

The Worship of God

DRIVEN INTO THE WILDERNESS

March 11, 2012

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: Rhosymedre, Hyfrydol Ralph Vaughan-Williams

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Song Claudin de Sermisy

CHORAL INTROIT Taizé

Veni sancte Spiritus. Holy Spirit, come to us.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 4: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” NICAEA
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from Psalm 30

Minister: I will celebrate your love, O God, for you have lifted me up and not allowed my fears and sins to mock me.

People: Sing your best praises to the Lord, people of faith, and give thanks to God’s holy name.

Minister: God is not distant from any one of us, waking or sleeping we are in his hands.

People: Sing your best praises to the Lord, people of faith, and give thanks to God’s holy name.

Minister: We have seen the true glory of God in the shining face of Jesus Christ.

People: Sing your best praises to the Lord, people of faith, and give thanks to God’s holy name.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD’S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION arr. Kevin Siegfried

Holy, holy, holiness unto the Lord, love ye, love ye, love ye, one another.

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 20:1-17

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 73: “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” Wellesley
Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children’s Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Beach Spring Wayne L. Wold

* 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.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: What Does the Lord Require for Praise Norman L. Warren

What does the Lord require for praise and offering? What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?

Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with your God. People of earth, give ear! Should you not

justice know? Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow? Do justice, love mercy,

walk humbly with your God. How shall our life fulfill God's law so hard and high? Let Christ endue

our will with grace to fortify. Then justly, in mercy, we'll humbly walk with God.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 2:13-22

SERMON: “Driven Into the Wilderness: For the Love of God” Dr. Wright

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

LITANY OF CONFESSION Psalm 51

Minister: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

People: O God, you know us better than we know ourselves. Forgive us our sin and enable us to forgive ourselves.

Silent confession.

Minister: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

People: Do not only forgive, O God, but also change me. Refocus my heart, my mind, my hands, and my spirit.

Minister: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

People: Hold me close in your loving arms and protect me from temptation’s power by the strength of your Spirit.

Minister: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

People: Bring joy into my life, O God, the joy of your love and grace. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: “Holy Lord” Benjamin Harlan

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sin. Who loved us all, who shed his

precious blood that we might be redeemed. Sing Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was,

and is, and is to come forevermore shall be! Rejoice in heaven all ye that dwell there-in, rejoice in all

the earth, ye saints below, let earth and heaven sing, let all creation sing! Sing praises to our King!

E’en so Lord Jesus quickly come and night shall be no more. They need no light nor lamp nor sun

for Christ will be their all. Holy to the Lord. Sing Holy to the Lord.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Eternal God, we believe that you are the light of the minds that know you,

the joy of the hearts that love you,

and the strength of the wills that serve you.

As we walk through this wilderness of resurrection hope,

grant us so to know you that we may truly love you,

and so to love you that we may fully serve you,

whom to serve is perfect freedom and life everlasting. Amen. Augustine of Hippo, adt.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 668: “For the Healing of the Nations” 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: Praeludium in c J. S. Bach

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Sid Riddick by Louise Riddick and their children.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Michael Waters
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Lucy Collins
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.

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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Elizabeth Hedgepeth 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.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

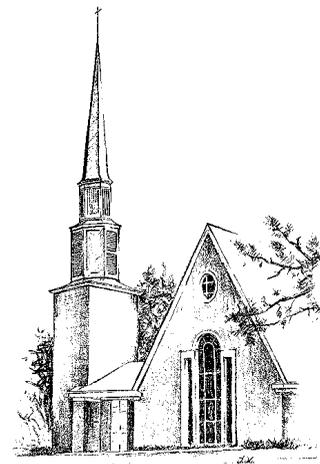
5:00 p.m. Children's Activity, Preschool Music and Storytime
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir and Handbells
5:45 p.m. Preschool and Children's Dinner
6:00 p.m. Youth Dinner
6:15 p.m. Preschool Bible and Missions Activities, Children's Choir
6:30 p.m. SNL

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.



Lenten Worship

at Lakeside

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