

The Worship of God

April 29, 2012

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. 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: Classic-Style Variations on *Ellacombe* Jon Spong

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Pastorale Charles Wesley

CHORAL INTROIT Richard Warner

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah for his mighty acts of fame;
Excellent his might and greatness; fitting praises then proclaim.

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: From the break of day to its close,

People: We would praise you, God of Christ Jesus.

Minister: In sunlight, or under the heaviest clouds,

People: We would serve you, God of the Good Shepherd.

Minister: With you we do not fear either the day or the night,

People: For darkness and light are alike to you.

Minister: In you we place our whole trust, loving God,

People: You are our God; our times are in your hand.

Minister: Let your face shine upon your servants, and satisfy us with your boundless grace.

People: Let everyone celebrate and praise our God! God's name be praised forever!

Bruce Prewer

* 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!

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, Creator of heaven and earth, Sustainer of all life, we confess our sin to you. You have given us the extraordinary gift of life, yet we treat it as an ordinary thing. You have promised your presence in all times and places of our lives, yet we casually and carelessly stroll over holy ground. You are the Word in our midst, but our lives are so full of noise and chatter that we do not hear you. Forgive us, O Lord, when we accept your gifts with indifference or ingratitude. Forgive us, O Lord, when accomplishing our own agenda becomes more important than dreaming your dreams and following your vision. Forgive us, O Lord. Amen.

Peggy Haymes, adapted

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: I John 3:16-24

ANTHEM: "Now Glad of Heart" Keaton Lee Scott

Now glad of heart be ev'ry one! The fight is fought, the day is won, the Christ is set upon His throne, alleluia, alleluia! Who on the rood was crucified, who rose again, as at this tide, in glory to His Father's side, alleluia, alleluia! Who baffled death and harrowed hell and led the souls that loved Him well all in the light of lights to dwell: alleluia, alleluia! To Him we lift our heart and voice and in His paradise rejoice with harp and pipe and happy noise. Sing alleluia, alleluia! Then rise all Christian folk with me and carol forth the One in Three that was, and is and is to be, alleluia, alleluia! Now glad of heart be ev'ry one! The fight is fought, the day is won, the Christ is set upon His throne, sing alleluia, alleluia!

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 80: "My Shepherd, You Supply My Need" RESIGNATION
Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Noël nouvelet Mark Sedio

* 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: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" arr. John Rutter

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never, I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul He leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me, and on His shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me. In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me. Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth! And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 10:11-18

SERMON: "Do We Still Need a Shepherd?" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Psalm 23

**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 558: “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” BRADBURY
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Postlude in G Christian Cappellen
- * Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jack Bailey
by Mrs. Jack Bailey and 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>
Thomas Kincheloe <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Gansor <i>Organist</i>	Eliza Craig Parker <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 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 Jennifer Cobb 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.

AN AFTERNOON OF FAMILY FUN

Following worship today, children and their parents are invited to travel to the Deadwood western theme park near Williamston for lunch and an afternoon of fun. Meet in the Children’s Room for a quick snack before leaving. The group will return by 5:00 p.m. but there will be no further activities for children this evening. Youth Choir rehearsal and SNL will follow the regular schedule.

FORUM ON AMENDMENT ONE

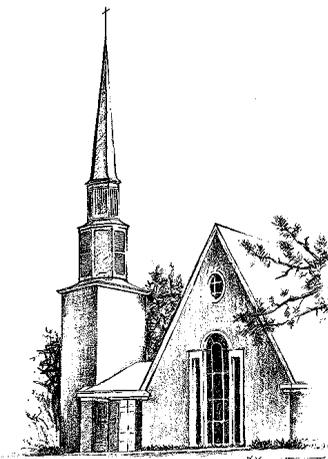
An open forum to discuss the proposed “marriage amendment” to our state’s constitution will be offered this evening at 6:00 p.m. in the Lecture Room.

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

Lakeside Baptist Church

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