

# The Worship of God

April 8, 2012

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. 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: Toccata in F

Charles-Marie Widor

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

HANDBELL MEDITATION: When Morning Gilds the Skies

arr. John A. Behnke

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 is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed!**

Minister: For us the stone has been rolled away!

**People: Hallelujah!**

Minister: The old has passed away, all things have become new.

**People: Hallelujah!**

Minister: For we have seen the risen Christ. He is alive!

**People: Hallelujah!**

Minister: With joy and gratitude, let us celebrate God's triumph!

**People: Christ is risen indeed!**

Bruce Prewer, adapted

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOR EX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

arr. Carl Halter

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin! The round world keep high triumph, and all that is therein! He is risen, Christ, the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end! From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory. He is risen, Christ, the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end!

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister: God of love, like the first witnesses of the resurrection, we also come to the empty tomb with many responses. We hear the good news that Jesus has risen, but so often fail to give evidence of this great wonder with our lives.

**People: Forgive us when we fail to make the risen Christ evident through our words, our actions and our lives.**

Minister: As we come to the empty tomb seeking forgiveness for all our faults and shortcomings, help us to re-order our priorities so that we always put the risen Christ first in our lives.

**People: Forgive us when we forget that the tomb is forever empty because Jesus is here and is wherever Christians live and worship.**

Minister: Help us to remember the costly act of Jesus Christ which led to victory over sin and death, an act which gives us the gift of a new beginning—guilt free and graced by love.

**People: The tomb is empty! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Moira Laidlaw, adapted

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON:

I Corinthians 15:1-11

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 230: "Now the Green Blade Rises" NÖEL NOUVELET

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Carillon for Easter Morning

Andrew Wright

\* 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

HANDBELL ANTHEM: The Strife Is O'er

arr. Arnold Sherman

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:1-18

SERMON: "We Have Seen the Lord!" Dr. Wright

ANTHEM: "I Was Glad" C. Hubert Parry

I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at unity in itself. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.  
*from Psalm 122*

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 AND CHORAL AMEN

\* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Final in D Louis Vierne

\* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in celebration of Christ's resurrection and gift of life to us all.*

### THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright  
*Senior Minister*  
Carson Browder  
*Acolyte*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*  
Mark Gansor  
*Organist*  
Jackson Browder  
*Torch Bearer*

Amy Shortt  
*Minister of Music*  
Sydney Browder  
*Crucifer*

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*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*

### 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.

### BIBLES AND LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AVAILABLE

Bibles and several large print hymnals are available for your convenience and are located in the Prayer Room off the Narthex. Please ask an usher as you enter the sanctuary.

### 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.

### COMMUNICATIONS BOOK

A Communications Book is located in the narthex. You may use this book to record your visit with our congregation, to leave a note for the ministers or office staff, or to sign up for a trip or activity.

### TODAY AT LAKESIDE

There will be no evening activities today. The church office will be closed on Monday, April 25.

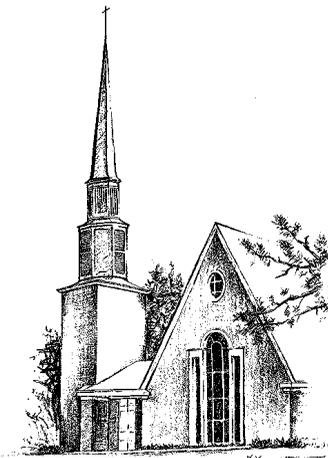
*The paraments on the altar and pulpit, along with the ministers' stoles provide us with visual cues about the meaning of our faith. The color of the Easter season is white, symbolic of purity and light and a reminder of the glory of God revealed through Christ's resurrection. The Celtic Cross with its 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.*

### 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 worshiping 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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