

The Worship of God

Be Thou My Vision

March 29, 2015

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: Crown Imperial Sir William Walton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Love Unknown Karl Osterland

CHORAL INTROIT J.H. Fillmore

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever. With my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations. I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

Children's Choir

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 192: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" ST. THEODULPH
(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

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM "Sanctus and Benedictus" 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!

MEDITATION

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. This Lenten journey is nearing its end but we are not yet prepared for crucifixion or resurrection. We admit that, like the crowd who waved palms and cheered for Jesus, we can easily be bold in faith together but wane in commitment when alone. We confess that we do not always think and act as we should. We are not always faithful. Open our hearts to the hard work of repentance. Open our minds to the guidance of your Spirit. Open our eyes to the path Jesus has taken and help us to walk his way, we pray.

silence

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

Isaac Watts

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 97: "Fairest Lord Jesus" ST. ELIZABETH

* OFFERTORY PRAYER Deborah Wright

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Festival Voluntary Flor Peeters

* 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: "None Other Lamb" Craig Courtney

None other Lamb, none other Name, none other Hope in heav'n or earth or sea, none other hiding place from guilt and shame, none beside thee. My faith burns low, my hope burns low; only my heart's desire cries out in me, by the deep thunder of its want and woe cries out to thee. Lord, thou art life, tho' I be dead; Love's fire thou art, however cold I be: nor heav'n have I, nor place to lay my head, nor home, but thee. None other Lamb. Christina G. Rossetti

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 11:1-11

SERMON: "Open Our Eyes to Christ" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and that he came that we might have fullness of life. He came, not for one time, but for all time, and dwells among us now as Savior, Guide, and Friend. In his ministry, he demonstrated the Father's love for us, and taught us how we might love one another. By his suffering, God identified with our suffering, and experienced firsthand the anguishing results of sin. Through his resurrection, Christ proclaimed the eternal power of life over death and salvation over sin, thereby securing our hope. We believe that through commitment, obedience, and service to others, we respond to God's astonishing love, and proclaim Christ's good news until he comes again. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 200: "What Wondrous Love Is This" WONDROUS LOVE
(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 d J.S. Bach

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Bruce Harris by a friend..*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Edward Evans
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Carson Browder
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. 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.

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.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON AND EASTER EGG HUNT

Following worship, we will gather in Robbins Hall in the Kincheloe Building for a covered dish luncheon. The church will provide fried chicken and drinks. After the luncheon, children through grade 5 can make crafts and participate in the Easter Egg Hunt.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Covered-Dish Luncheon and Easter Egg Hunt
1:30 p.m. Dedication of Labyrinth Literature Stand
There will be no evening activities.

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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