

The Worship of God

Sight, Sound and Silence: Still Lent

April 7, 2019

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: Trumpet Tune in C

Alice Jordan

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Prelude on *Brother James' Air*

Alice Jordan

CHORAL INTROIT

John L. Bell

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 288: "O God of Vision" LOBE DEN HERREN
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP Sheila Whitley

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

CHORAL ADORATION

William Byrd

Non nobis, Domine, non nobis, sed nomini tu o da gloriam.

Not unto us, O Lord, not to us, but unto thy name be the glory.

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 1:15-23

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 195: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" HAMBURG

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Prelude on *Melcombe*

Hubert Perry

* THE DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

**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: "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Heather Sorenson

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night; waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. You shine in the night. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always. Thou and thou only, the first in my heart, my treasure thou art. Blessed Redeemer, my treasure thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won! May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, still be my light, and you will still be my vision, shine in the night. Be thou my vision, O Ruler of all. Be thou my Light when I walk through the night.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 9:1-7

SERMON: "Sights of Faith" Dr. Wright

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

Lord, you penetrate the darkness of the world with your love and your life, enabling me to see my neighbors as you see them. I confess, however, that I sometimes reject the gift of your insight and close my eyes to the pain and suffering of so many people. When my selfishness blinds me to the needs of others, when my insensitivity blinds me to the hurt I cause others, when my prejudice blinds me to the equal dignity and worth of others, when my pride blinds me to my own faults, when the lure of materialism blinds me to the poverty of others, Jesus, Light of the world, forgive me. Help me to walk in your light so that goodness, righteousness, and truth are made visible as I reflect your love and mercy in and through all I say and do.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: "Open Thou Mine Eyes" John Rutter

Open thou mine eyes and I shall see: incline my heart and I shall desire: order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments. O Lord God, be thou to me a God and beside thee let there be none else, no other, naught else with thee. Vouchsafe to me to worship thee and serve thee according to thy commandments, in truth of spirit, in rev'rence of body, in blessing of lips, in private and public. Open thou mine eyes and I shall see: incline my heart and I shall desire: order my steps and I shall walk in the ways of thy commandments. *Lancelot Andrewes (1555-1626)*

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved, he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 280: "God Is Here!" ABBOT'S LEIGH
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Prelude on *Lobe Den Herren*

Alice Jordan

* Congregation stands.

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

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Anna Adkins
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Eddie Abernathy
Guest Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Spencer Edwards
Crucifer

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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

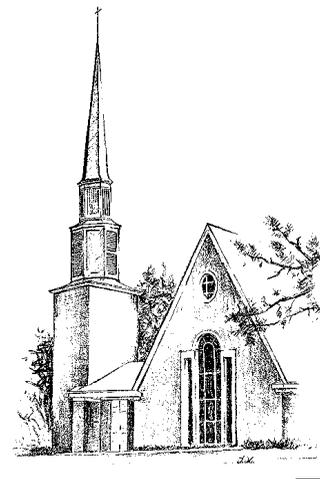
12:15 p.m. Cherub Choir and Alleluia Choir Lunch and Rehearsal, Youth Room
1:00 p.m. Preschool through 2nd Grade Activities, Preschool Building
2:00 p.m. Alleluia Choir on WHIG for Christian Fellowship Home Telethon
3:00 p.m. Preschool and Children Dismiss
3:00 p.m. Youth Depart for Bowling
5:00 p.m. Flute Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

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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