

The Worship of God

March 30, 2014

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Faith Songs for Life Rhythms

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: Two Preludes on American Hymn Tunes Gilbert Martin

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Meditation Hal Hopson

CHORAL INTROIT Mary McDonald

I will joyfully sing in the morning; I will joyfully sing all the day; I'll sing praises to thee in the morning, for the Lord is the strength of my day.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 595: "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 96

Minister: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation day after day.

Minister: Sing a new song of wholeness,

People: For our brokenness has been healed.

Minister: Sing a new song of vision,

People: For God calls us to look honestly at ourselves and compassionately at the world.

Minister: Sing a new song of justice,

People: For the eyes of our hearts have been opened to see the needs of our brothers and sisters .

All: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation day after day.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Taizé

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid; lift up your voices, the Lord is near; lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

MEDITATION

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

RESPONSE

Minister: This is the written word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 546: "Amazing Grace" NEW BRITAIN

A soloist will sing the first stanza, the choir will sing the second stanza, and we will all sing the third and fourth stanzas a capella.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Prayer Larry Visser

* THE DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDRETH

**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

YOUTH ANTHEM: "Lord of the Small" Dan Forrest

Praise to the Lord of the small broken things, who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing, who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street, who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet. Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid, who girds them with courage and lends them his aid; he pours out his spirit on vessels so weak that the timid can serve and the silent can speak. Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill, who heals their afflictions or carries them till they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly, to never be sick and never to die. Praise him, O praise him, all ye who yet live, who've been given so much and can so little give, our frail, lisping praise God will never despise: he sees his dear children through mercy-filled eyes. Johanna Anderson

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 9:1-41

SERMON: "Open My Eyes That I May See: Singing for New Sight" Dr. Wright

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

LITANY OF CONFESSION

Minister: Lord, you penetrate the darkness of the world with your love and your life, enabling us to see our neighbors as you see them. We confess, however, that we sometimes reject the gift of your insight and close our eyes to the pain and suffering of so many people.

When selfishness blinds us to the needs of others;

People: Jesus, Light of the world, forgive us.

Minister: When our insensitivity blinds us to the hurt we cause others;

People: Jesus, Light of the world, forgive us.

Minister: When our prejudices blind us to the equal dignity and worth of others;

People: Jesus, Light of the world, forgive us.

Minister: When our pride blinds us to our own faults;

People: Jesus, Light of the world, forgive us.

Minister: When the lure of materialism blinds us to the poverty of others;

People: Jesus, Light of the world, forgive us.

All: Help us to walk in your light so that goodness, righteousness, and truth are made visible as we reflect your love and your mercy in and through all we say and do.

-silence-

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SOLO: "The Prayer" Carole Bayer Sager and David Foster/arr. Teena Chinn

I pray you'll be our eyes, and watch us where we go, and help us to be wise in times when we don't know. Let this be our prayer, when we lose our way. Lead us to a place, guide us with your grace to a place where we'll be safe. I pray we'll find your light, and hold it in our hearts when stars go out each night, eternal light will shine. Let this be our prayer, when shadows fill our day. Lead us to a place, guide us with your grace. Give us faith so we'll be safe. *Sogna mo un mondo senza più violenza. Un mono di giustizia e di speranza. Ognuno dia la mano al suo vicino simbolo di pace, di fraternità.* (We're dreaming of a world that has no violence; a world without injustice, war and hunger. Where neighbors give a helping hand to strangers as a sign of friendship, brotherhood and love.) We ask that life be kind, and watch us from above. We hope each soul will find another soul to love. Let this be our prayer, just like every child, need to find a place, guide us with your grace. Give us faith so we'll be safe. *E la fede che hai acceso in noi. Sento che ci salverá.* (And now with this faith which is in our hearts, we can feel that we'll be safe.)

Carson Browder, soloist

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All praise to God for song God gives, for music and a hope that lives; God's sacred word is so profound, we sing and let the truth resound. The word gives both the life and light, and guides us through the shades of night, so let the music sound God's praise as hymns bring gladness to our days.

Carlton C. Buck

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 586: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" OPEN MY EYES
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on Slane Larry Visser
- * Congregation stands.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Charles Wilkerson by Sallie Ray Wilkerson and family.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright Senior Minister	Elizabeth Edwards Associate Minister	Amy Shortt Minister of Music
Chase Joyner Acolyte	Mark Gansor Organist	Katy Jaber 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.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

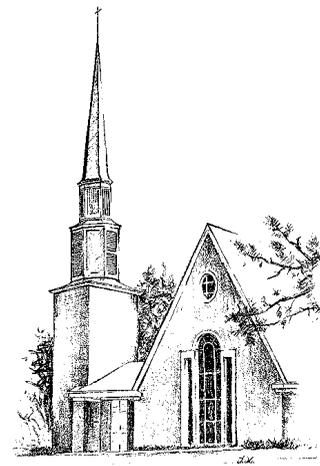
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Activity, Preschool Music and Storytime
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir and Handbells
- 5:45 p.m. Preschool and Children's Dinner
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Dinner, Youth Room
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Bible and Missions Activities, Children's Choir
- 6:30 p.m. SNL

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 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 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.



LENT AT LAKESIDE:
Faith Songs for Life Rhythms

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Clara H. Scott, 1895

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