

The Worship of God

Be Thou My Vision

March 15, 2015

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: Voluntaries William Boyce

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Londonderry Air Traditional/arr. J. Stuart Archer

CHORAL INTROIT John Stainer

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 622: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA
(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 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. Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

MEDITATION

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We love you but admit that the ways we demonstrate our fidelity are often based on our desires rather than your calling. We love our neighbors but confess that we sometimes rush to address our concerns rather than their real needs. We love ourselves but often ignore what we need the most. Open our eyes to see your vision for us. Open our hands to the true yearnings of other people. Open our hearts and make them your own; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

silence

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Numbers 21:4-9

RESPONSE

Minister: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

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 PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 195: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" HAMBURG

* OFFERTORY PRAYER Sue Cataline

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Prayer Larry Visser

* 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: "Open Thou Mine Eyes"

John Rutter

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see: incline my heart and I shall desire: order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments. O Lord God, be thou to me a God and beside thee let there be none else, no other, nought else with thee. Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee according to thy commandments, in truth of spirit, in rev'rence of body, in blessing of lips, in private and public.

Lancelot Andrewes (1555-1626)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 6:1-14

SERMON: "Open Our Eyes to Real Needs" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Spirit, who calls us to abandon our pride, and to embrace people in every condition.

We believe that when we see persons who are hungry, we must feed them. Those who are thirsty, we must give to drink. The homeless we must house. The naked we must clothe. The sick, the imprisoned, the stranger – whatever the need we must address it.

We believe that whatever we do for one of God's children, we are doing for God. If we should turn our backs, or harden our hearts, to the cries of any of God's children, we have then rejected the very God who has redeemed us. But if we minister in his name, we shall receive eternal life, prepared for those who honor God with their deeds, as well as their words.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 459: "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" ABBOT'S LEIGH
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Prelude and Fugue in e 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 children, Woody, Marty, and Ginny.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Eliza Craig Parker <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Gansor <i>Organist</i>	Jackson 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 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.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

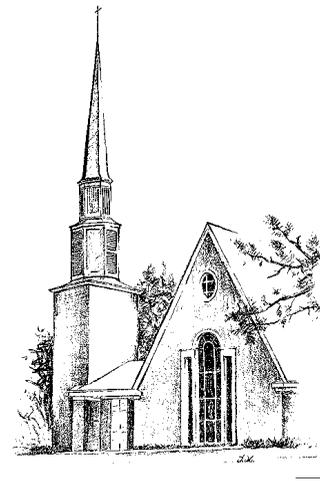
3:45 p.m. Discipleship Class, Conference Room
5:00 p.m. Children's Activity, Preschool Music and Storytime
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir and Handbells
5:45 p.m. Preschool and Children's Dinner
6:15 p.m. Youth Dinner
6:15 p.m. Preschool Bible and Missions Activities, Children's Choir
6:30 p.m. SNL
7:00 p.m. Diaconate, Conference Room

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.



*Lent
at
Lakeside*

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**CHURCH-WIDE COVERED DISH LUNCHEON
AND EASTER EGG HUNT
SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2015**

On Sunday, March 29, our children will lead the traditional procession of palms as we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week. Following worship, we will gather in Robbins Hall in the Kincheloe Building for a covered dish luncheon. The church will provide fried chicken and drinks. Each family is asked to bring a side dish, salad or dessert. After the luncheon, children through grade 5 can make crafts and participate in the Easter Egg Hunt. Call the church office, return this form to the church office, or visit the events registration page on our website by Friday, March 27.

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

**MAUNDY THURSDAY
SERVICE AND SUPPER
April 2, 2015**

Our Maundy Thursday service will take place in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 2. As we recall Christ's sacrifice and prepare to celebrate his resurrection, we will gather at the Lord's Table and remember God's tremendous love for us.

A soup and sandwich supper will be offered prior to the service at 5:30 p.m. in Robbins Hall in the Kincheloe Building. The cost of the meal is \$4.00. Please complete the reservation form and place it in the offering plate, call the church office or visit the events registration page on our website to make reservations for the meal. All reservations are needed by noon on Wednesday, April 1.

A Nursery will be provided.

Name: _____

Number attending: _____