

The Worship of God

February 19, 2017

THE SEVENTH 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: Meditation Theodore Bubeck/ed. Clarence Dickinson

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Andante Cantabile W.H. Burt

CHORAL INTROIT O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call answer me. Come and listen to me. The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God: God, the wellspring of life.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 284: "Gather Us In" GATHER US IN
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We stand before you, God, with ready arms reaching for you.

People: We bow before you, God, with humbled hearts seeking you.

Minister: We sing before you, God, with glad voices raised to meet you.

People: We kneel before you, God, with open souls lifted to greet you.

**All: God, in your glory, you have graciously reached for us.
We gather this day, reaching for you.**

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION UBI CARITAS

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity; God will dwell with you.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. Like your first child, Adam, we play hide-and-seek with you. We believe, foolishly, that if we do not tell you about our lives in prayer, you will know nothing about what we are doing or not doing. We are afraid to expose ourselves to your scrutiny, to let you see us as we really are. Relieve our fears of you and help us to stop our silly games. Show us your mercy and treat us with your grace through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Sanctus"

Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt coeli et terra

Hosanna in excelsis

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sabaoth.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Sandra Howard

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 330: "Alleluia! Hear God's Story" W ZLOBIE LEZY

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Improvisation

Mark Pichowicz

* 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 our Audio Committee which records our worship so that it can be shared with our Members-at-Home and, through our website, with the larger community. The Acolyte brings forward a worship CD and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "I Love You, O My God Most High" arr. David Hogan

I love you, O my God most high, for first your love has captur'd me; I seek no other liberty: bound by your love, I shall be free. All mine is yours: say but the word, say what you will it shall be done; I know your love, most holy one, I know you seek my good alone. May memory no thought suggest but shall to your pure glory tend, may understanding find no rest, except in you, its only end. Apart from you, nothing can be, so grant me this, my only wish, to love you, Christ, eternally, you give me all in giving this.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5:38-48

SERMON: "Good Try, Jesus!" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, the Creator of the universe, the Redeemer of humankind, and the Sustainer of life. We believe in humanity, dust of the earth, made in God's image, driven by dreams, hungry for faith, lonely with doubt, whom God has marked with the power to love or hate, to nurture or kill, and to bless or curse. We believe in Jesus Christ, God Incarnate, flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone, who came to reveal what God is like, and what we can become. We believe that Jesus was crucified and raised from the dead, and that through his victory over sin, death, and the grave we too shall live, and never die. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 684: "We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky" HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Chaconne

Louis Couperin

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Susan Skinner by a friend.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Madi Adkins
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Pichowicz
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Jacob Watkins
Crucifer

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.*

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 after the Epiphany is green, a reminder of the life of the church and the growth of each believer. The triangle and trefoil are symbols of the Trinity, reminding us that God is revealed to us as Father, Son, and Spirit. In the center is the cross, the key symbol of the Christian faith, summarizing the life and ministry, death and resurrection, incarnation and coming in glory of Jesus the Christ.

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 Prayer Room following worship.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

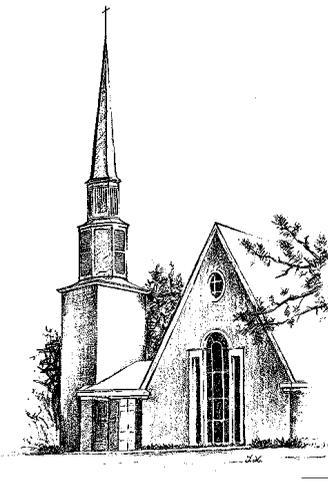
- 12:15 p.m. Diaconate, Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. Preschool Story Time
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Missions Marketplace Dress Rehearsal, Robbins Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner, Robbins hall
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Games and Activities
- 6:30 p.m. SNL

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 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. 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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Lakeside*

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