

# The Worship of God

## DRIVEN INTO THE WILDERNESS

March 4, 2012

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: Fugue in F

J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Love Unknown

Karl Osterland

CHORAL INTROIT

TAIZÉ

*Veni sancte Spiritus.* Holy Spirit, come to us.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 86: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"  
*(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)*

FAITHFULNESS

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We are a people of God

**People: We are a people who come in search of God's vision for us.**

Minister: In this time of preparation,

**People: In this time of penitence.**

Minister: May we focus the power of our faith,

**People: May we give freedom to the yearning of our hearts,**

**All: And may we emerge together in the liberating love of our God.**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Theodore Dubois

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee for ever;  
for on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.

## MEDITATION

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

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 576: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

OLIVET

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Gagliarda

David P. Dahl

\* 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: "He Comes to Us"

Jane Marshall

He comes to us, as one unknown, without a name, as of old by the lakeside he came to those men who knew him not. He speaks to us. He speaks the same word! "Follow thou me!" And he sets us to the tasks which he has to fulfill for our time. He commands, and to those who obey him, whether they be wise or simple, he will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in his fellowship and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn in their own experience who he is.

Albert Schweitzer

O Morning Star, how fair and bright thou beamest forth in truth and light! O Sovereign meek and lowly. Thou art holy, fair and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing, rule and might o'er all possessing.

J. S. Bach

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Mark 8:31-38

SERMON:

"Driven Into the Wilderness: Growing Faith"

Dr. Wright

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Psalm 51

Minister: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**People: O God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Forgive us our sin and enable us to forgive ourselves.**

*Silent confession.*

Minister: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

**People: Do not only forgive me, O God, but also change me. Refocus my heart, my mind, my hands, and my spirit.**

Minister: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

**People: Hold me close in your loving arms and protect me from temptation's power by the strength of your Spirit.**

Minister: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

**People: Bring joy into my life, O God, the joy of your love and grace. Amen.**

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. Alleluia!

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Eternal God, we believe that you are the light of the minds that know you,  
the joy of the hearts that love you,  
and the strength of the wills that serve you.**

**As we walk through this wilderness of resurrection hope,  
grant us so to know you that we may truly love you,  
and so to love you that we may fully serve you,  
whom to serve is perfect freedom and life everlasting. Amen.**

Augustine of Hippo (adapted)

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- \* RECESSIONAL HYMN 534: “When Our Confidence Is Shaken” LAUDA ANIMA  
*(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 g 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, Jill Ward and Jo Webb.*

*The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Webster Henry on his birthday by his family.*

**THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

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| Jody C. Wright<br><i>Senior Minister</i> | Elizabeth Edwards<br><i>Associate Minister</i> | Amy Shortt<br><i>Minister of Music</i> |
| Henry Williams<br><i>Acolyte</i>         | Mark Gansor<br><i>Organist</i>                 | Chandler Cobb<br><i>Crucifer</i>       |

*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.*

**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.

**TODAY AT LAKESIDE**

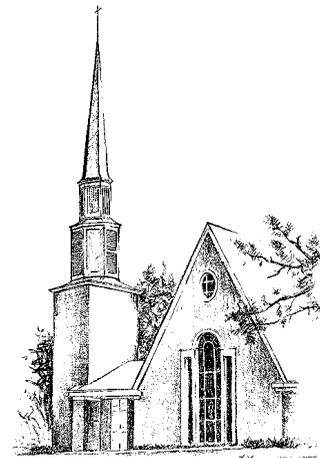
- 4:30 p.m. . . . . Children’s Rehearsal for Missions Marketplace, Kincheloe Hall
- 5:00 p.m. . . . . Preschool Storytime
- 5:00 p.m. . . . . Silent Auction, Sugg Foyer
- 5:30 p.m. . . . . All Youth Meet in Youth Room
- 6:00 p.m. . . . . Missions Marketplace “Picnic” Supper and Program

**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.



# *Lenten Worship at Lakeside*

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