

The Worship of God

March 16, 2014

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: Dove of Peace
Give Me Jesus
David M. Cherwien
Robert Billingham

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

HANDBELL MEDITATION: Grazioso
Arnold Sherman
CHORAL INTROIT
Samuel S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou Lord, thou Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalms 5:8 and 4:8

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 88: "All My Hope on God Is Founded"
NEANDER
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP
based on Psalm 96

Minister: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation day after day.

Minister: Sing a new song of faith,

People: For we are reluctant to accept truths that are beyond our understanding.

Minister: Sing a new song of assurance,

People: For our lives are unsettled and our hearts are unsure.

Minister: Sing a new song of salvation,

People: For Christ redeems our sin and restores us to new life.

All: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation day after day.

* 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: Genesis 12:1-4a

RESPONSE

Minister: This is the written word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 545: "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!"
HE LEADETH ME

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

HANDBELL OFFERTORY: Amazing Grace
arr. Sandra Eithun

* 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: "Total Praise"
Richard Smallwood

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills knowing my help is coming from you. Your peace you give me in time of the storm. You are the source of my strength, you are the strength of my life. I lift my hands in total praise to you.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 3:1-17

SERMON: "When Our Confidence Is Shaken: Singing Our Way to Belief"
Dr. Wright

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Minister: O God, we admit to each other and to you that we are creatures in whom good and evil are unevenly entwined. Sometimes we set out to do what seems good, only to discover that we have been manipulated by evil from within us.

People: At other times we have been afraid of our weakness, yet have achieved far better than we expected.

Minister: Sometimes we have relied on our education and worldly wisdom, only to find out how foolish we really are.

People: At other times we have trembled at our own ignorance, yet have acted in far wiser ways than we thought possible.

Minister: Sometimes we have pretended to be thoughtful and altruistic, yet in fact we have sought nothing but self interest.

People: At other times we have been appalled at our habitual selfishness, yet have managed to treat others fairly and kindly.

All: Gracious God, we place in your hands the tangled web that is our lives. By your relentless and patient grace in Christ, forgive and remove all that is sinful, untwist that which is tangled, free that which is knotted, mend all that is broken, and bring balance and harmony into our lives. In the name of Jesus Christ.

silence

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: "None Other Lamb"
Craig Courtney

None other Lamb, none other Name, none other Hope in heav'n or earth or sea, none other hiding place from guilt and shame, none beside thee. My faith burns low, my hope burns low; only my heart's desire cries out in me, by the deep thunder of its want and woe cries out to thee. Lord, thou art life, tho' I be dead; Love's fire thou art, however cold I be: nor heav'n have I, nor place to lay my head, nor home, but thee. None other Lamb.
Christina G. Rossetti

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All praise to God for song God gives, for music and a hope that lives; God's sacred word is so profound, we sing and let the truth resound. The word gives both the life and light, and guides us through the shades of night, so let the music sound God's praise as hymns bring gladness to our days.
Carlton C. Buck

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 534: "When Our Confidence Is Shaken"
LAUDA ANIMA
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Fugue in C
Felix Mendelssohn

* 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, Marty, Ginny and Woody.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Reynolds Cobb
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Robbie Bass
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.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

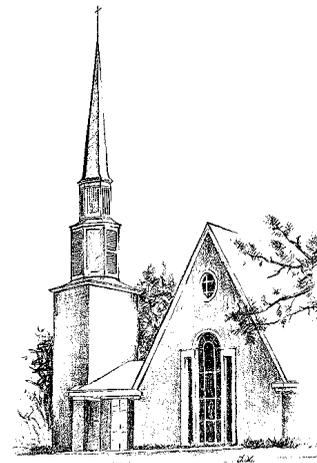
5:00 p.m. Children's Activity, Preschool Music and Storytime
5:00 p.m. Youth Choir and Handbells
5:45 p.m. Preschool and Children's Dinner
6:15 p.m. Youth Dinner
6:15 p.m. Preschool Bible and Missions Activities, Children's Choir
6:30 p.m. SNL
7:00 p.m. Diaconate

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:
Faith Songs for Life Rhythms**

When our confidence is shaken in beliefs we thought secure,
when the spirit in its sickness seeks but cannot find a cure,
God is active in the tensions of a faith not yet mature.

Solar systems, void of meaning, freeze the spirit into stone;
always our researches lead us to the ultimate unknown.
Faith must die, or come full circle to its source in God alone.

In the discipline of praying, when it's hardest to believe;
in the drudgery of caring, when it's not enough to grieve;
faith, maturing, learns acceptance of the insights we receive.

God is love, and thus redeems us in the Christ we crucify;
this is God's eternal answer to the world's eternal why.
May we in this faith maturing be content to live and die!

Fred Pratt Green

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