

The Worship of God

March 27, 2016

RESURRECTION 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 and turn off or silence all electronic devices. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your friendship with those around you.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: The Joy of the Redeemed *O Quanta Qualia* Clarence Dickinson

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT: "Veiled in Darkness" Glenn L. Rudolph

Veiled in darkness Judah lay, waiting for the promised day, while across the shadowy night streamed a flood of glorious light, heav'nly voices chanting then, "Peace on earth, good-will to men." Still the earth in darkness lies, up from death's dark vale arise voices of a world in grief, prayers of men who seek relief; now our darkness pierce again, "Peace on earth, good-will to men." Light of light, we humbly pray, shine upon thy world today; break the gloom of our dark night, fill our souls with love and light, send thy blessed word again, "Peace on earth, good-will to men." *Douglas Letel Rights*

HANDBELL MEDITATION: Morning Song arr. Matthew Prins

EASTER BELLS

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 216: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN
(*The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.*)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Rejoice heavenly powers! Sing choirs of angels! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Minister: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

People: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Minister: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

People: Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Minister: Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

People: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord!

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Gene Grier/Lowell Everson

He is risen from the grave! He has rolled the stone away! He is risen today! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister: On this first day of the week, Emptier of tombs, we must admit that we have not lived faithfully the last few days. It is not that we have done great evil; we simply have failed to do good. It is not so much that we have caused hurt, but we have not brought healing. It is not that we have trouble believing in the event of Easter, we have difficulty speaking about this day to our friends and neighbors.

All: Call us by name, Redeemer of all creation, so we might hear your words of mercy. You have not given us over to despair, but handed us hope. You have not ignored our emptiness, but filled us with the Bread of Heaven. You do not hand us over to death, but raise us to new life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray.

Thom Shuman

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 65:17-25

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "And I Saw a New Heaven" Edgar L. Bainton

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. Revelation 21:1-4

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 222: "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" W ZLOBIE LEZY

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Today God's Only-Gotten Son J.S. Bach

* THE DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Christus Paradox" PICARDY/ arr. Alfred V. Fedak

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave. You, peacemaker and swordbringer of the way you took and gave. You the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave. Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross, shining in eternal glory, beggar'd by a soldier's toss, You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost. You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side. You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide. Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ! Worthy your defeat and vict'ry. Worthy still your peace and strife. You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and our life. Alleluia! S. Dunstan

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:1-18

SERMON: "Leaning into the Heart of the Holy: Leaning into Life" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!
We gather before an empty tomb, we stand triumphant before the world:
to claim the power of life over death,
to lift up the certainty that death is not the end,
to sing with joy that death is not the answer.
We celebrate that we are God's children, the work of Creating hands:
fashioned in love to resemble Christ,
born in each moment to be as children in the world.
We answer the call to become co-creators with God,
to do justice, to love mercy, and to make peace.
Let us go into the world, called from the tomb into life everlasting!**

Based upon prayers by Schulyer Rhodes

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 233: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!" HYFRYDOL
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

THE BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE: "All Shall Be Amen and Alleluia" James Whitbourn
All shall be Amen and Alleluia. We shall rest and we shall see, we shall see and we shall know, we shall know and we shall love, we shall love and we shall praise. Behold our end which is no end. All shall be Amen and Alleluia.

Cornelia Singletary, piano

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Fanfare Arthur Wills

* Congregation stands.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Lakeside's Music Program in celebration of Christ's resurrection and gift of life to us all.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Daniel Edwards <i>Acolyte</i>	Georgia Morris <i>Torch Bearer</i>	Beth Seagroves <i>Crucifer</i>
	Mark Pichowicz <i>Interim Organist</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 Easter season is white, symbolic of purity and light and a reminder of the glory of God revealed through Christ's resurrection. The Celtic Cross with its circle celebrates the sacrificial love and eternal nature of God. 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

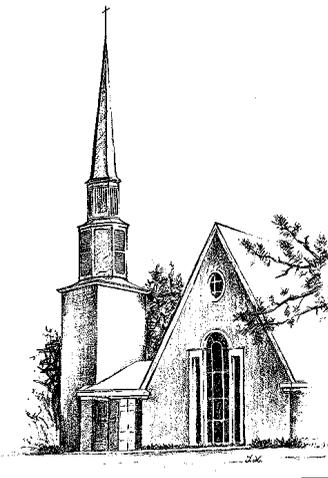
Worship bags are available in the narthex and have a variety of items that will help to make worship more meaningful for our children. Please return them to the narthex following worship.

WE WELCOME OUR GUESTS

We welcome our guests and would like for you to know more about Lakeside Church and its ministry. Members of Lakeside are persons on a journey of faith. Our church seeks to be a worshipping 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. We honor the previous baptism of persons coming to Lakeside from other Christian denominations. If you are interested in knowing more about our church and its ministries, please fill out a guest card or speak to one of the ministers or members.



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Lakeside*

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