

# The Worship of God

March 10, 2013

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: Canzona in d J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PIANO MEDITATION: Gavotte J.S. Bach

CHORAL INTROIT Taizé

My soul is at rest in God alone, my salvation comes from God.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 6: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" MIT FREUDEN ZART  
*(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)*

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Because we live in a world of plenty where we often satisfy our wants before our needs,

**People: We need you, O God.**

Minister: Because there is little that we cannot have and much that we do not need,

**People: We need you, O God.**

Minister: Because we too often wound others with our attitudes, ignore them with our assumptions, and injure them with our actions,

**People: We need you, O God.**

Minister: Because we seldom allow anyone to know that we live in a wilderness beset with temptation, haunted by doubt, and assailed with fear,

**People: We need you, O God.**

Minister: Because we are an Easter people with hope in our eyes and faith in our hearts,

**People: We need you, O God. Walk with us through the desert of our longing and restore to us the joy of your salvation.**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

## \* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION: "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me" arr. K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee; and with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal; and with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak. Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee; and, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear; and with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity. Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee; separate from sin, I would cherish all things good, and whatever I can be give to him who gave me thee. Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be; help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee; 'gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield; Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory. Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

Youth Choir; Katy Jaber, soloist

## MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: II Corinthians 5:16-21

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 540: "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" ST. MARGARET  
*Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.*

## \* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Piece in C

Sir William Walton

## \* THE DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDT

**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.**

*This morning we give thanks for My Sister's House which offers support and services for victims of domestic violence. A young person brings forward the "No More" logo with a purple ribbon, both symbols of this ministry, and places them on the altar.*

## PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Amazing Grace" arr. John Rutter

*The text of the anthem is hymn 546.* Jim Wiggs, soloist

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 15:1-3, 11b

SERMON: "The Paradox of Our Faith: Letting Go and Holding On" Dr. Wright

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

LITANY OF CONFESSION Psalm 51

Minister: Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

**People: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Minister: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

**People: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Minister: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives.

**People: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Minister: We confess to you, Lord, our self indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people.

**People: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Minister: We confess to you, Lord, our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

**People: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Minister: We confess to you, Lord, our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work.

**People: Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.**

*silence*

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: "Almighty Savior" Shaker Tune arr. Kevin Siegfried

Almighty Savior, hear my prayer, and heal my soul with sorrow torn; a wounded spirit who can bear, yet by thy help it can be born. Give me, O Lord, repenting power to crush my haughty nature low; to make me watchful ev'ry hour, and guard my steps where e'er I go. Thy mercy, Lord, from time to time has reached my soul when sore oppressed. Thou didst pass by my ev'ry crime, I with forgiving love was blest. Thou hast declared all souls were thine, and I'll confirm thy righteous claim; and for a proof I'll give up mine in honor to thy sacred name. Once more kind Savior condescend to satiate this soul of mine. And from henceforth till time shall end this soul forever shall be thine. So I'll relinquish all demands, for any good I've ever done. I'll throw my soul into thy hands and trust thy mercy, that alone. *Issachar Bates, 1836*

## AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**During this season of Lent, we embrace the paradox of our faith:**

**We believe in God who spoke into the silence and creation was born, who reached into emptiness and filled the universe with wonders, who set aside divinity and became human.**

**We believe in God who calls the first to be last and invites the last to be first, who urges us to lose our lives in order to save them, who died and rose again so that we might live forever.**

**We believe in one God revealed in three Persons, one faith in many manifestations, one hope amid many fears, one Lord and Savior for all the world. Amen.**

## THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- \* RECESSIONAL HYMN 200: "What Wondrous Love Is This" WONDROUS LOVE  
*(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*
- \* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- \* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Marche Pontificale Ferdinand de la Tombelle
- \* 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 MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright  
*Senior Minister*  
Foster McAdams  
*Acolyte*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*  
Mark Gansor  
*Organist*

Amy Shortt  
*Minister of Music*  
Jacob Watkins  
*Crucifer*

*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.*

## TODAY AT LAKESIDE

- 4:30 p.m. . . Children's Rehearsal for Missions Marketplace, Kincheloe Hall
- 5:00 p.m. . . Missions Marketplace Silent Auction, Sugg Foyer
- 5:30 p.m. . . All Youth Meet in Youth Room
- 6:00 p.m. . . Missions Marketplace 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 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.

