

The Worship of God

April 15, 2012

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. 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: Llanfair, Easter Hymn Robert J. Powell

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Light's Glittering Morn Bedecks the Sky Gerald Near

CHORAL INTROIT Joachim Neander

Gracious God, I come before thee, come thou also unto me; where we find thee and adore thee, there a heaven on earth must be. To my heart O render thou, let it be thy temple now.

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Listen anew to the story of our faith,

People: God welcomes us through the grace of the Risen Christ.

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People: Told and retold in the lives of the faithful: past, present and future.

Minister: Listen anew to the story of our faith,

People: Written upon our hearts, bearing witness to God's love, calling us to love one another.

Minister: Listen anew to the story of our faith,

People: The story of grace alive within us all.

* 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!

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

COMMISSIONING OF SALLIE BAILEY

We offer our blessing and support to Sallie Bailey who will serve this summer as an Intern with the Church Hill Activities and Tutoring Program in Richmond, Virginia.

HOMILY Dr. Wright

THE BLESSING

Minister: O God, who sent Jesus into the world not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life to set others free, shape us for your ministry.

People: Claim us, O God, for your service, and direct us toward your will.

Minister: You have graced all members of Christ's body, one by one, with gifts of the Spirit to fulfill their vocation: to lead lives worthy of your calling, to be workers who have no reason to be ashamed, to shine as lights to your glory.

People: You have granted each of us the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Minister: You give grace according to the measure of Christ's gift, and some are called to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

People: Grant that together we may all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of your Son, to the full stature of Christ.

Minister: Through your grace, may we lead a life worthy of the ministry to which you call us.

People: We pray now, O God, that you will bless Sallie this summer. Use her gifts to minister to the children of the Church Hill community. Draw her team together in a bond of friendship and support. Surround her with your mercy and be generous with your grace.

Minister: Claim us all, O God, for your service, and direct us toward your will.

People: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSE Sallie Bailey

ANTHEM: "Prayer of Consecration" Deborah Dresie

Lord of life, sing through me. Give my heart a melody so sweet and pure, good and true that I may offer a song to you. Come to me and still my fear until my song is yours alone. Sing through me, Lord of life; make my voice your own, Lord of life, pray through me. Fill my mind with quiet peace so sweet and pure, good and true that I may have only thoughts of you. Come to me and still my doubt until my dreams are yours alone. Pray through me, Lord of life, make my mind your own. Lord of life, live through me. Keep my soul in harmony so sweet and pure, good and true that through my living I'll honor you. Come to me and still my will until my deeds are yours alone. Live through me, Lord of life; make my heart your own.

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: I John 1:1-7

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 231: "Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us" HOLY MANNA
Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Processional Grayston Ives

* 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

ANTHEM: "We are Singing, for the Lord is Our Light" arr. Hal H. Hopson
(A Traditional Zulu Song based on Psalm 27:1-4)

We are singing for the Lord is our light. Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.

The Lord is the strength of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid? Though foes may be near to destroy; the Lord will be our light. One thing have we asked of the Lord, yes, this is the thing we seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord, to live with God forever. When burdens are heavy to bear, our shelter is God alone. Our feet are lifted high, yes, high upon a rock. We walk in the strength of the Lord, God's love is ever sure. We shout that the world may hear, we sing a joyful song.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31

SERMON: "So I Send You" Rev. Edwards

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, Father of us all, and in Jesus Christ, God's Son and our Lord. We believe that Jesus became as we are, born into this world as a helpless infant, facing the challenges of childhood and the temptations of adulthood. We believe that he has shared both our joys and our sorrows.

We believe that in Jesus, God spoke to our world in a new way. In him the Word became flesh and lived among us, embodying God's steadfast love and mercy. We believe that through the Holy Spirit, God continues to speak to our world offering the same grace that Jesus taught and lived throughout his ministry. We also believe that we are called to share that grace with the world in Christ's name.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 609: "Take My Life" HENDON
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata Charles Callahan
- * Congregation stands.

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

*The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the marriage of Carol and Andy Barker on April 14.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Sara Raper <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Gansor <i>Organist</i>	Cameron Covolo <i>Crucifer</i>

*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.*

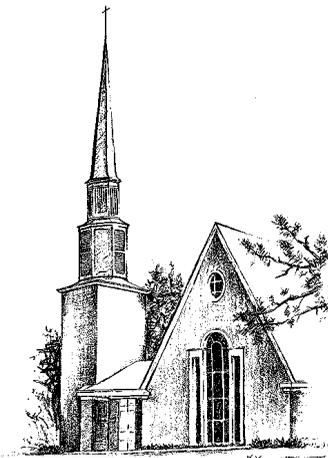
The paraments on the altar and pulpit, along with the ministers' stoles provide us with visual cues about the meaning of our faith. The color of the Easter season is white, symbolic of purity and light and a reminder of the glory of God revealed through Christ's resurrection. The Celtic Cross with its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

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 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. 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
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Lakeside*

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