

The Worship of God

My Heart as Sanctuary, My Life as Prayer

March 25, 2018

PALM SUNDAY

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: Come Sweetest Death, Come, Blessed Rest J.S. Bach/arr. Virgil Fox

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: When on the Cross Our Savior Hung J.S. Bach

CHORAL INTROIT Edwin Fissinger

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 192: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" ST. THEODULPH
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We gather together, waving palms of joy, waving branches of peace,

People: Eager to see Jesus, anxious for his healing touch, hoping to receive a blessing.

Minister: We gather together, waving palms of joy, waving branches of praise,

People: Longing to know abiding peace in the midst of pressing worry and hurry, longing to be accepted for who we are instead of being judged for not being or doing enough.

Minister: We gather together, waving palms of joy, waving branches of peace,

People: Hoping we are ready to walk with Jesus through the night of anguish, the morning of accusations, the noon of despair, the hours of darkness.

Minister: We gather together, waving palms of joy, waving branches of prayer,

People: Walking toward Easter.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM: "Sanctus and Benedictus" from *A Mass for Treble Voices* Alan Pote

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Madi Adkins and Chase Joyner, soloists

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

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 200: "What Wondrous Love Is This" WONDROUS LOVE

* OFFERTORY PRAYER Grady Davis

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Improvisation Mark Pichowicz

* 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. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Ride on, King Jesus!" American Spiritual/arr. Donald Moore

Ride on, King Jesus! No man can hinder him. King Jesus rides on a milk white horse. No man can hinder him. The river Jordan he did cross. No man can hinder him. Ride on, King Jesus! No man can hinder him. The trumpet shall sound and the dead shall rise. No man can hinder him. And go to that mansion in the sky. No man can hinder him. Ride on, King Jesus! No man can hinder him.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 11:1-11

SERMON: "Why Are You Celebrating?" Dr. Wright

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister: When our words and actions reflect a reluctance to confess you publicly as Lord of life:

People: O Christ, forgive us.

Minister: When we fear that humbling ourselves will be seen by others as weakness or some defect in our character:

People: O Christ, forgive us.

Minister: When we have betrayed your love for us through our lack of love for you, for others, and for ourselves:

People: O Christ, forgive us.

Minister: When we find ourselves glossing over the events of your passion and death because we look forward to Easter as a time to enjoy holidays and have fun.

People: O Christ, forgive us.

Minister: O Lord, fix your mind in us; remake us in your likeness; empty us of all that hinders us from following you to where pain and suffering, exploitation and injustice exist.

All: Gracious and loving God, empower us with the Holy Spirit so that our lives continually glorify you and our tongues forever confess Jesus as Lord. Amen.

silence

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: "Come, Ye Disconsolate" Terre Johnson

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish; come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel; here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish; Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal. Joy of the desolate, Light of the straying, Hope when all others die, fadeless and pure! Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying, "Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure." Here see the Bread of Life; see waters flowing forth from the throne of God, pure from above. Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing earth has no sorrow but heav'n can remove. *Thomas Moore, 1816*

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 195: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” HAMBURG
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Lamb of God, Our Savior J.S. Bach
- * Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of
June and Hugh Shearin by Jan and Brad Bobbitt and Gaye and Ray Brinn.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Ramsey Ward <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Pichowicz <i>Organist</i>	Georgia Morris <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.
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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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

Today following worship
Fellowship Covered-Dish Luncheon and Easter Egg Hunt
There will be no evening activities at the church.

Tuesday, March 27
Labyrinth Prayer Service at noon

Maundy Thursday, March 29
Soup and Sandwich Supper at 5:30 p.m.
Communion Service at 6:30 p.m.

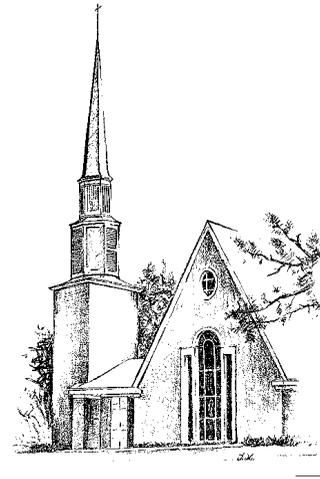
Good Friday, March 30
Prayer Service at noon

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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