

The Worship of God

Be Thou My Vision

March 8, 2015

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: O Lamb of God, Most Holy

J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Improvisation

Jean Langlais

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. Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 284: "Gather Us In" GATHER US IN
(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

Samuel S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou Lord, thou Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety. Psalms 5:8 and 4:8

MEDITATION

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We confess that we do not see all people as equal. We do not believe that all people are as bright or insightful or productive or worthy or as good as we are. We do not see all people as your children. Open our eyes to the rich diversity of the lives around us. Open our hearts to other hearts which beat as do our own. Open our minds to the reality of a human family for which you are our heavenly Parent and Christ is our brother.
silence

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.

ANTHEM: "Come to the Water"

John Foley, S.J./arr. Lynda Hasseler

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord? And let all who seek, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord? And let all who toil, let them come to the water. And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord: without labor, without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord? And let all the poor, let them come to the water. Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord: bring the children without might. Easy the load and light, come to the Lord.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 687: "In Christ There Is No East or West" ST. PETER
Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER Jim Martin

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Paean

Larry Visser

* 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.**

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Seek Ye First"

Karen Lafferty/arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you; Allelu, Alleluia! Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find, knock and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 4:1-42

SERMON: "Open Our Eyes to One Another" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, Creator and Redeemer, who has not divided us into rich and poor, owners and slaves, nor pitted us against one another because of race, color, religion, class, gender, or sexuality. We believe in Jesus Christ who suffered because of human sinfulness but has overthrown the rule of evil and injustice. We believe in the Spirit of God whose flame comforts us with divine presence and causes our hearts to burn for righteousness and justice. We believe in the reconciling power of God which can bring peace and hope, justice and equality, relief of suffering, and the final triumph of love and grace in our lives and for the whole world. Amen.
Bread for the World, adapted

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 494: "They'll Know We Are Christians" ST. BRENDAN'S
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata Léon Boëllmann

* Congregation stands.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Harry Howell's birthday on March 17.

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in memory of Webster Henry by his family.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Dalton Jordan
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Jacob Watkins
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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Nancy Parker today. The children will leave from the sanctuary during the second hymn by the south door to the right of the chancel area. Parents may meet their children in the Youth Building 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.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

- 12:15 p.m. 60th Anniversary Committee Meeting, Conference Room
- 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 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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Lakeside*

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