

The Worship of God

Leaning into the Heart of the Holy

February 14, 2016

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your friendship with those around you. Wireless hearing aids are available in the narthex.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: Arioso

J.S. Bach /arr. Virgil Fox

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Trio No.1

Joseph Rheinberger

CHORAL INTROIT

John L. Bell

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 586: "Open My Eyes That I May See" OPEN MY EYES
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP based on 1 Samuel 3:9

Minister: In the depth of silence, no words are needed, no language required.

People: In the depth of silence, I am called to listen.

Minister: Listen to the beating of your heart. Listen to the blowing of the wind, the movement of the Spirit.

People: "Be silent," said the Lord, "and know that I am God."

Minister: Listen to the cry of the voiceless. Listen to the groaning of the hungry. Listen to the pain of the landless. Listen to the sigh of the oppressed and the laughter of children. For that is authentic communication: listening to people, living with people, dying for people.

People: "Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening."

from an Indonesian author

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Laurie Klein

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.

Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 578: "I Need Thee Every Hour" NEED
Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Improvisation on *Attende Domine*

Mark Pichowicz

* THE DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "And Can It Be?"

Dan Forrest

And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be? And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood? Died he for me who caused his pain? For me who him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that thou my God shouldst die for me? He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace; emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race; 'tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me. And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be? No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in him is mine! Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine, bold I approach th' eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own. Amazing love, how can it be that thou my God shouldst die for me? *Charles Wesley*

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 4:1-13

SERMON: "Leaning into the Heart of the Holy: Tempted by Love"

Dr. Wright

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

LITANY OF CONFESSION

We confess, Lord, that we have sometimes fallen prey to the temptations our Lord rejected. Unlike the Savior who refused to turn stones into bread, we have misused our powers and positions for personal advantage. Unlike the Savior who refused to leap from the pinnacle of the temple, we have gotten ourselves into precarious situations, then expected God to miraculously save us. Unlike the Savior who refused to bow to Satan, we have compromised our standards in order to make financial gains. May we, like the Christ, recognize temptation for what it is, and reject its subtle attempt to control us. *David Chafin, Christian Church (DOC)*

silence

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: "None Other Lamb"

Craig Courtney

None other Lamb, none other Name, none other Hope in heav'n or earth or sea, none other hiding place from guilt and shame, none beside thee. My faith burns low, my hope burns low; only my heart's desire cries out in me, by the deep thunder of its want and woe cries out to thee. Lord, thou art life, tho' I be dead; Love's fire thou art, however cold I be: nor heav'n have I, nor place to lay my head, nor home, but thee. None other Lamb. *Christina G. Rossetti*

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,
confessing our frailty, admitting our sin, amazed by God's grace.

As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,
opening eyes and ears, unclenching hands and hearts, sharing the wonders of God's world.

As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,
asking difficult questions, admitting our doubts, reaching for hope.

As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,
seeking closeness with God, fearful of intimacy, astonished by God's love.

As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,
and risk the wonder of falling into the loving and steadfast arms of God.

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: He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Him J.S. Bach
Please remain seated during the postlude and reflect on the meaning of today's worship for you.

* Congregation stands.

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

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Anna Adkins
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Pichowicz
Interim Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Georgia Morris
Crucifer

*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.*

The paraments on the altar and pulpit, along with the ministers' stoles, provide us with visual cues about the meaning of our faith. The color of the season is purple, used to indicate royalty and suffering alike, a reminder of Christ's kingship and the suffering he endured for us all. Throughout Lent we undertake a journey of self-discovery leading to repentance and renewal. The symbol is comprised of the two Greek letters, chi and rho, the first two letters in the Greek word Christos, meaning Christ. The Acolyte brings light to the altar as a reminder of Christ, the Light of life, and leads us out of the sanctuary as a reminder that we are to take this light to the world. In the same way, we begin and end our worship following the cross as a symbol of God's self-giving love for us all.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Leslie Paszek today. The children will leave from the sanctuary during the second hymn by the south door to the right of the chancel area. Parents may meet their children in the Youth Building following worship.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS

Worship bags are available in the Narthex and have a variety of items that will help to make worship more meaningful for our children. Please return them to the Narthex following worship.

BIBLES AND LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AVAILABLE

Bibles and several large print hymnals are available for your convenience and are located in the Prayer Room off the Narthex. Please ask an usher as you enter the sanctuary.

WIRELESS HEARING AIDS

Wireless hearing aids are available in the Prayer Room off the Narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the storage case following worship.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

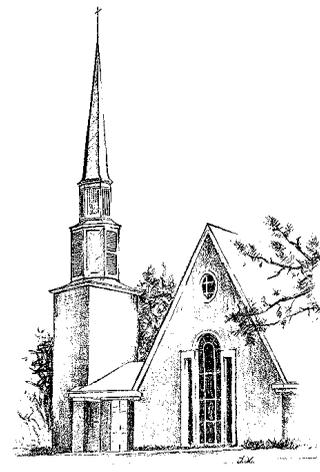
- 4:30 p.m. Youth set up for Valentine Banquet, Robbins Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Activity, Preschool Music and Storytime
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
- 5:45 p.m. Preschool and Children's Dinner, Youth Room
- 6:00 p.m. Topnotcher's Valentine Banquet, Robbins Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Bible and Missions 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. We the members of Lakeside are persons on a journey of faith. Our church seeks to be a worshipping 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 and honor the baptism of persons coming to Lakeside from other Christian denominations. If you would like to know more about our church and its ministries, fill out a guest card or speak to one of the ministers or members.



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Lakeside*

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