

The Worship of God

April 8, 2018

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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: Epilogue

Norman Gilbert

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Andante Grazioso

S. Bath

CHORAL INTROIT

Bernard Kyamanywa

Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia. For our Redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling its gloom. Let us sing praise to him with endless joy. Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy. Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 218: "Thine Is the Glory" MACCABEUS
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP Theo Pitt

Minister: We gather to praise the God of our salvation.

People: Our help in times past, our hope in days to come.

Minister: We gather to remember who we are:

People: A mixture of hopes and fears, of dreams and doubts, of joys and sorrows.

Minister: We gather to hear the word of the Lord:

People: Which calls us to live as faithful followers of Jesus Christ, and inspires us for the living of these days.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER Sheila Whitley

CHORAL ADORATION

Gene Grier/Lowell Everson

He is risen from the grave! Alleluia! He has rolled the stone away! Alleluia!

He is risen today! Alleluia!

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

To you, O God, we bring our lust for power and set it down before your vulnerability; we bring our love of money and place it before your willing poverty; we bring our stubborn pride and set it before your utter humility; we bring our desire for vengeance and lay it before your mercifulness; we bring our self interest and rest it before your self giving; we bring all our vaunted wisdom and lay it before your cross.

Forgive us once again, we pray. Free us of paralyzing guilt and cure us of our sin. Reorder our thinking and feeling, and realign our hopes and ambitions to your will. Let us become in action as well as intention, true brothers and sisters to one another and of Christ.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: II Corinthians 4:1-12

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Jesus Christ the Apple Tree"

Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green: the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest a while: under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree. This fruit does make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive; which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 534: "When Our Confidence Is Shaken" LAUDA ANIMA

* 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!**

This morning we give thanks for our Christian Education ministries which provide opportunities for us to explore issues of life and faith as we build relationships and nurture community. The Acolyte places a Bible and a newspaper on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Holy Lord"

Benjamin Harlan

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sin. Who loved us all, who shed his precious blood that we might be redeemed. Sing Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was, and is, and is to come forevermore shall be! Rejoice in heaven all ye that dwell there-in, rejoice in all the earth, ye saints below, let earth and heaven sing, let all creation sing! Sing praises to our King! E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come and night shall be no more. They need no light nor lamp nor sun for Christ will be their all. Holy to the Lord. Sing Holy to the Lord.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31

SERMON: "The Thomas in Us" Rev. Edwards

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that we are called to respond to God's grace in faith, to trust God with our lives, and to be open to creative insights and new possibilities.

We believe that we are called to use our talents and gifts to transform our world, to imitate Christ in building a welcoming and life-giving community, and to promote dignity and justice for all God's children.

We believe that God calls us to a journey of faith, seeking God's vision, nurturing God's gift of life, and discovering God's presence throughout all of life. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 538: "Hope of the World" O PERFECT LOVE
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Trumpet Tune in D

David N. Johnson

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Corrinne Willcox on her 80th birthday
by Dianne and Trey Bulluck, Casey cAuliffe and Brian Macanka Erin McAuliffe.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Ramsey Ward
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Pichowicz
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Jacob Watskins
Crucifer

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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.

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.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

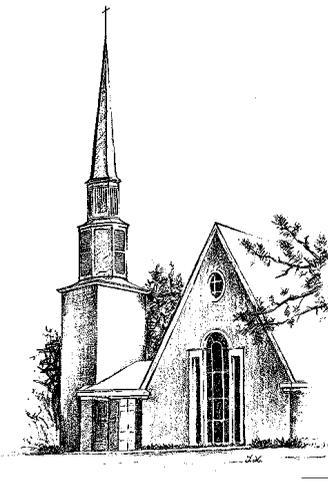
- 3:45 p.m. Discipleship Class, Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. Preschool Games and Activities
- 5:00 p.m. Youth and Children's Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite
- 5:45 p.m. Supper for Preschoolers, Children, and Youth
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities, SNL for Youth
- 7:15 p.m. Lakeside Youth Fellowship, Dunkin Donuts

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.



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at
Lakeside*

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