



*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

Lakeside Baptist Church  
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## *The Worship of God*

### *Be Thou My Vision*

February 18, 2015

ASH WEDNESDAY

Twelve-Thirty 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. Wireless hearing aids are available in the narthex.

#### GATHERING

ORGAN PRELUDE: Choral Dorian

Jehan Alain

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: You who are the mystery of flesh and ash, who call to us in our confusion and longing, you remind us we are not alone.

**People: In Christ's Body you offer us what we need today, a beginning, a blessing, and hope in spite of a world that appears dead.**

Minister: May the actions of our hands done for others, the prayers of our hearts uttered in the quiet, the nurturing of our bodies for the sake of our souls,

**People: Strip away the layers of dirt that have covered and protected us for so long.**

**All: We ask this through Christ, our brother, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

Jessica Gazzola, [storiesandseason.wordpress.com](http://storiesandseason.wordpress.com)

\* HYMN 254: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" TRENTHAM

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

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 58:1-12

#### REPENTANCE AND ASSURANCE

#### THE RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister: Let us bow before God, our Creator and Redeemer, and confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Minister: Almighty God, you alone are good and holy. Purify our lives and make us brave disciples. We do not ask you to keep us safe, but to keep us loyal, so we may serve Jesus Christ, who, tempted in every way as we are, was faithful to you. Amen. From lack of reverence for truth and beauty; from a calculating or sentimental mind; from going along with mean and ugly things:

**People: O God, deliver us.**

Minister: From cowardice that dares not face truth; laziness content with half-truth; or arrogance that thinks we know it all:

**People: O God, deliver us.**

Minister: From artificial life and worship; from all that is hollow or insincere:

**People: O God, deliver us.**

Minister: From trite ideals and cheap pleasures; from mistaking hard vulgarity for humor:

**People: O God, deliver us.**

Minister: From being dull, pompous, or rude; from putting down our neighbors:

**People: O God, deliver us.**

Minister: From cynicism about others; from intolerance or cruel indifference:

**People: O God, deliver us.**

Minister: From being satisfied with things as they are, in the church or in the world; from failing to share your indignation about injustice:

**People: O God, deliver us.**

Minister: From selfishness, self-indulgence, or self-pity:

**People: O God, deliver us.**

Minister: From token concern for the poor, for lonely or loveless people; from confusing faith with good feeling, or love with wanting to be loved:

**People: O God, deliver us.**

Minister: For everything in us that may hide your light:

**People: O God, deliver us.**

Minister: Gracious God, you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors:

Call forth our prayers and acts of tenderness, and strengthen us to face our mortality, that we may reach with confidence for your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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*Silence*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

*At the invitation of the minister and as the organist begins playing,  
you are invited to come forward for the imposition of the ashes.*

*Please use the center aisle as you approach the altar  
and the side aisles as you return to your seat.*

SOLO: "Search Me, O God" Edward J. Hopkins/arr. Ken Berg

Search me, O God, and know my heart today; try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray. See if there be some wicked way in me; cleanse me from ev'ry sin and set me free. I praise you, Lord, for cleansing me from sin; fulfill your Word and make me pure within. Fill me with fire where once I burned with shame; grant my desire to call upon your name. O Holy Spirit, revival comes from you! Send a revival, my own heart renew. Your Word declares you will supply our need; for blessings now, O Lord, I humbly plead. Lord, take my life, for I would live for you; fill my poor heart with your great love so true. Take all my will, my passion, self, and pride; I now surrender; Lord, in me abide.

J. Edwin Orr

Carson Browder, soloist

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

SOLO: "Change My Heart, O God"

Espinosa/arr. Shanfelt

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you. You are the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Amy Shortt, soloist

*At the invitation of the ministers, and as the solo begins, you are invited to come forward for communion. Please use the center aisle as you approach the altar and the side aisles as you return to your seat. We will take the bread and the cup by intinction, dipping the bread into the common cup. You will take a piece of bread from the plate offered by one minister and dip it into the chalice offered by the other minister. You may then place the bread in your mouth. A common response when taking communion is to say, "Thanks be to God." or a simple, "Amen."*

DUET: "I Will Come to You: You Are Mine"

Dave Haas

"I will come to you in the silence; I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here. I am hope for all who are hopeless; I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in me. I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and all will know my name. I am the Word that leads all to freedom; I am peace the world cannot give. I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live! Do not be afraid, I am with you. I will call you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and are mine."

Carson Browder and Amy Shortt

\* HYMN 595:

"Be Thou My Vision"

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THE RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Minister: May the God of peace who offers us forgiveness and cleanses us with mercy, make us holy in every way.

**People: May the God of Grace keep our whole being—spirit, soul, and body—free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**All: Amen.**

DEPART IN SILENCE

*You may leave in silence or remain seated for meditation, if you choose.*

\* Congregation stands.

## THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright  
*Senior Minister*  
Carson Browder  
*Acolyte*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*  
Mark Gansor  
*Organist*

Amy Shortt  
*Minister of Music*  
Sara Raper  
*Crucifer*