

# *The Worship of God*

## *My Heart as Sanctuary, My Life as Prayer*

February 18, 2018

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: Prelude & Fugue Grave

Jacques Boyvin

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Lead me, Lord

Samuel S. Wesley

CHILDREN'S INTROIT: "Yesu Kwetu ni Rafiki"

arr. Mark Burrows

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer. *Yesu kwetu ni rafiki. Maombi asikia* (What a friend we have in Jesus. Take it in prayer). Take it to the Lord in prayer.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 180: "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" ST. FLAVIAN  
*(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Will Lucas

Deacon: We begin the season of Lent, a time for taking stock of life and renewing our commitment to Christ.

**People: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.**

Deacon: Lent is an opportunity for healthy repentance of our indifference of the permeating evil of the world and for personal sins which we have glossed over as "mere foibles."

**People: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Deacon: Lent is a time for joy: the exhilaration that comes from defying temptations, from turning our face to the light that shines on the narrow path of Christ Jesus, from walking into adverse winds and enjoying small victories day by day.

**People: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.** *Bruce Prewer, adapted*

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATORIX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S ADORATION

African-American Spiritual/arr. Mark Patterson

Who'll be a witness for my Lord? Now Daniel was a Hebrew child, he went to pray his God a-while. The king at once for Daniel did send, and he put him right down in the lion's den. God sent angels, the lions to keep, so Daniel laid down and went to sleep. Daniel was a witness for my Lord. There was a man of the Pharisees, his name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe. Christ told Nicodemus as a friend, "Man, you must be born again. Marvel not, man, if you want to be wise, repent, believe and be baptized." Who'll be a witness for my Lord? I'll be a witness for my Lord.

### MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 3:1-10

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 576: "My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

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\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Improvisation

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. Amen.**

*This morning we give thanks for our Labyrinth and the Meditation Group which offer us opportunities for prayer and meditation. The Acolyte brings forward prayer books and a personal labyrinth.*

### PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit"

Spiritual

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray. Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray. Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine. Jordan River, chilly and cold, it chills the body but not the soul. There is but one train upon this track; it runs to heaven and then right back.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:9-15

SERMON: "My Heart as Sanctuary"

Dr. Wright

### CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We admit that we sometimes enter this season of Lent expecting a somber and joyless journey. We do not like to look too closely in the mirror. We already know our shortcomings. We prefer an upbeat experience that will boost our spirits.**

**Open our eyes to the person you have created us to be. Open our ears to the joyful song of grace you sing. Open our hearts to the vision of a life that is full and complete in Jesus Christ our Lord.** *silence*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: "Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake"

Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives. To decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore. Amen.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that we are created by God,  
gifted with dignity, endowed with purpose,  
and blessed with skills, talents, and opportunities for a full and complete life.  
We believe that God loves and watches over us as our Divine Parent,  
that Jesus came to offer us abundant life now and forever,  
and that the Spirit remains with us as Guardian and Guide.  
We believe that we honor God best in the sanctuary of our hearts  
and bear witness to God's love  
through our prayers brought to life.**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- \* RECESSIONAL HYMN 195: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” HAMBURG  
*(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*
- \* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- \* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Fuga Bohumil Cernohorský
- \* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of  
 J.N. Willcox for his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 6 and in honor of Don Bulluck for his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday  
 on February 17 by Dianne and Trey Bulluck, Casey and Erin McAuliffe, and Brian Macanka.*

**THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i> Will Robillard <i>Acolyte</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i> Mark Pichowicz <i>Organist</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i> Carson Browder <i>Crucifer</i>
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*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. The symbol is comprised of the two Greek letters, chi and rho, the first two letters in the Greek word Christos, meaning Christ. Throughout Lent we undertake a journey of self-discovery leading to repentance and renewal. The theme of our worship is “My Heart as Sanctuary, My Life as Prayer,” a guide for looking honestly at ourselves and a reminder to live out our faith day by day. 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 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.

**TODAY AT LAKESIDE**

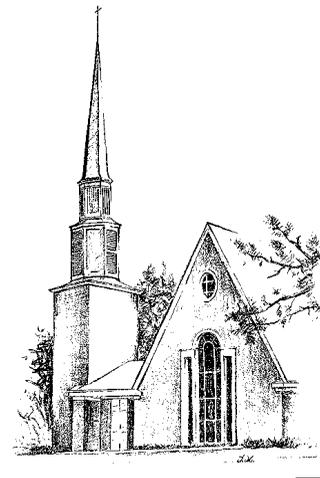
- 12:15 p.m. . . . . Diaconate, Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. . . . . Preschool Activities
- 5:00 p.m. . . . . Youth and Children’s Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite
- 5:45 p.m. . . . . Supper for Preschoolers, Children, and Youth
- 6:15 p.m. . . . . Preschool Storytime, Children’s Missions Activities, SNL for Youth
- 7:15 p.m. . . . . Lakeside Youth Fellowship, Dunkin’ Donuts

**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 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 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.



# Lent at Lakeside

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