

The Worship of God

February 12, 2017

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Eleven O'Clock

The worship of God begins with the music of the organ. We encourage you to use this time for meditation and reflection. Please refrain from conversation which would disturb others and turn off or silence all electronic devices. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your friendship with those around you.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan-Williams

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

HANDBELL MEDITATION: Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing

arr. Cathy Moglebust

CHORAL INTROIT

Shaker Tune arr. Kevin Siegfried

Love is little, love is low, love will make my spirit grow. Grow in peace, grow in light, love will do the thing that's right. Love is little, love is low, love will make our spirit grow. Grow in peace, grow in light, love will do the thing that's right.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 56:

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

DIX

(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: From the very beginning, God created everything out of love.

People: Yet we have turned from that love and sought our own way.

Minister: God continues to call us to return home, to the Source of our beginning.

People: How shall we return?

Minister: Let us cast down our burdens,

People: For God promises to gather them up.

Minister: Let us place our trust in God,

People: For God alone provides for our every need.

Minister: Let us follow Christ,

People: For he will lead us home.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

William Byrd

Non nobis, Domine, non nobis, sed nomini tu o da gloriam.

Not unto us, O Lord, not to us, but unto thy name be the glory.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most loving God, among us there are many shades of both strength and need. We are the people of much knowledge who lack wisdom, the people of many possessions who lack fulfillment, the people of abundant technology who lack hope, the people of pleasures who lack contentment, the people of many comforts who lack peace, the people of much pride who lack dignity, the people of ideals who lack vigor, the people of belief who lack faith, the people of faith who lack grace.

Most merciful God, forgive our sins, clean up our ugly motives, refresh that which is stagnant, and invigorate everything that shows promise in your eyes; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bruce Prewer, adapted

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Minister: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

Howard Helvey

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills the breast; but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest. No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the memory find a sweeter sound than Jesus' name, the Savior of mankind! O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how kind thou art: how good to those who seek! But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show; the love of Jesus, what it is, none but who love him know. Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be; in thee be all our glory now, and through eternity.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 540:

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

ST. MARGARET

Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

HANDBELL OFFERTORY: A Song of Gladness

Cynthia Dobrinski

* THE DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

This morning we give thanks for Missionary Friends, a missions organization which works among the people of Leon, Nicaragua. The Acolyte places a Bible, a hammer, and a bottle of water on the altar, representative of the ministry projects they undertake. We pray for Sammie Crumley who is serving this week.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: “The Gift of Love”

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

THE EPISTLE LESSON:

I Corinthians 13

SERMON:

“Choose Love—Choose Life”

Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the love of God out of which we are created, by which we live, and through which we are granted the gift of life eternal. We believe that our only and proper response to such love is complete devotion, demonstrated through the gifts of personality God has given to each of us:

We love God with our hearts, bound to the Father in unflinching loyalty and commitment, and opening ourselves to the full range of his emotions;

We love God with our minds, eager to know the fullness of God's reality, unafraid to confront difficult and troubling questions, and believing that the Truth shall set us free;

We love God with our strength, offering the talents, resources, and abilities bequeathed to us in the service of love, thereby becoming the “hands of God.”

We love God by loving one another, celebrating our kinship as children of the Father, and caring for one another's needs.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 517: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” HYFRYDOL
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Präludium und Fuge Josef Ferdinand Norbert Seger
- * Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Steven R. Daughety by Sue Daughety, Ross Daughety,
Brandy and Bobby Adkins, Madison, Annabell, and Landyn.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Elizabeth Paszek <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Pichowicz <i>Organist</i>	Michael Waters <i>Crucifer</i>

Lakeside website: lakesidechurchrmt.org

*Children’s worship aids are available in the narthex.
Bibles and Wireless Hearing Aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex.
Childcare is available in the Preschool Building.*

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Children in Kindergarten–Grade 5 are invited to participate in Children’s Church with Brenda Cotton this morning. They will leave worship during the second hymn and may be picked up following worship in the Youth Building.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

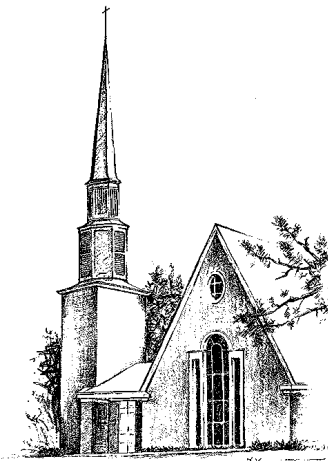
- 4:30 p.m. . . . Youth set up for Valentine Banquet, Robbins Hall
- 5:00 p.m. . . . Preschool Storytime, Children’s Missions Activities
- 5:45 p.m. . . . Dinner for Preschoolers and Children, Youth Room
- 6:00 p.m. . . . Topnotcher’s Valentine Banquet, Robbins Hall
- 6:15 p.m. . . . Preschool Games and Activities/Children’s Choir

WE WELCOME OUR GUESTS

We welcome our guests and would like for you to know more about Lakeside Church and its ministry. Members of Lakeside are persons on a journey of faith. Our church seeks to be a worshiping and serving community where the gospel of Jesus Christ is modeled and proclaimed.

Our church is Baptist by tradition and heritage, but in our worship and practice we seek to move beyond the label of a denomination to incorporate the richness of other Christian traditions. In our community service we support many ecumenical ministries that convey God’s love beyond the lines of any denomination.

We receive members by affirmation of their faith or by transfer from other Christian churches. We honor the previous baptism of persons coming to Lakeside from other Christian denominations. If you are interested in knowing more about our church and its ministries, please fill out a guest card or speak to one of the ministers or members.



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