

The Worship of God

My Heart as Sanctuary, My Life as Prayer

March 18, 2018

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: Master Tallis's Testament Herbert Howells

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Fugue in g Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow

CHORAL INTROIT Shaker Hymn/arr. Donald Moore

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be, and when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight. When true simplicity is gained to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed, to turn, turn, will be our delight till by turning, turning we come round right.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 56: "For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP Robert Sykes

Deacon: We are a people of God.

People: We are a people who come in search of God's vision for us.

Deacon: In this time of preparation,

People: In this time of penitence.

Deacon: May we focus the power of our faith,

People: May we give freedom to the yearning of our hearts,

All: And may we emerge together in the liberating love of our God.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION 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

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 18:1-15

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 588: "Have Thine Own Way, Lord!" ADELAIDE

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

This morning we give thanks for CareNet Counseling which offers confidential, faith-based individual, couple, family, and group counseling to the people in our church and community. The Acolyte brings forward the CareNet logo and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Steal Away to Jesus" Spiritual/arr. Gilbert M. Martin

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus! Steal away, steal away home. I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the thunder; The trumpet sounds within-a my soul; I ain't got long to stay here. Green trees are bending, poor sinner stand a-trembling; The trumpet sounds within-a my soul. I ain't got long to stay here. My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the lightning; The trumpet sounds within-a my soul. I ain't got long to stay here. Steal away, steal away, I ain't got long to stay here.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 10:38-42

SERMON: "What Do We Love More Than Ourselves?" Dr. Wright

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We have become more concerned with what we want than what we need and are already given. We have mishandled the earth entrusted to our care. We have misused our personal gifts, hurting others as well as ourselves. Forgive our false pride, which hides our negligence, and forgive our careless acts, which destroy your handiwork. In your mercy, correct our faults and restore us to responsible, compassionate living; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

silence

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: "Total Praise" Richard Smallwood/arr. Doreen Rao

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.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that we are created by God,
gifted with dignity, endowed with purpose,
and blessed with skills, talents, and opportunities for a full and complete life.
We believe that God loves and watches over us as our Divine Parent,
that Jesus came to offer us abundant life now and forever,
and that the Spirit remains with us as Guardian and Guide.
We believe that we honor God best in the sanctuary of our hearts
and bear witness to God's love
through our prayers brought to life.**

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

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Fugue in g (BWV 535) J.S. Bach

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Harry Howell by Daisy Howell.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Maggie Paszek
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Pichowicz
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Michael Waters
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. The symbol is comprised of the two Greek letters, chi and rho, the first two letters in the Greek word Christos, meaning Christ. Throughout Lent we undertake a journey of self-discovery leading to repentance and renewal. The theme of our worship is “My Heart as Sanctuary, My Life as Prayer,” a guide for looking honestly at ourselves and a reminder to live out our faith day by day. 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

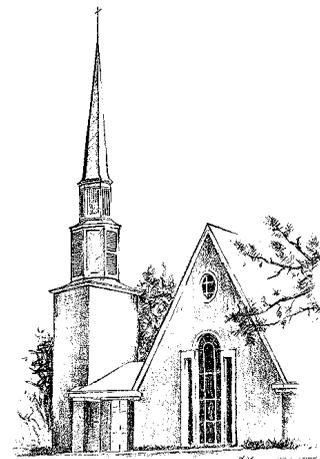
- 3:45 p.m. Discipleship Class, Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. Preschool Games and Activities
- 5:00 p.m. Youth and Children’s Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite
- 5:45 p.m. Supper for Preschoolers, Children, and Youth
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children’s Missions Activities, SNL for Youth

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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