

The Worship of God

Listening Alongside: Echoing Christ

March 26, 2017

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: Andante from *Organ Sonata #4* Alexandre Guilmant

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Andante in G Charles Darnton

CHORAL INTROIT Canadian Melody

Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand; listen to the voice that began creation; listen even if you don't understand.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 25: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We have come here, not because we have all the answers,

People: But because Christ Jesus has made us scholars in his school.

Minister: We have come, not because we are better than others,

People: But because we know that God does not reject sinners.

Minister: We have come, not because our lives always run smoothly,

People: But because by faith we walk together towards a promised land.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S ADORATION: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" Spiritual

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit movin' in my heart I will pray. Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit movin' in my heart I will pray. Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke, out of his mouth came fire and smoke. All aroun' me looked so shine, ask my Lord if all was mine. Jordan River run right cold, chill the body, but not the soul. Ain't but one train on this track; run to heaven and right back.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: By self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, self-denial and acts of generosity, reading and meditating on the word of God, and by listening for God, we endeavor to keep a holy Lent. Let us now confess our sin to God.

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Silent prayers of confession

Minister: God is slow to anger and full of compassion. He forgives all who humbly repent and trust in his Son as Savior and Lord. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. By the mercy of Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: I Samuel 16:1-13

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM: "Do You Know Your Shepherd's Voice?" Suzanne Lord

Do you know your Shepherd's voice? Are you list'ning with your heart? Have you stopped to hear him calling, felt the peace his words impart? As the world shouts its orders that are easiest to hear, won't you draw away and listen to your Shepherd standing near? Are you listening? The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet waters and he restores my soul!

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 566: "Be Still, My Soul" FINLANDIA
Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.**

This morning we give thanks for the Christian Men's Fellowship Home, a halfway house for men recovering from addiction and restoring their lives. The Acolyte brings forward a poem by Cheryl Ellis titled "No Ordinary Home" and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "If You Search With All Your Heart" Craig Courtney

When you seek Me, you shall find Me if you search with all your heart. For I know the plans I have for you: plans of welfare, not of evil. For I know the plans I have for you: plans of hope and a future. I will bring you out of bondage to the land I have prepared. I will bring you out of bondage, I will bring you home to me.
based on Jeremiah 29:11-14

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 9:1-41

SERMON: "Listen for the Questions" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Minister: We believe in God the Creator, who spoke and the stars, planets, and vastness of the universe were formed, who called out for plants and animals to inhabit the earth, and who whispered each of us to life.

All: We have ears to hear! Let us listen!

Minister: We believe in God the Son, whose infant cries and childish laughter made him our brother, whose words offered comfort and insight, challenge and hope, and whose cries on the cross and alleluias in the garden brought us eternal life.

All: We have ears to hear! Let us listen!

Minister: We believe in God the Spirit, who daily reminds us of divine love and compassion, who counsels us toward justice, mercy, and humility, and who encourages us to echo Christ to the world.

All: We have ears to hear! Let us listen!

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 639: “Let Hope and Sorrow Now Unite” MIT FREUDEN ZART
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Epilogue Norman Gilbert
- * 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.*

*The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in memory of
June Stallings Shearin by her family.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Edward Evans <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Pichowicz <i>Organist</i>	Sara Raper <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 CHURCH

Children in Kindergarten–Grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Leslie Paszek this morning. They will leave worship during the second hymn and may be picked up following worship in the Youth Building.

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.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

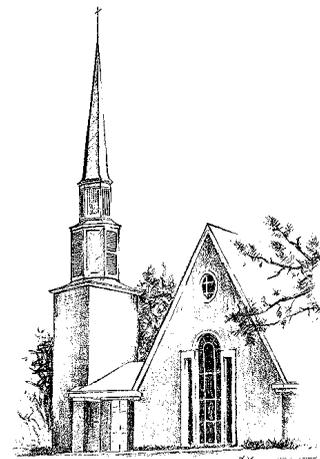
- 5:00 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children’s Missions Activities, Youth Choir
- 5:45 p.m. Dinner, Robbins Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Games and Activities, Children's Choir
- 6:30 p.m. SNL

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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