esther 6	
22	Tu	Acts 26			Esther 7	
23	We	Acts 27			Esther 8	
24	Th	Acts 28			Esther 9	
25	Fr	Romans 1			Esther 10	
26	Sa	Romans 2			Job 1	
27	Su	Romans 3			Job 2	



Laketon Bethel’s Core Values:

A. ACCEPTANCE:

Everyone, regardless of who they are, what they have done, or what they are doing, will be accepted here. Laketon Bethel will be a safe place to explore your relationship with Jesus.

B. BIBLE:

The teachings of Jesus, contained in the Bible, are the final authority for faith and practice. We will study these teachings with open minds and the best scholarship available.

C. CONNECTION:

We invite people to connect with Jesus and with each other in all that we do.

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Sherwin’s Ten Reasons for Going to Church Every Sunday

1. Renew

Everyone goes through times where enthusiasm for life melts away. We all have times where our faith diminishes. Worship on Sunday renews faith and energizes attitudes for all of life.

2. Laugh

Yes. We laugh. Humor is a valuable part of worship. Most of it is unplanned. Sherwin’s brother told him years ago that: “People aren’t laughing at you because you’re funny, they are laughing because you are so stupid...”

3. Pray

Face it. You don’t pray much. Church services remind you of the importance of prayer. They jump start your prayer life. You learn more about prayer. When your family is with you, they see you praying and that is an example that changes lives.

4. Sing

Songs of faith can move mountains of despair. You probably won’t like all the songs. But some of them will change your life.

5. Help

You will often find ways to help in your community. When you help, it reduces inherent narcissism. You think less of yourself and more of others. You become more grateful for what you have. You become a better person and a happier one.

6. Give

Yes. Put in some money. Do something with your cash for God instead of for yourself. Don’t expect anything back and you will be surprised at how blessed you are. We all waste money. Here you have an opportunity to do something positive with it.

7. Meet

Connect with other people. Laketon Bethel accepts everyone, including you. Many friendships are made on a regular basis. We have great coffee and cookies, which help in all sorts of discussions.

8. Learn

The guy up front is trained and experienced and often knows what he is talking about. You will learn something every Sunday.

9. Grow

When you put what you learn into practice, you will find positive changes in your life. You will have unstoppable growth in ways you don’t always expect.

10. Jesus

The church exists because of Jesus. When you participate in it regularly, he is pleased. One day you will meet him face-to-face. If you regularly connect with him through weekly worship services, that meeting will be happy.

Announcements

Membership Class The Membership Class is scheduled for April 27th. We will meet in the Parlor following the Second Service with lunch provided. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheets located in the entryway.

Jr. High J.A.M. Students in grades 6th and up are welcome to enjoy a lesson during the Crosstalk the 2nd and 4th Sunday. We have begun a new study that’s focused on answering the question Jesus asked his disciples: “Who do you say that I am?” Our Jr. High JAM group will also get together during our time to support Hand2Hand.

Women’s Divorce Group For details, please contact Heather Wilke at (231) 215-8593.

Ladies the Mother's Day Dinner is May 9th at 6:00pm. The menu is a Taco Bar & Salad Bar. The price is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. The entertainment is the Show Case Group Award-Winning Reeths-Puffer Jazz Band. Tickets will be sold after the service at the Hand2Hand table.

Service Opportunities

Sunday School Totes We are in need of 60 totes to reorganize Children’s Church Supply Closets. The approximate size is 18X12X7. If interested in donating cash or totes, please see Tina or Joann.

Nursery Help Needed We are looking for Nursery help for the Second Service. If you are interested, please see Tina or Sally.

Sacred Suds Sacred Suds is an organization that helps the homeless. It offers showers, laundry, technology and housing by appointment. They are in need of many items and the list is on the table in entryway. For any questions, please see Lois Cordle or call her at (231) 286-5700.

Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Ed Kawaleski
2nd Service Coffee Server: Jim Hanley & Theresa Schiltz
1st Service Nursery: Lorri Anderson
2nd Service Nursery: Sally Hendrixon & Larry Hecksel

Special Senior: Sally Legard

Please sign the cards located on the table in the entryway.

Order of Worship-9:00am

Gathering Song
“He Lives”
Call to Worship
“He Lives”
Welcome & Announcements
Congregational Prayer
Worship in Song
“Our Risen King”
“Christ Arose”
“Worship Christ, the Risen King”
Crosstalk - “Why Do You Weep?”
Offering
“All Hail King Jesus”
Benediction
“Alleluia! Alleluia!”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song
“He Lives”
Call to Worship
“I Know a Name”
“Rattle!”
Welcome & Announcements
Congregational Prayer
Worship in Song
“Made for More”
“Glorious Day”
Crosstalk - “Why Do You Weep?”
Offering
“New Creation”
Benediction
“The Blessing”