

The Worship of God

April 28, 2013

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. 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: Prelude on *Hyfrydol* Carol Muehlig

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Andante Tranquillo Felix Mendelssohn

CHORAL INTROIT Friedrich Filitz

Jesus, stand among us in your risen power. Let this time of worship be a holy hour.
Breathe the Holy Spirit into ev'ry heart. Bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 234: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" DIADEMATA
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: With word and song, we gather to praise God

People: Who has blessed us with the gift of life in Jesus Christ.

Minister: We are drawn into God's presence through him,

People: And the burdens we carry he takes upon himself.

Minister: We are truly blessed, for God has listened and responded to our prayers.

People: We worship you, O God, with gladness in our hearts and songs of praise on our lips.

* 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

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. Where we have been harsh in our judgment of others but mild in our self-criticism: forgive us. When our attitudes towards one another have lacked any spirit of gentleness: forgive us. When we too readily find excuses which prevent us from bearing, or even recognizing, one another's burdens: forgive us. When we hold superior attitudes and take pride in our achievements at the expense of others: forgive us. When we read and hear and proclaim the gospel, but fail to live it: forgive us. When we fail to work for the good of all, and especially for the building up of this community of faith: forgive us. When our use of power to control and manipulate points to an absence of your humility and servanthood in our lives: forgive us. Jesus, Redeemer and Lord, help us to empty ourselves of all that prevents us from being your followers in more than name only. Renew and refresh us with your Spirit that we might truly be a community of mercy and peace—serving one another and the world in your name and for your sake. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE HISTORY LESSON: Acts 11:1-18

ANTHEM: "Angels of Heaven" arr. Kevin Siegfried

The angels of heaven are marching around the borders of Zion's holy ground; their music harmonious how it doth ring, and this is the heavenly song they sing. Holy, holy, holiness unto the Lord, love ye, love ye, love ye, one another.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 494: "They'll Know We Are Christians" ST. BRENDAN'S
Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Bells in Seven Andrew Fletcher

* 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 The Baptist World Alliance which unites Baptists all over the world through a shared confession of faith in Christ to support, encourage, and strengthen one another while proclaiming and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ before a lost and hurting world. The Acolyte brings forward a candle holder depicting people holding hands and united in prayer and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "O Christ the Healer, We Have Come" Richard W. Gieseke

O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends? From ev'ry ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed; yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need. In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease; our common life declares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these? Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach and prosper humankind. Fred Pratt Green

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Revelation 21:1-6

SERMON: "Why Do You Look Up Toward Heaven?" 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 688: "When, in Awe of God's Creation" 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: March of the Priests Felix Mendelssohn

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of
J.C.D. Bailey by Mrs. Jack Bailey, Susan, Tillman, Elizabeth and Sallie Bailey.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Cameron Graham <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Gansor <i>Organist</i>	Eli Bass <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 through grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Sue Daughety 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.

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.

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

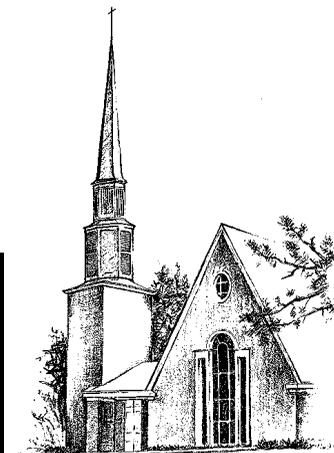
5:00 p.m. . . Preschool Storytime and Children's Missions Activities
5:00 p.m. . . Youth Choir and Handbells
5:45 p.m. . . Dinner for Preschoolers and Children
6:00 p.m. . . Dinner for Youth
6:15 p.m. . . Preschool Music and Activities
6:15 p.m. . . Children's Choir
6:30 p.m. . . SNL

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 worshiping 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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