

The Worship of God

March 31, 2013

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. 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: Adagio, Toccata in F

Charles-Marie Widor

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

HANDBELL MEDITATION: Campanae Celebrare

Cathy Moglebust

EASTER BELLS

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

EASTER HYMN

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Do not be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, just as he said he would. Come and look at the empty place where his body lay. Christ has risen!

People: He has risen indeed!

Minister: Now go quickly and tell his followers that he has risen from the dead and is going on ahead of you where you will meet him. Christ has risen!

People: He has risen indeed!

Minister: O give thanks to our God who is so good!

People: Whose love endures forever!

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOR EX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

arr. Carl Halter

Now let the heavens be joyful, Let earth her song begin! The round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein. He is risen! Christ, the Lord, is risen, Our joy that hath no end!

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O Lord, for we have sinned. You have called us to confession, but we would rather offer excuses. You have called us to live as new creations, but we still cling to the security of old lives and familiar lands. Your call is difficult and challenging, and we confess, O Lord, that it is hard to hear and to follow. Yet only in your love are we made whole. Only in your resurrection are we reborn. Only in your life do we find our lives. Only by following you can we be all that we were created to be. Forgive us, O Lord. Open our ears to hear your calling and our hearts to receive your grace. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 65:17-25

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 221: "The Strife Is O'er"

VICTORY

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Carillon for Easter Morning

Andrew Wright

* 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!**

*This morning we give thanks for the Alliance of Baptists and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship which enable us to share God's love through Christ with the world.
A young person brings forward a globe and places it on the altar.*

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Light's Glittering Morn Bedecks the Sky"

Horatio W. Parker

Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky; heav'n thunders forth its victor cry; the glad earth shouts her triumph high, and groaning hell makes wild reply, while he, the King, the mighty King despoiling death of all its sting, and trampling down the pow'rs of might, brings forth his ransomed Saints to light. That Eastertide with joy was bright, the sun shone out with fairer light, when to their longing eyes restor'd th'Apostles saw their risen Lord: he bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the glorious wounds abide; those tokens true which made it plain their Lord indeed was risen again. O Jesu, King of gentleness, do thou thyself our hearts possess; that we may give thee all our days, the tribute of our grateful praise. O Lord of all with us abide, in this our joyful Eastertide; the strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won, the song of triumph has begun. From ev'ry weapon death can wield, thine own redeemed for ever shield. Alleluia. All praise be thine, O risen Lord, from death to endless life restored; all praise to God, the Father be, and Holy Ghost eternally. Alleluia. Amen.

David Morris, Jim Wiggs and John Willcox, soloists

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 24:1-12

SERMON: "The Greatest Paradox of All"

Dr. Wright

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!

Sylvia Dunstan

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 AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Grand Choeur Dialogué Eugène Gigout
- * 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>
Spencer Edwards <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Gansor <i>Organist</i>	Ben Winstead <i>Crucifer</i>
	Katy Jaber <i>Torch Bearer</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.

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 Prayer Room following worship.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

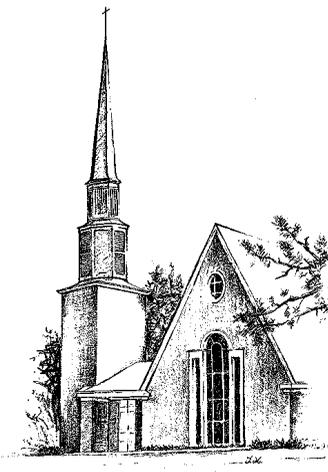
There will be no evening activities today. The church office will be closed on Monday, April 1.

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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