

The Worship of God

Leaning into the Heart of the Holy

March 6, 2016

THE FOURTH 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: Chorale Prelude Paul De Maleingreau

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: His Eye Is on the Sparrow arr. Mark Hayes
Betsy Waters, pianist

CHORAL INTROIT Taizé

The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 200: "What Wondrous Love Is This" WONDROUS LOVE
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Love circles around, joining hands, linking hearts;
People: Flowing from parent to child, from friend to friend to friend;
Minister: From one beloved to another.
People: Love circles around, never giving up, always reaching out.
Minister: Love circles around,
People: And God's love embraces all. Thanks be to God!

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION: Psalm XX Heinrich Schütz

The Lord shall hear thee in distress, His name shall well defend thee. 'Tis His to help, 'tis His to bless, and strength He'll surely send thee. To Him thy faithful offerings bear, for He thy need well knoweth, according to thine humble prayer which from thy heart out floweth, His blessings He bestoweth.

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: II Corinthians 5:16-21

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 619: "My Life Flows On" HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Kyrie André Raison

* 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.**

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "O, My God, Bestow Thy Tender Mercy" from *Stabat Mater* G.B. Pergolesi/arr. Hopson
O, my God, bestow thy tender mercy. Blot out my transgressions; cleanse my sin. O God, bestow thy tender love. Hear me, restore me, forgive me, uphold me; from all my sins, O hide thy face. O, my God, bestow thy tender mercy; cleanse my sin. Restore the joy; restore me, forgive me, uphold me, O God, hear me. O, my God, bestow thy tender mercy; cleanse my sin. Restore me, forgive me, uphold me, O God, hear me. I cry to thee. Hear thou my prayer. Cast me not away. Take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Open thou my lips, my mouth shall show forth thy praise. *Psalm 51*

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 15:11-32

SERMON: "Leaning into the Heart of the Holy: Lost and Found" Dr. Wright

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, you have given us so much. Give us one thing more: give us thankful hearts because we know our hearts can be hard and cold. We often hold on when we should let go. We clutch when we should spend, hoard when we could be generous, doubt when we should lean on faith.

Open our hands and our hearts to the bounty of your love which rushes to meet our every need. Grant us your forgiveness and your grace for bountiful life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

silence

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: "Amazing Grace" arr. John Rutter

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed! Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.

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 86: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

Please remain seated during the postlude and reflect on the meaning of today's worship for you.

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Lamb of God, Our Savior 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 <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Reynolds Cobb <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Pichowicz <i>Interim Organist</i>	Barkley Browder <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.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

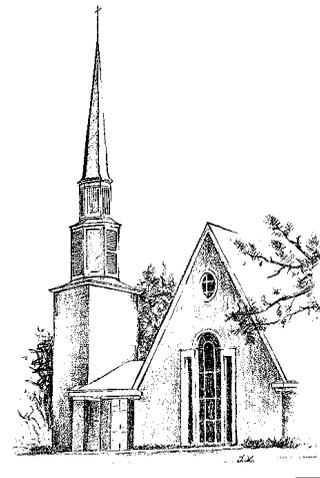
12:15 p.m. Sanctuary Tour: Meet at the front of the sanctuary.
5:00 p.m. Children's Activity, Preschool Music and Storytime
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal
5:45 p.m. Preschool and Children's Dinner
6:15 p.m. Youth Dinner
6:15 p.m. Preschool Bible and Missions Activities, Children's Choir
6:30 p.m. SNL and Sanctuary Tour: Meet in the Narthex.

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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