

# The Worship of God

April 12, 2015

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: Llanfair

Albert L. Travis

Hymn to Joy

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: All Glory Be To God On High

Timothy Albrecht

CHORAL INTROIT

Richard Warner

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! In his temple God be praised; in the high and heavenly places be the sounding anthem raised. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! All that breathe, Jehovah praise; let the voices God hath given joyful anthems to him raise.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 215: "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

ST. KEVIN

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We are drawn to this place of worship.

**People: Stirring within us is a longing to be loved.**

Minister: God says: "You are the beloved."

**People: Aching within us is our desire for our true home.**

Minister: God says: "Come home. Here you will find rest."

**People: Rising within us is our search for a vision larger than the pressing moment.**

Minister: God says: "I will give you a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night to guide you.

**People: Brewing within us is a yearning for community.**

Minister: God says: "I have called you by name and given you one another to love."

**People: Being born within us is a song of hope and a melody of praise!**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

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!

## FAMILY DEDICATION

*We celebrate the dedication of Kathryn Grace Tillman,  
daughter of Greyson and Michael Tillman, born on September 15, 2014.*

HOMILY

THE COVENANT

Minister: Do you parents present your child before God, in solemn dedication?

*Parents: We do.*

Minister: Do you commit yourselves as parents to bring up your child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

*Parents: We do.*

Minister: Do you promise to instruct your child in the teachings of Jesus Christ and in the practice of prayer, and to provide guidance in the development of a Christlike character?

*Parents: We do.*

Minister: Do you promise, to the best of your ability, so to shape your home life, by your words and by your example, that your child will naturally come to an open confession of Christ as Lord and enter into the fellowship and service of the church?

*Parents: We do.*

Minister: As a congregation, what pledge do you make to these parents?

**People: We rejoice in this new life that has come into your family, and we pledge to you our support, encouragement, and prayers as you seek to raise your child in a Christian home. We further pledge to do our part in nurturing your child's growing faith through worship, teaching, and service.**

THE UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O God, our heavenly Parent, we have received our children in trust from you. Acting as stewards of this holy trust, help us to love our children unselfishly, and to guide them into righteous living. We pledge our lives to the fulfillment of this holy calling, and pray for your divine help through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

THE BLESSING OF THE CHILD

SOLO: "How Can I Fear"

Ron Hamilton

When shadows fall and the night covers all, there are things that my eyes cannot see. I'll never fear for the Savior is near; my Lord abides with me! *How can I fear? Jesus is near; he ever watches over me. Worries all cease; he gives me peace. How can I fear with Jesus?* When I'm alone and I face the unknown and I fear what the future may be, I can depend on the strength of my Friend! He walks along with me. Jesus is King! He controls everything! He is with me each night and each day. I trust my soul to the Savior's control; he drives all fear away! How can I fear? Jesus is near! He ever watches over me! Worries all cease; he gives me peace. I will not fear with Jesus.

Madi Adkins, soloist

## MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

John 20:19-31

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 558: "Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us"

BRADBURY

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Cristo Vive

Robert Buckley Farley

\* 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 a basket of healthy foods and places it on the altar.*

## PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Look at the World"

J

John Rutter

Look at the world, ev'rything all around us: look at the world, and marvel ev'ry day. Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way. *Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, give us thankful hearts, that we may see: all the gifts we share, and every blessing, all things come of thee.* Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain; look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain. Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Ev'rything grows, ev'rything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold. Ev'ry good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love; we are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; his is the earth, and his the heav'ns above.

THE HISTORY LESSON:

Acts 4:32-35

SERMON:

“Holding Our Children”

Dr. Wright

A LITANY OF CHALLENGE FROM THE CHILDREN

Eliza Craig Parker and Spencer Edwards

Child: Children want love. Will you love us?

**People: As Jesus loves the children, we will love you.**

Child: We want to learn to pray. Will you pray with us?

**People: As Jesus prayed with his disciples, we will pray with you.**

Child: Sometimes we are mean and do bad things. Will you teach us how to say I'm sorry?

**People: As Jesus teaches us to repent, we will show you how to say I'm sorry.**

Child: When somebody hurts us and says I'm sorry, teach us not to be mad anymore.

**People: As Jesus forgives, we will look into our own hearts and forgive.**

Child: When we grow up, we will take care of you. Show us how to care.

**People: With God's help, we will show you how to care.**

Child: There is a lot of violence that hurts children and mamas and daddies. Will you protect us?

**People: We will work to make your world a safe place.**

Child: Our world is all messed up. It is hard to know what is right. Will you help?

**People: With God's help, we will show you how to live.**

Child: Will you help children who don't have food and children with bad diseases?

**People: As Jesus taught, we will feed the children and make them well.**

Child: We want to be strong and smart and to play and work with all people. Will you help us?

**People: As Jesus grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind, we promise to support the schools so there can be quality education for all children; to work for health care to keep children strong; and to protect the land, air, and water in God's playground.**

Child: Jesus listened to children. Will you hear us when we call your name? Are we important to the church?

**People: Jesus said, "Unless you turn and become children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Children are our teachers. Yes, we are the church together!**

*Written by children from Mississippi and adapted for use.*

*Mississippi Conference of The United Methodist Church*

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 500:

“God Made from One Blood”

ST. DENIO

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

\* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

\* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Rigaudon

Andre Campra

\* Congregation stands.

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

#### THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright

*Senior Minister*

Anna Adkins

*Acolyte*

Elizabeth Edwards

*Associate Minister*

Mark Gansor

*Organist*

Amy Shortt

*Minister of Music*

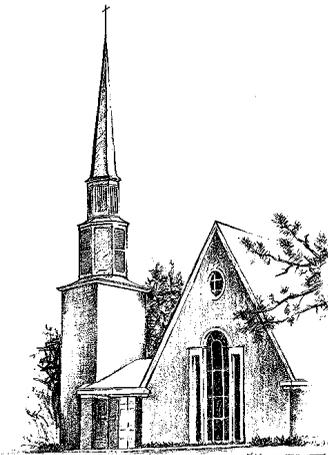
Jackson Browder

*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.*



# *Easter at Lakeside*

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