

The Worship of God

Listening Alongside: Echoing Christ

April 2, 2017

THE FIFTH 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: Master Tallis's Testament Herbert Howells

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Andante Tranquillo W. Henry Maxfield

CHORAL INTROIT Taizé

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 357: "We Call Ourselves Disciples" LANCASHIRE
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Minister: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after; to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

People: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent, he will set me high upon a rock.

Minister: Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

People: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the Lord!

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Taizé

My soul is at rest in God alone, my salvation comes from God. *Psalms 62*

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: By self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, self-denial and acts of generosity, reading and meditating on the word of God, and by listening for God, we endeavor to keep a holy Lent. Let us now confess our sin to God.

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Silent prayers of confession

Minister: God is slow to anger and full of compassion. He forgives all who humbly repent and trust in his Son as Savior and Lord. There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. By the mercy of Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: I Kings 19:9-13a

RESPONSE

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord" (*Elijah*) Felix Mendelssohn

Cast thy burden upon the Lord; and he shall sustain thee. He never will suffer the righteous to fall; he is at thy right hand. Thy mercy, Lord, is great, and far above the heavens. Let none be ashamed that wait upon thee!

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 572: "Take Time To Be Holy" HOLINESS

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Improvisation Mark Pichowicz

* THE DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDDTH

**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 the Bereavement Committee which ministers to grieving families through a meal and hospitality. The Acolyte brings forward a casserole dish and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Even Here" Mark A. Miller

At the land's dark roots, in the farthest deep, where the daylight dims, where no one can reach, can the hand of God, can the voice of love find me even here? I have turned away, I have set my fate, I have run too far, I repent too late, can the hand of God, can the voice of love find me even here? O, to climb again where the eagle flies, where its nest is set in the sunlit skies! Can the hand of God, can the voice of love find me even here? Will the hand of God, will the voice of love find me even here? O forgive me, Lord, may I see your face, may I die in peace with a song of praise, may the hand of God, may the voice of love find me even here.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 15:11-24

SERMON: "Listen to the Silence" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Minister: We believe in God the Creator, who spoke and the stars, planets, and vastness of the universe were formed, who called out for plants and animals to inhabit the earth, and who whispered each of us to life.

All: We have ears to hear! Let us listen!

Minister: We believe in God the Son, whose infant cries and childish laughter made him our brother, whose words offered comfort and insight, challenge and hope, and whose cries on the cross and alleluias in the garden brought us eternal life.

All: We have ears to hear! Let us listen!

Minister: We believe in God the Spirit, who daily reminds us of divine love and compassion, who counsels us toward justice, mercy, and humility, and who encourages us to echo Christ to the world.

All: We have ears to hear! Let us listen!

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 595: "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: St. Mary Charles Wood

* Congregation stands.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Adolfo H. Marsigli by Karyl Marsigli and family.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Dalton Jordan <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Pichowicz <i>Organist</i>	Jacob Watkins <i>Crucifer</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 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.

PALM SUNDAY

During morning worship on Palm Sunday, our Chancel Choir will perform *Son of God Mass*. They will be accompanied by Mark Pichowicz on organ and Michael Stephenson on soprano saxophone. Amy Shortt will direct the devotional concert piece which will be interwoven throughout our worship. The evocative sound of the soprano saxophone adds a healing balm over the whole piece making it a profound consolatory experience. Following worship, we will enjoy a fellowship luncheon and Easter Egg Hunt. We hope you will plan to be present and invite family and friends to join us on this special Sunday as we begin Holy Week.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

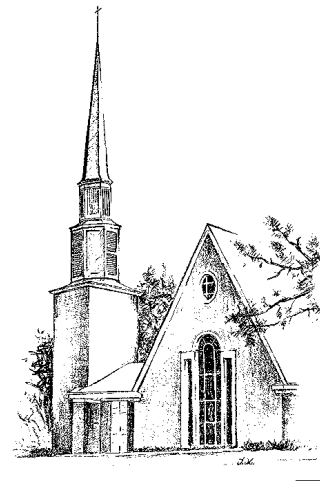
5:00 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children's Choir
5:30 p.m. Seder Meal for Youth and Children
6:15 p.m. Preschool Games and Activities
7:00 p.m. Youth and Children Dismiss

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.



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