

The Worship of God

Sight, Sound and Silence: Still Lent

March 31, 2019

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: Prelude on *The Passion Chorale* Johannes Brahms

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Fantasia Johann Pachelbel

CHORAL INTROIT arr. Mark Edwards

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 59: "This Is My Father's World" TERRA BEATA
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP Nancy Berry

Deacon: May God who dreamed a world of dragonfly and daffodil,
open our eyes to hidden treasures and sights unnoticed.

**People: In this season of Lent, let us be still and look,
not just with our eyes but with our heart and soul.**

Deacon: May God who gave voice to wind and wave,
open our ears to the sacred sounds of heartbeat and breath.

**People: In this season of Lent, let us be still and listen,
not just with our ears, but with our heart and soul.**

Deacon: May God who gifted us with the silent wonders of a blade of grass and a rainbow promise
grant us the simple grace of pause and peace.

**People: In this season of Lent, let us be still,
opening our eyes, our ears, our heart and our soul to God.**

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

SOLO ADORATION English Melody

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, in love God made them all. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them, ev'ry one. Catherine Cobb, soloist

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 1:9-25

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 56: "For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: I Call to Thee, Lord, Jesus Christ J. S. Bach

* 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. Amen.**

This morning we give thanks for Backpack Buddies which provides weekend meals and snacks for Benvenue Elementary children who are at risk for hunger. The Acolyte places a bottle of juice on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "God Is Seen" arr. Alice Parker

Through all the world below God is seen all around, search hills and valleys through, there He's found. The growing of the corn, the lily and the thorn, the pleasant and forlorn, all declare, God is there, in meadows drest in green, God is seen. See the springing waters rise, fountains flow, rivers run, the mist that veils the sky hides the sun. Then down the rain doth pour, the ocean, it doth roar and beat upon the shore, and all praise, in their ways, the God who ne'er declines His designs. The sun with all his rays speaks of God as he flies the comet in her blaze 'God,' she cries; the shining of the stars, the moon, when she appears, his awful name declares; see them fly through the sky, and join the solemn sound all around.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 6:25-33

SERMON: "Sights and Sounds of Faith: All Nature Sings" Dr. Wright

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that while we honor you as the Creator of the world, we have not always honored the world you have created. We have been selfish in our use of the earth and unwise in our neglect of the wealth and wonder of nature. We confess that we do not take seriously your calling to be caretakers of our world and have preferred to argue with facts and fight with one another rather than work together in protecting the world we all enjoy and on which we depend. Have mercy on us, O God, and accept our repentance; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: "Psalm 8 (Adonai, Adonenu)" Dan Forrest

Adonai, Adonenu. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars, that you have set in place, what are mortals that you care for them, O Lord?

Chris Ellis, violinist; Anna Anderson, pianist

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Psalm 148

Shout the Lord's praises in the highest heavens.

All of you angels, and all who serve him above, come and offer praise.

Sun and moon, and all of you bright stars, come and offer praise.

Let all things praise the name of the Lord, because they were created at his command.

He made them to last forever, and nothing can change what he has done.

All creatures on earth, you obey his commands, so come praise the Lord!

Sea monsters and the deep sea, fire and hail, snow and frost,

and every stormy wind, come praise the Lord!

All mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars, every wild and tame animal,

all reptiles and birds, come praise the Lord!

Every king and every ruler, all nations on earth, every man and every woman,

young people and old, come praise the Lord!

Contemporary English Version

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 688: “When, in Awe of God’s Creation” 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: Toccata in e Johann Pachelbel
- * Congregation stands.

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

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>	Phil Valera <i>Guest Organist</i>	Michael Waters <i>Crucifer</i>

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Bibles and wireless hearing aids are available in the Prayer Room off the Narthex.
Childcare is available in the Preschool Building.
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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.

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.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

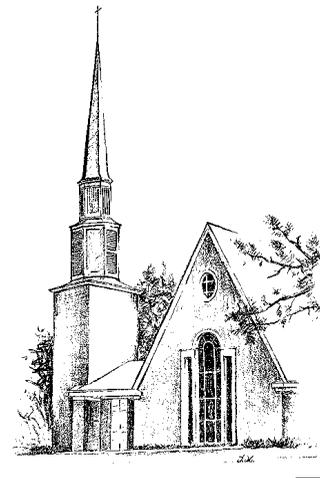
- 3:30 p.m. Growing Young Team, Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir, Preschool Building
- 5:00 p.m. Alleluia Choir, Children’s Choir Room
- 5:45 p.m. Supper for Youth and Children
- 6:15 p.m. Children’s Missions and Music, Lakeside Youth Fellowship

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

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