

The Worship of God

My Heart as Sanctuary, My Life as Prayer

February 25, 2018

THE SECOND 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: Toccata, and Versets for the Kyrie Girolamo Frescobaldi

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Doppelfuge Johann Krieger

CHORAL INTROIT African-American Spiritual

Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind, (and it was) stayed on Jesus. Amen.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 618: "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP Nancy Berry

Deacon: We welcome Lent as a opportunity to discover and grow.
Lord, may your Spirit guide us as we discover who we are.

People: Lord, be with us on our journey.

Deacon: Lord, may your Spirit reveal who you created us to be.

People: Lord, be with us on our journey.

Deacon: Lord, may your Spirit give us the courage to change.

People: Lord, be with us on our journey.

Deacon: Lord, may your Spirit awaken us to Easter grace.

People: Lord, be with us on our journey.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATORIX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION John L. Bell

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

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 638: "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" PROMISE
Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Improvisation Mark Pichowicz

* THE DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDFTH

**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 the Christian Men's Fellowship Home, a halfway house for men recovering from addiction and restoring their lives. The Acolyte brings forward a poem by Cheryl Ellis titled "No Ordinary Home" and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Here's One" arr. William Grant Still

My Lawd! O, my Lawd! Talk about a child dat do love Jesus, here's one, here's one. In ol' Satan's snares I once was fallin' but I heard de voice of my Lawd callin'. Talk about a child dat do love Jesus, here's one. Talk about a child dat's been converted, here's one, here's one. Ever since I learned de gospel story, I've been walkin' up de path to glory. Talk about a child dat's been converted, here's one.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 8:31-38

SERMON: "Will You Wake Up Different on Easter Morning?" Dr. Wright

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We have not loved, O Lord, as you have loved us. Forgive us for every act of betrayal, every failure to be kind, every gratification of self, and every blindness to the needs of others. Come and dwell in us with your spirit of generosity, that we may bless the world with what you have given us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

silence

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: "Christus Paradox" PICARDY/ arr. Alfred V. Fedak

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave. You, peacemaker and swordbringer of the way you took and gave. You the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave. Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross, shining in eternal glory, beggar'd by a soldier's toss, You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost. You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side. You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide. Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ! Worthy your defeat and vict'ry. Worthy still your peace and strife. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and our life. Amen!

Sylvia Dunstan

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 631: "Lift Every Voice and Sing" LIFT EVERY VOICE
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Dialogue Jean-François Dandrieu

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of
Anna and LaCount Anderson by a friend.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Daniel Edwards
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Pichowicz
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Spencer Edwards
Crucifer

*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 CHURCH

Children in Kindergarten–Grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Leslie Paszek this morning. They will leave worship during the second hymn and may be picked up following worship in the Youth Building.

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.

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 storage case following worship.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

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

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.



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