

The Worship of God

February 23, 2014

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. 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: My Life Flows On in Endless Song

arr. Benjamin M. Culli

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Courante

Dietrich Buxtehude

CHORAL INTROIT

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.

* 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 rising of the sun to its setting,

People: The Lord's name be praised!

Minister: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. God's mercies never end.

People: They are new every morning: great is your faithfulness.

Minister: "The Lord is my portion," says my soul,

People: Therefore I will hope in the Lord.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Taizé

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid; lift up your voices, the Lord is near; lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister: In our wilful wandering, in cul-de-sacs where we have become stuck, and in dark times when we have missed the right turn and know ourselves to be lost,

People: Forgive us, O God.

Minister: In our arrogance and pig-headedness, in our impatience and clumsiness, in our bad days of sulkiness or open rebellion,

People: Forgive us, O God.

Minister: In the hour of keen self awareness and shame, in our regret for injuries inflicted or love denied, in situations where we have failed God most miserably,

People: Forgive us, O God.

All: God of inordinate patience, we thank you for absolving both friends and enemies, for sending sunshine on saints and sinners, and blessing with rain both the just and the unjust. We thank you that even we have been included in the amnesty of your saving grace and the opportunities of the new age inaugurated by Christ Jesus.

Bruce Prewer, adapted

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

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

ANTHEM: "I Will Joyfully Sing"

Mary McDonald

I will joyfully sing in the morning; I will joyfully sing all the day; I'll sing praises to thee in the morning, for the Lord is the strength of my day. I will lift up my eyes in the morning, for the Lord will not turn me away; I'll sing praises to thee in the morning, for the Lord is the strength of my day. I will sing! I will sing! I will sing of praises, his goodness to me. I will sing!

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 619: "My Life Flows On" HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING
Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Celebration

Charles Callahan

* 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 custodians who maintain our facilities and prepare our buildings for ministry. The Acolyte brings forward a duster and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Forever Blest Is He"

G.F. Handel

Forever blest is he who serves the Lord, The loving God of all mankind.
Joy shall be his reward, living to serve the Lord.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5:38-48

SERMON: "Make a Difference" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As people of faith, we embrace fully the promise of God, not as a mere pledge to be fulfilled, but as a distinct change from the past for the present. God's promise to us is light, not darkness; order, not chaos; peace, not war; righteousness, not sin; salvation, not estrangement; hope, not despair.

As people of faith, we enter joyfully into covenant with God, that his promise might be realized in us. Therefore, we are now united with God, and our covenant is bound by Jesus the Christ, whose example we emulate and whose path we follow. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 606: "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" NETTLETON
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Fantasia in C J.S. Bach

* Congregation stands.

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

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Reynolds Cobb
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Jackson Browder
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 of Epiphany is white, reminder of the light that guided the magi and of our own charge to be light to the world. The Celtic Cross with its circle symbolizes the sacrificial love and eternal nature of God. 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 Nancy Parker 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 Prayer Room following worship.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

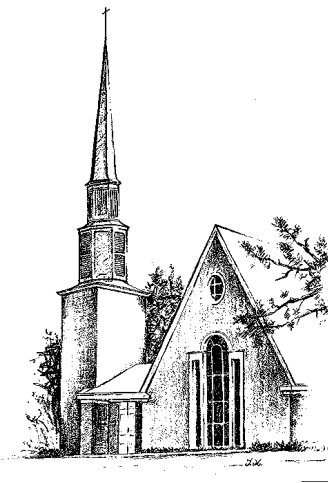
- 5:00 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir and Handbells
- 5:45 p.m. Dinner for Preschoolers and Children, Youth Room
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner for Youth
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Music and Activities, Children's Choir
- 6:30 p.m. SNL

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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