

The Worship of God

Listening Alongside: Echoing Christ

March 5, 2017

THE FIRST 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 from *Suite du Premier Ton* Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Trio from *Suite du Premier Ton* Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

CHORAL INTROIT Canadian Melody

Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand; listen to the voice that began creation; listen even if you don't understand.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 594: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" REST
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Eternal God, the Light that does not fail, we worship you.

People: We seek you, not because by our seeking we can find you, but because long since, you have sought us.

Minister: We do not seek the sun but open ourselves to its light and warmth when it arises.

People: We do not seek the fresh air of heaven, but open our windows, and lo, it blows through.

All: So may our hearts be responsive to your coming and receptive to your presence.
Harry Emerson Fosdick

* 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.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: By self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, self-denial and acts of generosity, reading and meditating on the word of God, and by listening for God, we endeavor to keep a holy Lent. Let us now confess our sin to God.

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Silent prayers of confession

Minister: God is slow to anger and full of compassion. He forgives all who humbly repent and trust in his Son as Savior and Lord. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. By the mercy of Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 4:1-11

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake" Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives. To decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 180: "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" ST. FLAVIAN

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Duo from *Suite du Premier Ton* Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

* 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. Amen.**

This morning we give thanks for the Conetoe Family Life Center and community garden which ministers to the mental, physical and spiritual health of the Conetoe community. The Acolyte brings forward a jar of honey and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Open Thou Mine Eyes" John Rutter

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see: incline my heart and I shall desire: order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments. O Lord God, be thou to me a God and beside thee let there be none else, no other, naught else with thee. Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee according to thy commandments, in truth of spirit, in rev'rence of body, in blessing of lips, in private and public. Open thou mine eyes and I shall see: incline my heart and I shall desire: order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments.
Lancelot Andrewes (1555-1626)

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Revelation 3:14-22

SERMON: "Listen for the Knock" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Minister: We believe in God the Creator, who spoke and the stars, planets, and vastness of the universe were formed, who called out for plants and animals to inhabit the earth, and who whispered each of us to life.

All: We have ears to hear! Let us listen!

Minister: We believe in God the Son, whose infant cries and childish laughter made him our brother, whose words offered comfort and insight, challenge and hope, and whose cries on the cross and alleluias in the garden brought us eternal life.

All: We have ears to hear! Let us listen!

Minister: We believe in God the Spirit, who daily reminds us of divine love and compassion, who counsels us toward justice, mercy, and humility, and who encourages us to echo Christ to the world.

All: We have ears to hear! Let us listen!

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 622: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Basse et Dessus de Trompette from *Suite du Premier Ton* Louis 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 <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Bo Browder <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Pichowicz <i>Organist</i>	Reynolds Cobb <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.

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

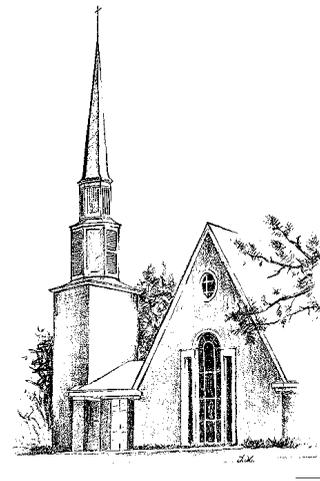
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Activity, Preschool Music and Storytime
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir and Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. Preschool, Children, and Youth Dinner, Robbins Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Bible and Missions Activities, Children's Choir
- 6:30 p.m. SNL
- 7:30 p.m. Lakeside Youth Fellowship, Dunkin' Donuts

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 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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