

# The Worship of God

April 5, 2015

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: Carillon  
Hallelujah Chorus  
Andrew Wright  
G. F. Handel/arr. Théodore Dubois

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

HANDBELL MEDITATION: Easter Morning Celebration  
Michael Helman

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: Christ has put the door of eternity ajar.

**People: The Light of Life streams into every dismal corner.**

Minister: Fear and shame flee like shadows before the dawn.

**People: Arise! Shine! Our Light has come!**

Minister: Lift up your eyes and look around! The Lord is our everlasting light!

**People: Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35  
GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION: "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" Ludwig Beethoven/arr. Jeremy Bankson  
Alleluia! Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed. In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend. Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end. Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us, sing Hosanna, everyone!  
Brian Wren

## 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.**

ANTHEM: "Now Glad of Heart"

Keaton Lee Scott

Now glad of heart be ev'ry one! The fight is fought, the day is won, the Christ is set upon His throne, alleluia, alleluia! Who on the rood was crucified, who rose again, as at this tide, in glory to His Father's side, alleluia, alleluia! Who baffled death and harrowed hell and led the souls that loved Him well all in the light of lights to dwell: alleluia, alleluia! To Him we lift our heart and voice and in His paradise rejoice with harp and pipe and happy noise. Sing alleluia, alleluia! Then rise all Christian folk with me and carol forth the One in Three that was, and is and is to be, alleluia, alleluia! Now glad of heart be ev'ry one! The fight is fought, the day is won, the Christ is set upon His throne, sing alleluia, alleluia!

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 228: "The Day of Resurrection" LANCASHIRE

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

HANDBELL OFFERTORY: All Creatures of Our God and King  
arr. Paul A. McKlveen

\* 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: "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

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 16:1-8

SERMON: "Open Our Eyes to Life" Dr. Wright

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 in F Charles-Marie Widor

\* Congregation stands.

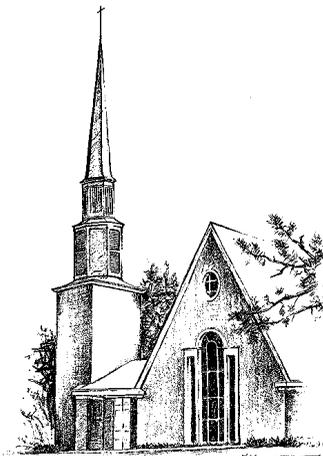
*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Carl Collins by Dozia Collins.*

### THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright  
*Senior Minister*  
Reynolds Cobb  
*Acolyte*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*  
Mark Gansor  
*Organist*  
Trevor Graham  
*Torch Bearer*

Amy Shortt  
*Minister of Music*  
Katy Jaber  
*Crucifer*



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*Children's worship aids are available in the narthex.  
Bibles, large print hymnals, 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.

### WE WELCOME OUR GUEST MUSICIANS

We are grateful to have our guest musicians assisting us in worship today. Daniel Muse (percussion), a native of Florence, Alabama, is a student in the School of Music and East Carolina University, majoring in music education. He is a former Marine Corps musician. Kelsey Wittman, (trumpet) a native of Jacksonville, North Carolina, is a junior at East Carolina University studying music education. Following graduation, she hopes to teach general music at an elementary school.

### 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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