Introduction

“Jesus declared, “Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.””  John 4:21-24

God is seeking worshipers.

“We tend by a secret law of the soul to move toward our mental image of God.”  A.W. Tozer

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“Missions exists because worship doesn’t.”  John Piper

I. Worship is giving God the praise he deserves.

“Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.”  Psalm 29:1-2

Worship is to attribute worth to something.

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come.”  Revelation 4:8

“You are worthy our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being.”  Revelation 4:11

“You are worthy to take the scroll and open its seals, because you were slain and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.”  Revelation 5:9

When we come before God in worship, it is a celebration of who he is and what he has done for us.

II. Worship is both corporate and individual.

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”  Hebrews 10:25
“In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.” Psalm 5:3

III. Worship is more than music, yet music is an important part of worship.

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” Acts 2:42

“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income.” I Corinthians 16:2

So worship includes teaching, fellowship, communion, prayer and offerings.

“Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Ephesians 5:19-20

Music is one of God’s best gifts because it touches our heart and our mind.

Every new movement of God has been accompanied by new forms of music.

IV. Worship is the giving of ourselves to God.

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.” Romans 12:1

What God desires most is our heart.

Put God first in your life and be thankful.

Conclusion

The normal Christian life is a life of worship.

- We honor the Lord’s Day by gathering in church to worship.
- We honor the Lord daily by looking to him in his word and prayer.
- We honor the Lord with our wealth, but putting him first in our giving.
- We honor the Lord in our life by giving him praise and thanks in everything.

Our Vision for Worship at Lakes Free Church

We believe that God has created us to worship Him in all areas of our life. We desire to be a church that is led by the Holy Spirit to exalt our Lord and Savior in worship. We desire to be a church where God’s people seek Him and seek to be in His presence. This lifestyle of worship is to be evident in our individual lives and corporately, as a body of believers.