

The Worship of God

April 10, 2016

THE THIRD 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: Grand Plein Jeu & Fugue from *Suite du Premier Ton* Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Duo

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

CHORAL INTROIT

Samuel S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou Lord, thou Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalms 5:8 and 4:8

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 218:

“Thine Is the Glory”

MACCABEUS

(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 139; Romans 8

Minister: As many people as are led by the Spirit of God have become children of God.

People: O Lord, you have searched me and known me, you know when I sit and when I stand; should I fear I am far away, you know all my thoughts.

Minister: We did not receive from God a spirit of fear, but a Spirit of adoption enabling us to cry “Abba! Father!”

People: You have hedged me around with your love, and laid your hand upon me.

Minister: Such knowledge is too wonderful to grasp, it is so high that my mind can never grab hold of it all.

People: The Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are indeed children of God.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION: “Let the Children Come”

Helen Kemp

But Jesus called the children to him, and then he said to his disciples: “Let the little children come to me. Let them come and gather at my knee. Let them come, dear friends, for don't you see, this is how God's kingdom ought to be? Truly now I say to you, come to God as little children do.” Then he blessed them one by one. This is how God's kingdom comes! Oh, come little children!

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We have been less than child-like in our hearts. We let our fears and insecurities guide our ways. We forget to trust you and depend on your mercy. We act immature and blame our problems on other people, using them as a cornerstone for our own drooping sense of self-worth. Teach us to rely on your goodness. Reassure us with your grace. And give us the bright and hopeful spirit of a child of God.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 11:1-13

Elizabeth Paszek

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: “Lord of the Small”

Dan Forrest

Praise to the Lord of the small broken things, who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing. who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street, who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet. Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid, who girds them with courage and lends them his aid; he pours out his spirit on vessels so weak that the timid can serve and the silent can speak. Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill, who heals their afflictions or carries them till they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly, to never be sick and never to die. Praise him, O praise him, all ye who yet live, who've been given so much and can so little give, our frail, lisping praise God will never despise: he sees his dear children through mercy-filled eyes.

Johanna Anderson

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 75:

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

WATERLIFE

Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Basse et Dessus de Trompette

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

* 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 The Down East Partnership for Children which has as its mission: "Improving the Education and Health of Children in Nash & Edgecombe Counties." The Acolyte brings forward reading books and places them on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

DUET: “Who Will Keep God's Lambs?”

Largo, Symphony No. 9, Dvořák/arr. Gilpin

Who will feed the little lambs for the Lord today? Lead them to green pastures or find them when they stray? Who will show them quiet streams with a loving hand? Who will protect the fold of God? Who will keep God's lambs? I will feed the little lambs for the Lord today. Lead them to green pastures and find them when they stray. I will show them quiet streams with a loving hand. I will protect the fold of God. I will keep God's lambs. Jesus said to feed his sheep while he is away. Will you take your rod and staff, guard his sheep today? Will you feed the little lambs for the Lord today? Lead them to green pastures or find them when they stray? Will you show them quiet streams with a loving hand? Will you protect the fold of God? Will you keep God's lambs? Who will keep God's lambs? I will keep God's lambs. Bo Browder and Chase Joyner

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

John 21:1-17

SERMON:

“Keeping God's Lambs”

Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We confess that to be a child of God is to live with awareness of God's presence, to act with understanding of God's will, and to love with assurance of God's blessing.

We also confess that to be a child of God is to experience the fear of abandonment, to know the anxiety of doubt, and to feel the sting of rejection and guilt.

We rejoice that as children of God our fears are soothed, our anxiety is diminished, and our wounds are healed through the grace of Jesus the Christ. Thanks be to God!

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 284:

“Gather Us In”

GATHER US IN

(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

* Congregation stands.

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

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Chase Joyner
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Pichowicz
Interim Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Beth Seagroves
Crucifer

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 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.

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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Amy and David Green today. The children will leave from the sanctuary during the second hymn by the south door to the right of the chancel area. Parents may meet their children in the Youth Building following worship.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

5:00 p.m. . . . Children's Activity, Preschool Music and Storytime

5:00 p.m. . . . Youth Choir

5:45 p.m. . . . Preschool and Children's Dinner

6:15 p.m. . . . Youth Dinner

6:15 p.m. . . . Preschool Bible and Missions Activities, Children's Choir

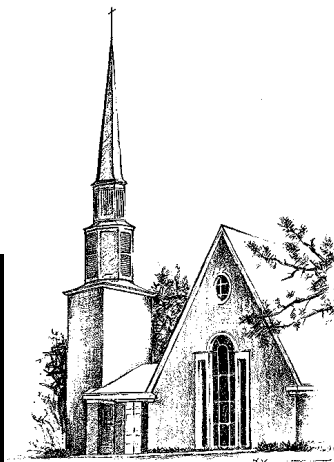
6:30 p.m. . . . SNL

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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