

The Worship of God

Leaning into the Heart of the Holy

February 28, 2016

THE THIRD 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 on *Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughn Williams

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

HANDBELL MEDITATION: Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing

arr. Cathy Moglebust

CHORAL INTROIT

George Whelpton

Hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 622: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDDA

(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 63:1-8

Minister: Friends, we have come to worship, compelled by the mercy of God.

People: We are here in the name of Christ Jesus.

Minister: Whatever your need, ask right now,

People: And it shall be given to you.

Minister: Whatever you long for in life, seek right now,

People: And you will find.

Minister: Wherever you need to go, knock right now,

People: And the door will be opened.

**All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* 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 GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 11:1-17

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 566:

"Be Still, My Soul"

FINLANDIA

Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

HANDBELL OFFERTORY: Amazing Grace

Sandra Eithun

* THE DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDDTH

**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.**

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Seek Ye First"

Karen Lafferty/arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you; Allelu, Alleluia! Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find, knock and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, Alleluia!

THE HISTORY LESSON:

Acts 10:1-48

SERMON:

"Leaning into the Heart of the Holy: Learning Prayer"

Dr. Wright

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We come together bringing with us handfuls of fear and superstition. We are afraid of the world around us and of the person inside us. We do not recognize your image within us.

Strip away our masks and remove the props that we construct to fool our friends, our families, ourselves, and you. Leave us not broken but whole, not anxious but calm. Allow us a glimpse of who we are and, by your grace, of who we may become; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

silence

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: "Prayer of Consecration"

Deborah Dresie

Lord of life, sing through me. Give my heart a melody so sweet and pure, good and true that I may offer a song to you. Come to me and still my fear until my song is yours alone. Sing through me, Lord of life; make my voice your own. Lord of life, pray through me. Fill my mind with quiet peace so sweet and pure, good and true that I may have only thoughts of you. Come to me and still my doubt until my dreams are yours alone. Pray through me, Lord of life, make my mind your own. Lord of life, live through me. Keep my soul in harmony so sweet and pure, good and true that through my living I'll honor you. Come to me and still my will until my deeds are yours alone. Live through me, Lord of life; make my heart your own.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,
confessing our frailty, admitting our sin, amazed by God's grace.**

**As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,
opening eyes and ears, unclenching hands and hearts, sharing the wonders of God's world.**

**As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,
asking difficult questions, admitting our doubts, reaching for hope.**

**As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,
seeking closeness with God, fearful of intimacy, astonished by God's love.**

**As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,
and risk the wonder of falling into the loving and steadfast arms of God.**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 88: "All My Hope on God Is Founded"

NEANDER

(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata in e

Johann Pachelbel

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Hobart and Goldie Parker by Dale and Debrah Parker.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Bo Browder
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Phil Valera
Guest Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Jacob Watkins
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. Throughout Lent we undertake a journey of self-discovery leading to repentance and renewal. The symbol is comprised of the two Greek letters, chi and rho, the first two letters in the Greek word Christos, meaning 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 through grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Brenda Cotton 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 storage case following worship.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

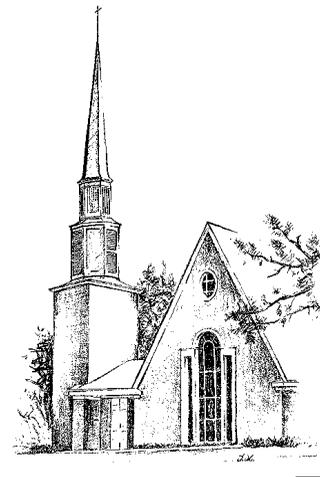
4:00 p.m. Community Youth Forum, YMCA
5:00 p.m. Children's Activity, Preschool Music and Storytime
5:00 p.m. Neighborhood Ministry Committee
5:45 p.m. Preschool and Children's Dinner
6:15 p.m. Preschool Bible and Missions Activities, Children's Choir

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 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 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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