

The Worship of God

My Heart as Sanctuary, My Life as Prayer

March 4, 2018

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: Grand Plein Jeu & Fugue Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Duo Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

CHORAL INTROIT William H. Doane

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee! Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee. This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 517: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" HYFRYDOL
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP Lesley Browder

Deacon: O, that our tongues were like bells to ring out the joy,

People: And our hands like drums to beat out a holy rhythm.

Deacon: O, that our voices sounded like the heavenly choir,

People: And our feet were young enough to dance through the night.

Deacon: O, that our knees were strong enough to kneel forever in wonder,

People: And our hearts could forever ponder the joy and share the love.

Deacon: Holy God, take who we are and what we have to offer,

People: And hear us as we sing our love for you:

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Doris Akers

Lead me, guide me, along the way; for if you lead me, I cannot stray. Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, O Lord, lead me. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to help me over my weakest hour. Help me through the darkness thy face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 20:1-17

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 349: "My Jesus, I Love Thee" GORDON

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Récits de Cromorne et de Cornet Séparés en Dialogue Louis Clérambault

* THE DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDRETH

**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 our Ushers who offer the service of hospitality, a core virtue of our faith. The Acolyte brings forward a boutonniere and order of worship and places them on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Give Me Jesus" Traditional Spiritual

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, you may have all this world; give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight way my cry, dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.

Just about the break of day, just about the break of day, just about the break of day, give me Jesus.

Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 2:13-22

SERMON: "What Do We Love More than Jesus?" Dr. Wright

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We love you but admit that the ways we demonstrate our fidelity are often based on our desires rather than your calling. We love our neighbors but confess that we sometimes rush to address our concerns rather than their real needs. We love ourselves but often ignore what we need the most. Open our eyes to see your vision for us. Open our hands to the true yearnings of other people. Open our hearts and make them your own; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

silence

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: "Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts" Henry Purcell/ed. Walter E. Buszin

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts, shut not thy merciful ears to our prayers; but spare us, Lord, spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Savior, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death to fall from thee. Amen.

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 337: "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" GALILEE
(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 sur les Grands Jeux Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

* Congregation stands.

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

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Anna Adkins
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Pichowicz
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Madi Adkins
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 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

- 12:15 p.m.. Board of Finance, Conference Room
- 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.. SNL

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.



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