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**Lent at Lakeside:  
My Heart as Sanctuary  
My Life as Prayer  
Devotion for Thursday,  
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**Where I'm From  
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I am from a small, blue collar town in Western Pennsylvania where people worked hard and family values were strong.

I am from a kind, loving family and extended family that supported and celebrated each other.

I am from an old church where my parents, grandparents, and great grandparents worshiped and everyone knew each other.

I am from a carefree childhood, great memories, and reunions where family stories were told over and over again and never got old.

I am from a father with a mischievous sense of humor who worked two jobs to provide for his family but still had time to organize kid's neighborhood activities where he would usually end up playing the harmonica, fiddle, or accordion. (All self taught)

I am from a mother and her two sisters who were strong, spiritual, caring, funny women with a contagious zest for life.

I am from a Scottish grandmother who influenced me with her curiosity about life and religion, always taking the other side, and always reminding her grandchildren to live by "The Golden Rule." Her presence is never stronger than around Christmas as I make the "Scottish Shortbread" which I learned from her.

I am from learning about self reflection, the importance of kindness, compassion, patience, love, and forgiveness.

I am from Lakeside where I raised my children and where I feel so encouraged by its worship and ministries as I continue on my journey of faith.

### **Titus 3:5**

He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

### **Prayer**

Come, all who are thirsty,  
says Jesus, our Lord;  
come, all who are weak,  
taste the living water  
that I shall give.

Dip your hands in the stream,  
refresh body and soul,  
drink from it,  
depend on it,  
for this water  
will never run dry.

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says Jesus, our Lord.

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