

The Worship of God

April 26, 2015

THE FOURTH 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: Nimrod from *Enigma Variations*
Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Sir Edward Elgar
Robert Buckley Farley

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Duke Street

Wilbur Held

CHORAL INTROIT

Samuel S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou Lord, thou Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalms 5:8 and 4:8

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 230: "Now the Green Blade Rises"
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

NOËL NOUVELET

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Come, sisters and brothers, gather together.

People: From all the bruises of a busy week, gather.

Minister: Plunge your sorrow and worry into the fountain of life.

People: Here, find comfort and hope.

Minister: Place your dreams and concerns on the table of blessing.

People: Here, find courage and renewal.

Minister: Give your questions and doubts to the heart of God.

People: Here, find a peace that lightens the load and restores the faith.

Minister: Come all of you in this place;

People: Become a family of faith, a people of prayer, a community of song.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Silesian Melody

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. Like lost sheep, we have strayed from your way. We have grazed in lush pastures, forgetting that other fields are parched and bare. We have drunk deeply from fresh streams without caring that other waters are fouled and unsafe. We have welcomed your protection without thinking of others who are in harm's way.

Grant us the courage to carry light to places of deep darkness. Anoint us so that our compassion will flourish. And when our cups are full, let us offer others a refreshing drink of goodness and mercy that we may dwell together in peace and prosperity all the days of our lives.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE PSALTER LESSON:

Psalm 23

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 559: "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" ALL THE WAY
Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Sound the Trumpet

Henry Purcell/arr. Hal H. Hopson

* 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 custodians who maintain our facilities and prepare our buildings for ministry. The Acolyte brings forward a duster and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Total Praise"

Richard Smallwood/arr. Doreen Rao

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills knowing my help is coming from you. Your peace you give me in time of the storm. You are the source of my strength, you are the strength of my life. I lift my hands in total praise to you.

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

John 10:11-18

SERMON: "Everything I Know about Shepherds I Learned from Scripture"

Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 231: "Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us" HOLY MANNA
(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 honor of Don Conley by a friend.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Connor Evans
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Charlie Lane
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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Leslie and Matt 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.

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.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

6:00 p.m. Youth dinner, Robbins Hall
6:30 p.m. SNL

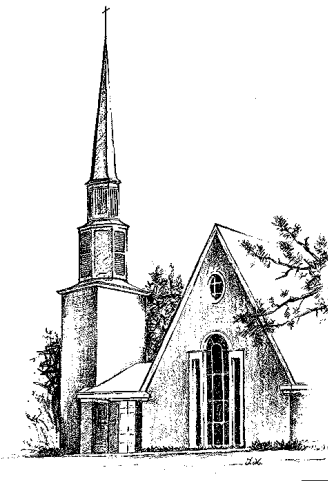
There will be no evening activities for preschoolers or children

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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