

The Worship of God

Leaning into the Heart of the Holy

March 13, 2016

THE FIFTH 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 on *Quem Pastores* Healey Willan

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Choral Prelude on a melody by Orlando Gibbons Healey Willan

CHORAL INTROIT John L. Bell

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 280: "God Is Here!" ABBOT'S LEIGH
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: The church embraces the season of Lent, a time for reflection.

People: We are busy people with places to go and things to do. We haven't the time to stop.

Minister: The church embraces the season of Lent, a time for prayer.

People: Our lives are filled with noise and confusion. We haven't the space for the silence of prayer.

Minister: The church embraces the season of Lent, a time for confession and repentance.

People: Too much talk of sin makes us uncomfortable. We would rather not examine our choices too closely or take responsibility for our actions.

Minister: The church gathers for the season of Lent. And in our gathering we are met by the grace of God that forgives our sin, transforms our lives, and gives to us the promise of a life without end.

People: The church gathers for the season of Lent, and all are welcome.

Peggy A. Haymes

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION: "Thy Will, Thy Way" R.J. Fryson

Lord, I'm learning to love thy way. For with thy way, I cannot stray. Lord, continue to discipline me.

Thy will, thy way. Nothing else matters but that thy will be done. Thy will, thy way.

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 43:16-21

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 59: "This Is My Father's World" TERRA BEATA
Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER Sheila Martin

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Improvisation Mark Pichowicz

* 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. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Alice Parker

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art, thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my Great Father, I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art. Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heav'n's joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 12:1-8

SERMON: "Leaning into the Heart of the Holy: Now" Dr. Wright

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We are in perpetual motion, O God, and don't know how to slow down. We keep our calendars filled. We live with our phones and constantly check our voice mail and e-mail and connect to the world by Twitter and FaceBook. We are busy, yet unsatisfied. We move faster, but never catch up. We are stressed and wonder if this is the way you meant us to be.

Speak to us once again your message of peace, of walking beside still waters, of refreshing our souls, of lying down in meadows of green. Speak to us again of your care for the birds of the air and children at play. Speak to our anxious hearts and spinning minds that think if we are not doing, then there is no being. Restore our balance, lighten our drivenness, and make holy our rest; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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silence

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: "I Love You, O My God Most High" traditional Irish melody/arr. David Hogan

I love you, O my God most high, for first your love has captur'd me; I seek no other liberty: bound by your love, I shall be free. All mine is yours: say but the word, say what you will it shall be done; I know your love, most holy one, I know you seek my good alone. May memory no thought suggest but shall to your pure glory tend, may understanding find no rest, except in you, its only end. Apart from you, nothing can be, so grant me this my only wish, to love you, Christ, eternally, you give me all in giving this.

St. Ignatius Loyola/trans. Edward Caswall

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 16: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON
(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: St. Mary Charles Wood

* Congregation stands.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Sid Riddick by Louise Riddick and children, Woody, Marty, and Ginny.

The rosebud on the altar is in celebration of the birth of William Gabriel Tillman, son of Greyson and Michael Tillman, on March 4.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Anna Adkins <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Pichowicz <i>Interim Organist</i>	Andersen Cobb <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.

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 Amy and David Green 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

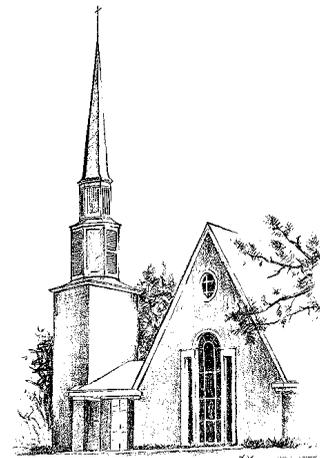
5:00 p.m. Children's Activity, Preschool Music and Storytime
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir and Handbells
5:45 p.m. Preschool and Children's Dinner
6:15 p.m. Youth Dinner
6:15 p.m. Preschool Bible and Missions Activities, Children's Choir
6:30 p.m. SNL

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 worshiping 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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