

The Worship of God

Be Thou My Vision

March 1, 2015

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: Deck Thyself, Beloved Soul, With Gladness J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

HANDBELL MEDITATION: How Can I Keep from Singing Robert Lowry/arr. Arnold B. Sherman

CHORAL INTROIT Bernadette Farrell

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see. Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 586: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" OPEN MY EYES
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: When night gives way to dawn and light reveals the wonder of your creation,

People: Open our eyes to see your glory, O God.

Minister: As we enjoy the bounty of our world,

People: Open our eyes to see the generosity of your goodness.

Minister: As we move through each day,

People: Open our eyes to see the needs around us.

Minister: When we puzzle over problems and lament the challenges we face day by day,

People: Open our eyes to discover the gifts and abilities you have given to us.

Minister: When we pray that you will intervene and make a difference in our lives,

People: Open our eyes to a vision of the ministry to which you call us, O God.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION: "Lift Thine Eyes to the Mountains" from Elijah Felix Mendelssohn

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help. Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy keeper shall never slumber. Lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.
(Psalm 121)

MEDITATION

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We admit that at times we tend to look down at the narrow path we are walking and miss all of the wonders of life around us. At other times our eyes are fixed only on the horizon and we fail to notice the mundane activities that keep the day moving along. Too often we look at ourselves alone and do not see the people who share our lives. Open our eyes to the wonder of your world, tiny and grand, glorious and seemingly insignificant, and enable us to see you present in all of it.

silence

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 4:13-25

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Gentle Words" Shaker Tune/arr. Kevin Siegfried

What the dew is to the flower, gentle words are to the soul, and a blessing to the giver, and so dear to the receiver, we should never withhold. Gentle words kindly spoken often soothe the troubled mind, while links of love are broken by words that are unkind. Then O, thou gentle spirit, my constant guardian be, "Do to others," be my motto, "as I'd have them do to me."

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 5: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" AZMON

* OFFERTORY PRAYER David Morris

HANDBELL OFFERTORY: Grazioso Arnold B. Sherman

* THE DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

**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: "God Is Seen" arr. Alice Parker

Through all the world below God is seen all around, search hills and valleys through, there He's found. The growing of the corn, the lily and the thorn, the pleasant and forlorn, all declare, God is there, in meadows drest in green, God is seen. See the springing waters rise, fountains flow, rivers run, the mist that veils the sky hides the sun. Then down the rain doth pour, the ocean, it doth roar and beat upon the shore, and all praise, in their ways, the God who ne'er declines His designs. The sun with all his rays speaks of God as he flies the comet in her blaze 'God,' she cries; the shining of the stars, the moon, when she appears, His awful name declares; see them fly through the sky, and join the solemn sound all around.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 2:1-11

SERMON: "Open Our Eyes to the Imagination of God" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the God who created not only the grand and intricate systems of the universe, but also the simple and mundane elements of life. We believe in the God who stands not only outside of time and space, but who stands with us in this immediate time and this particular place. We believe in the God who is not only Lord of heaven and earth, but who also came as a babe to experience the life we live. We believe in the God who is extraordinary in every aspect, especially in the ordinary ways he enters our lives. Blessed be the God of Life.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 6: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" MIT FREUDEN ZART
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE arr. Carlton R. Young
Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Canzona in d J.S. Bach

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Mac Carpenter by Margaret Carpenter, Jo Webb and Jill Ward.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Chase Joyner
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Michael Waters
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 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

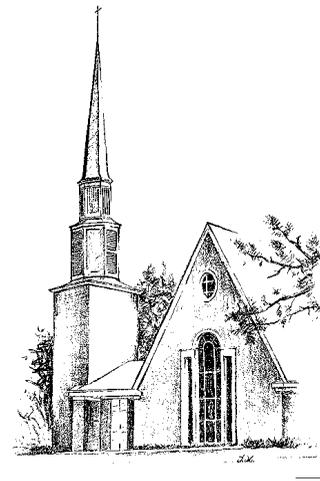
- 2:00 p.m. Celebration of the life of Charles Wrenn Martin, Sanctuary
- 3:45 p.m. Discipleship Class, Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Activity, Preschool Music and Storytime
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir and Handbells
- 5:45 p.m. Preschool and Children's Dinner
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Dinner
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Bible and Missions Activities, Children's Choir
- 6:30 p.m. SNL
- 7:30 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. 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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