

The Worship of God

February 24, 2019

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: O Jesu, Wie Ist Dein Gestalt, BWV 1094 J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PIANO MEDITATION: For the Beauty of the Earth DIX arr. Alfred
Maggie Paszek, pianist

ORGAN MEDITATION: Windrush Norman Warren

CHORAL INTROIT William Byrd

Non nobis, Domine, non nobis, sed nomini tu o da gloriam.

Not unto us, O Lord, not to us, but unto thy name be the glory.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 2: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" HYMN TO JOY
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

People: We come to celebrate One bountiful God.

Minister: Give to God, all you children of the stars, give to God all glory and power.

People: Give glory to God's sacred name in a stunning array of thankful love.

Minister: With power and majesty, God's voice echoes over all creation.

People: At the sound of his voice, God's people dance and rejoice.

All: Give strength to your people, O God! Bless your people with peace!
from Psalm 29, adapted by Bruce Prewer

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION arr. Mark Edwards

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We come before you, O God, confessing our hesitation to express our faith boldly through our lives. We admit that we want to be in control; we search for absolutes; we fear the unknown. We seek easy solutions to questions that have no simple answers. We claim our faith on Sundays and deny it repeatedly the rest of the week. We pray, and do not wait to listen. Help us to pause, to appreciate, to believe, to stand firm. Then empower us to love one another as you have loved us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Angels of Heaven" arr. Kevin Siegfried

The angels of heaven are marching around the borders of Zion's holy ground; their music harmonious how it doth ring, and this is the heavenly song they sing. Holy, holy, holiness unto the Lord, love ye, love ye, love ye, one another.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 485: "Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race" TALLIS' CANON
Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Chorale Prelude No. 10, Op. 122 Johannes Brahms

* 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 the Christian Men's Fellowship Home, a halfway house for men recovering from addiction and restoring their lives. The Acolyte places their logo on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" Howard Helvey

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills the breast; but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest. No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the memory find a sweeter sound than Jesus' name, the Savior of mankind! O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how kind thou art: how good to those who seek! But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show; the love of Jesus, what it is, none but who love him know. Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be; in thee be all our glory now, and through eternity.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 6:27-38

SERMON: "Blame It on God!" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind;
have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism,
eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one Name,
are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope.
Together we come to know the height and the breadth and the depth
of the love of Christ;
are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity;
know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ
that we need one another and up build one another,
admonishing and comforting one another;
that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness.
Together we pray; together we serve God in this world.**

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THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 538: "Hope of the World" O PERFECT LOVE
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Fugue in e (The Cathedral) BWV 533 J. S. Bach

* Congregation stands.

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

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Millar Berry
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Tyler Schodt
Guest Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Sara Raper
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.
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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 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. 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–Grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Nancy Parker this morning. They will leave worship during the second hymn and may be picked up following worship in the Youth Building.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

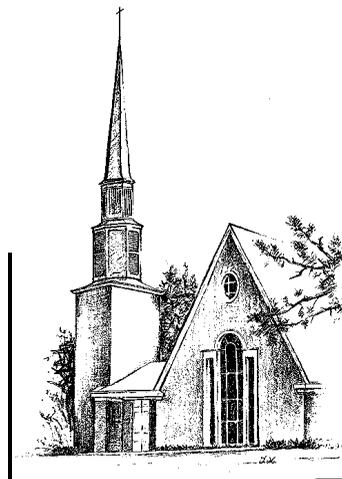
5:00 p.m. . . Cherub Choir, Preschool Building
5:00 p.m. . . Alleluia Choir, Children's Choir Room
5:45 p.m. . . Supper for Youth and Children
6:15 p.m. . . Children's Missions and Music, Lakeside Youth Fellowship
7:15 p.m. . . Lakeside Youth Fellowship, Dunkin' Donuts

WE WELCOME OUR GUESTS

We welcome our guests and would like for you to know more about Lakeside Church and its ministry. 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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