

The Worship of God

Listening Alongside: Echoing Christ

March 12, 2017

THE SECOND 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: Pavanne Jacques Champion de Chambonnières

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Andante Cantabile S. Bath

THE CHORAL INTROIT adapted from *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, c. 1774

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 16: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 35

Minister: Out of the desert places of our lives we gather with joy and gladness.

People: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

Minister: God has promised that lonely places and deserts will be glad and blossom as the rose.

People: The Lord has promised that the blind will be able to see, the deaf will hear, the lame will leap and dance, and those who cannot speak will shout for joy.

Minister: Our God, who made heaven and earth and all that is in them, keeps faith forever. He sets the prisoners free, brings healing to those who seek him, lifts up those who are bowed down, and watches over strangers.

People: Let us come once more, with eager longing, and bless the holy name of our God.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Taizé

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

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 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 12:1-4a

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 80: "My Shepherd, You Supply My Need" RESIGNATION
Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Improvisation Mark Pichowicz

* 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 our Landscape Committee which keeps our grounds beautiful and reminds us to be good stewards of creation. The Acolyte places pruning shears and a trowel on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Lord of the Small" Dan Forrest

Praise to the Lord of the small broken things, who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing, who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street, who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet. Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid, who girds them with courage and lends them his aid; he pours out his spirit on vessels so weak that the timid can serve and the silent can speak. Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill, who heals their afflictions or carries them till they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly, to never be sick and never to die. Praise him, O praise him, all ye who yet live, who've been given so much and can so little give, our frail, lisping praise God will never despise: he sees his dear children through mercy-filled eyes. Johanna Anderson

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 4:23-25

SERMON: "Listen for the Cries" 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 665: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" GERMANY
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Fantasie Eustache du Caurroy
- * Congregation stands.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Tim Valentine by his wife, Barbara Valentine.

The flowers in the narthex are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Don Scalf by his family.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Will Robillard <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Pichowicz <i>Organist</i>	Carson 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 CHURCH

Children in Kindergarten–Grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Witten Ward this morning. They will leave worship during the second hymn and may be picked up following worship in the Youth Building.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

- 12:15 p.m. Personnel Committee, Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Activity, Preschool Music and Storytime
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir and Handbells
- 5:00 p.m. Board of Finance, Conference Room
- 5:45 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

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.



*Lent
at
Lakeside*

Lakeside Baptist Church
1501 Sunset Avenue
Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27804