

The Worship of God

April 1, 2018

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 Clarence Dickinson

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

HANDBELL MEDITATION: Crown Him with Many Crowns arr. Matthew Compton

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 Jerry Baker

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

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Deacon: Rejoice, O earth in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your King!

People: Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!

Deacon: Sound the trumpet of salvation! Sing with joy and gladness!

People: Christ, our King, is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed!

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION African-American Spiritual

My Lord, what a morning! O my Lord, what a morning! When the stars begin to fall. You'll hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground, looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

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 EPISTLE LESSON: I Corinthians 15:1-11

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Improvisation

Mark Pichowicz

* 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: "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. LaCount Anderson, Jim Wiggs and John Willcox, soloists

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:1-18

SERMON: "My Heart as Sanctuary, My Life as Prayer" Dr. Wright

ANTHEM: "Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen" David M. Cherwien

Rise, O Church, like Christ arisen, from this meal of love and grace; may we through such love envision whose we are, and whose, our praise. Alleluia, alleluia; God, the wonder of our days. Rise, transformed, and choose to follow after Christ, though wounded, whole; broken, shared, our lives are hallowed to release and to console. Alleluia, alleluia; Christ, our present, past, and goal. Rise, remember well the future God has called us to receive; present by God's loving nurture, Spirited then let us live. Alleluia, alleluia; Spirit, grace by whom we live. Service be our sure vocation; courage be our daily breath; mercy be our destination from this day and unto death. Alleluia, alleluia. Rise, O church, a living faith. Susan Palo Cherwien

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

* THE CHORAL BLESSING: “Hallelujah” from *Messiah* G.F. Handel
Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. King of kings and Lord of lords. Hallelujah!

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata from *Symphony V* Charles-Marie Widor

* Congregation stands.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Lakeside’s Music Program and the Lakeside staff 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>
Elizabeth Paszek <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Pichowicz <i>Organist</i>	Andersen Cobb <i>Crucifer</i>
	Spencer Edwards <i>Torchbearer</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.

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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 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.

WIRELESS HEARING AIDS

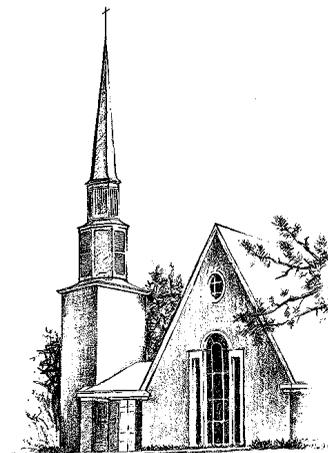
Wireless hearing aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship.

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.



Easter at Lakeside

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