

The Worship of God

Be Thou My Vision

March 22, 2015

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: Livre d'Orgue

Pierre DuMage

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Pastorale

J. S. Bach

CHORAL INTROIT

George Whelpton

Hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 66: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO
(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. Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

MEDITATION

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We have not forgotten to pray, but our requests are often shallow and our prayers hurried. We have not failed to worship, but our time to listen and reflect has been limited. We have not lost our respect for scripture, but we have cheated ourselves of its rich resource of faith and insight. Open our hearts to the gift of time with you. Open our eyes to the gift of your story with us. Open our lives to the grace of your love.

silence

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE EPISTLE LESSON:

II Timothy 3:1-5, 14-17

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me"

arr. K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee; and with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal; and with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak. Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee; and, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear; and with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity. Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee; separate from sin, I would cherish all things good, and whatever I can be give to him who gave me thee. Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be; help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee; 'gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield; Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory. Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN (See insert.): "Christ, Be Our Light" CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT
Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER Vel Johnson

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Double Fugue William Boyce

* 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: "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'ns joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 11:1-13

SERMON: "Open Our Eyes to the Gifts of Scripture and Prayer" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one God, the Creator of the universe, and in Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Savior, who lived and died among us that, through faith, he might always dwell in our hearts.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who communes with us through prayer and meditation and, in comfort or correction, leads us to the will of God.

We believe in the Church, community of the redeemed, gathered to follow Christ in mission and fellowship, stewardship and service.

We believe in the Scriptures, the Word-of-God-Written, given for reproof, correction, guidance unto salvation, and the maturity of the saints.

We believe God loves us, Christ died for us, the Holy Spirit remains with us, and the Church on earth is for the abounding praise of God. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 618: "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Praeludium in b J. S. Bach

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in honor and memory of Chuck Martin by Nancy and Joe Warner.*

*The rosebud on the altar is placed in celebration of the birth of Landon Thomas Painter,
son of Jackie and Thomas Painter, on March 7, 2015. Kathy Painter is Landon's grandmother.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Amira Morris <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Gansor <i>Organist</i>	Spencer Bulluck <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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Leslie and Matt Paszek 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.

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.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

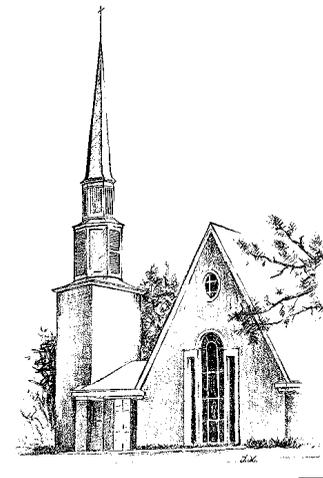
- 3:45 p.m. Discipleship Class, Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Activity, Preschool Music and Storytime
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir and Handbells
- 5:45 p.m. Preschool and Children's Dinner
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Dinner
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Bible and Missions Activities, Children's Choir
- 6:30 p.m. SNL

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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Lakeside*

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