

The Worship of God

April 24, 2016

THE FIFTH 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: Sheep May Safely Graze

J.S. Bach/arr. Virgil Fox

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Improvisation

Mark Pichowicz

CHORAL INTROIT

arr. Kevin Siegfried

Holy, holy, holiness unto the Lord, love ye, love ye, love ye, one another.

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: This is the day the Lord has made! Let us give thanks:

For our ancestors in the faith who made possible this day of gathering with God's people,

People: For our brothers and sisters in the faith who walk beside us to help find the possibilities of faith today,

Minister: For our ancestors in the faith who passed on the treasures of God's word in ancient scrolls,

People: For our sisters and brothers in the faith who translate words of Holy Scripture into modern texts of words and deeds,

Minister: For our ancestors in the faith whose experience in God's providential care moved them toward trust in God's steadfast love,

People: For our sisters and brothers in the faith who are journeying with us toward your new mercies every morning,

Minister: For our ancestors in the faith who began telling the story of God's extravagant love for us through Jesus Christ,

People: For our sisters and brothers in the faith who listen to us tell of the hope and joy we know in Christ who lives among us.

All: Let us live as stewards of both past and promise, blessing the ancient story and celebrating the new day of our life together.

Sharlande Sledge from *Prayers and Litanies for the Christian Seasons*, alt.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Taizé

The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We have found a comfortable place in the Gospel and nestled in among the grace and love found there. We have drunk deeply from the cup of forgiveness and toleration, yet ignored aspects of your Gospel that make us uncomfortable. We have shunned words that taste bitter on our lips and have tried to forget that your road led to death before it emerged in life. Forgive us of our desire to choose only what we like. Open our ears and eyes and hearts to all that you say and do and inspire; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 24:36-49

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" Kentucky Harmony, 1817/arr. John Ferguson

The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by. My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, e'en for his own name's sake. Yea, though I walk in death dark vale, yet will I fear no ill; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still. My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows. Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me, and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be!

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 683: "O for a World" AZMON
Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Voluntary, Op. 5, No. 5

John Stanley

* 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 our Landscape Committee which keeps our grounds beautiful and reminds us to be good stewards of creation. The Acolyte places pruning shears and a trowel on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "It Is A Precious Thing" Johann Friedrich Peter/arr. Clarence Dickinson

It is a precious thing when the heart is fixed and trusteth in God; It is a precious thing when the heart is fixed, through the mercy of God and our Savior, Jesus Christ. It is a precious thing when the heart is fixed and trusteth in God, through the mercy of Jesus Christ our Lord. My heart is resting, O my Savior, in thy loving care, my trust is ever stayed on thee; O hear my earnest prayer that ever faithful I may be, and ever do thy will; O grant this in thy mercy still, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE HISTORY LESSON:

Acts 11:1-18

SERMON:

"The Possibility"

Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God calls his people to act in faith, to move in new directions, and to believe with fresh understanding.

We believe that God calls us to transform our world, equips us with the gifts and abilities to do so, and provides for us a vision of his community.

We believe that we are on a journey of discovery, seeking God's vision, and celebrating God's gift of life. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 461: “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” BEACH SPRING
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Choral on a Melody by Melchior Vulpius Healey Willan
- * Congregation stands.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of William and Dorothy Maynard and Christine Smith and in honor of Isaac Smith, Jr. by Frank and Ginger Maynard.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Dalton Jordan <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Pichowicz <i>Interim Organist</i>	Jacob Watkins <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.*

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.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Children in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to participate in Children’s Church with Leslie Paszek 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

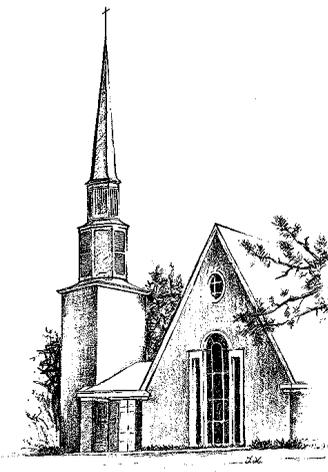
12:15 p.m. . . . Diaconate, Conference Room
 4:30 p.m. . . . Children’s Activity, Children’s Classroom
 5:00 p.m. . . . Neighborhood Ministry Committee, Conference Room
 5:00 p.m. . . . Missions Marketplace Dress Rehearsal, Robbins Hall
 6:00 p.m. . . . Dinner for Children, Robbins Hall
 6:00 p.m. . . . Dinner for Youth, Youth Room

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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