

The Worship of God

April 22, 2012

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. 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: Sarabande
Paean

Gerald Near
Michael McCabe

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Simple Gifts

J. Wayne Kerr

CHORAL INTROIT

Richard Warner

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! In his temple God be praised;
In the high and heavenly places be the sounding anthem raised.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 221: "The Strife Is O'er" VICTORY
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: The grace and the peace of the risen Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Gracious and loving God, who has swallowed up death with the resurrection of Jesus,

People: Bring about in us new life with him.

Minister: Pour your Holy Spirit upon us and give us hearts and minds fitting for your praise.

People: Help us to rejoice in all that you have done and to worship you in spirit and in truth.

* 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.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister: Lord, you penetrate the darkness of the world with your love and your life, enabling us to see our neighbors as you see them.

People: We confess, however, that we sometimes reject the gift of your insight and close our eyes to the pain and suffering of so many people.

Minister: When selfishness blinds us to the needs of others;

People: Jesus, Light of the world, forgive us.

Minister: When our insensitivity blinds us to the hurt we cause others;

People: Jesus, Light of the world, forgive us.

Minister: When our prejudices blind us to the equal dignity and worth of others;

People: Jesus, Light of the world, forgive us.

Minister: When our pride blinds us to our own faults;

People: Jesus, Light of the world, forgive us.

All: Help us to walk in your light so that goodness, righteousness, and truth are made visible as we reflect your love and your mercy in and through all we say and do.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

Acts 3:12-19

THE HISTORY LESSON:

ANTHEM: "A Gaelic Blessing"

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Deep peace of the shining stars to you. Deep peace of the gentle night to you. Moon and stars pour their healing light on you. Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you. Deep peace of Christ to you.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 330: "Alleluia! Hear God's Story" W ZLOBIE LEZY

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Christo 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!**

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "I Love You, Lord"

Laurie Klein/arr. Lloyd Larson

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, O my soul, rejoice! Take joy, my King, in what you hear, may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Amy Shortt and Allison Willcox, soloists
Barbara Valentine, accompanist

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:36b-48

SERMON: "20-20 Vision" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, Creator and Redeemer, who has not divided us into rich and poor, owners and slaves, nor pitted us against one another because of race, color, religion, class, gender, or sexuality. We believe in Jesus Christ who suffered because of human sinfulness but has overthrown the rule of evil and injustice. We believe in the Spirit of God whose flame comforts us with divine presence and causes our hearts to burn for righteousness and justice. We believe in the reconciling power of God which can bring peace and hope, justice and equality, relief of suffering, and the final triumph of love and grace in our lives and for the whole world. Amen.
Bread for the World, adapted

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 228: "The Day of Resurrection" LANCASHIRE
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Praise the Lord With the Drums and Cymbals Siegfried Karg-Elert

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Carl Collins by Dozia Collins.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Charlie Lane
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Katie Jaber
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.*

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.

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.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

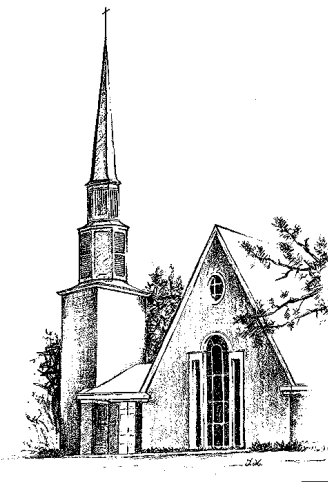
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Activity, Preschool Music and Storytime
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choirs
- 5:45 p.m. Preschool, Children and Youth Dinners
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Bible and Missions Activities, Children's Choir
- 6:30 p.m. SNL

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 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.



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Lakeside*

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