

# The Worship of God

April 23, 2017

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: Joy of the Redeemed Clarence Dickinson

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PIANO MEDITATION: Jesus Loves Me Maggie Paszek arr. Alfred

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 215: "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" ST. KEVIN  
*(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Do not be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, just as he said he would. Come and look at the empty place where his body lay. Christ has risen!

**People: He has risen indeed!**

Minister: Now go quickly and tell his followers that he has risen from the dead and is going on ahead of you where you will meet him. Christ has risen!

**People: He has risen indeed!**

Minister: O give thanks to our God who is so good!

**People: Whose love endures forever!**

\* 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

**We give thanks, O God, for belief in things we cannot prove and for signs of your presence, even in unlikely places, assuring us that we are not alone. We give thanks for a spirit of hope, for our confidence in things we cannot figure out, and for your guidance in working out the puzzling portions of our lives.**

**Forgive us when we call on you in trouble but ignore you in prosperity, when we praise you in word but fail you in deed, when we allow the problems of the present to blot out our hope for the future. May the presence of the living Christ guide us in the way of life and peace.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON:

I John 3:1-3

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: "Look at the World"

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 PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 190: "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" STORIES OF JESUS

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

\* 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!**

## PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "A Tender Heart" Ron Hamilton

Lord Jesus, take me; Lord Jesus, use me; Lord Jesus, send me; Lord, here's my heart. Take me now, Lord Jesus, take me; I would give my heart to Thee. Thy devoted servant make me, only Thine to be. Savior,

while my heart is tender, I would give Thee ev'ry part. All my talents I surrender; I am Thine, Lord, here's my heart. Use me now, Lord Jesus, use me as I tell of Calvary. May Thy Spirit move within me, bringing souls to Thee. Send me now, Lord Jesus, send me; lead me in Thy perfect way. Thy command shall always

guide me; gladly I obey. Catherine Cobb, Soloist

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 20:19-31

SERMON: "The Blessing of 'Unless'" 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 233: “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” HYFRYDOL  
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- \* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- \* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Fanfare: La Peri Paul Dukas
- \* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Marjorie and Chuck Martin by Rob and Terry Martin.*

**THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Madi Adkins <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Pichowicz <i>Organist</i>	Reynolds Cobb <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.*

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Children in Kindergarten–Grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Nancy Parker this morning. They will leave worship during the second hymn and may be picked up following worship in the Youth 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**

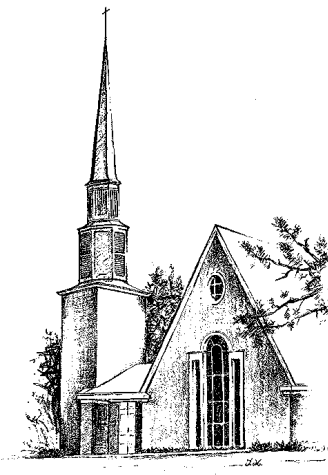
Wireless hearing aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship.

**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  
at  
Lakeside*

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