

The Worship of God

April 29, 2018

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: Festival Toccata Percy E. Fletcher

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Diapason Movement W. Henry Maxfield

CHORAL INTROIT Harold W. Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly in thy name, two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them: Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP Jennifer Cobb

Leader: All praise to God for song God gives, for music and a hope that lives;

People: God's sacred word is so profound, we sing and let the truth resound.

Leader: The word gives both the life and light, and guides us through the shades of night,

People: So let the music sound God's praise as hymns bring gladness to our days.

Carlton C. Buck

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Shaker Tune arr. Kevin Siegfried

Love is little, love is low, love will make my spirit grow. Grow in peace, grow in light, love will do the thing that's right. Love is little, love is low, love will make our spirit grow. Grow in peace, grow in light, love will do the thing that's right.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We have praised you with our lips but we have not trusted you with our lives. We have been injured but have not let you bind our wounds. We have been attacked but have not asked you to be our defense. We have become imprisoned by our fears but have not asked you to be our savior. Forgive our unwillingness to trust you with our needs. Forgive our hesitation to speak honestly with you. Forgive our neglect of your grace and heal us in body, mind, and spirit through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:1-8

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

People: Thanks be to God.

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 228: "The Day of Resurrection" LANCASHIRE

* 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!**

This morning we give thanks for our musicians and instruments which enrich our worship with melody and song and express our love for God in ways our words alone cannot. The Acolyte brings forward an organ pipe and hymnal and places them on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "For the Beauty of the Earth" Philip Stopford

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies: For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above; pleasures pure and undefiled: For each perfect gift of thine, to our race so freely given; graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise. For thy Church which evermore lifteth holy hands above, off'ring up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise. *Folliott S. Pierpoint*

THE HISTORY LESSON: Acts 8:26-40

SERMON: "Do You Understand?" 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 487: "Help Us Accept Each Other" AURELIA
(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 William Mathias

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
by Daisy Howell in memory of her and Harry's son, David Howell.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Bo Browder
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Pichowicz
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Carson Browder
Crucifer

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Bibles and Wireless Hearing Aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex.
Childcare is available in the Preschool Building.
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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.

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

RECEPTION FOR MARK PICHOWICZ

We honor Mark Pichowicz today as he concludes his ministry with us and moves to Winchester, Virginia, where he will become Organist and Music Director for Sacred Heart Catholic Church and its school. Following worship, we invite you to greet Mark in the Lehman Courtyard.

MISSIONS MARKETPLACE

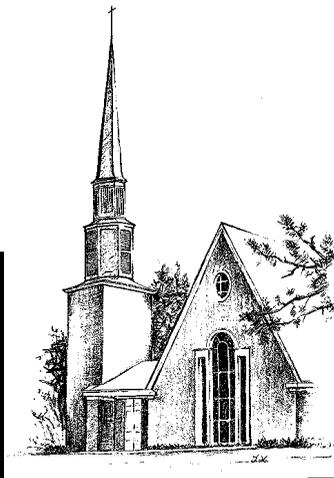
Our children will present the musical *Bugz!* this evening as they lead us in raising money and awareness for local and global missions. A Silent Auction will open at 5:00 p.m. in Sugg Foyer followed by a picnic in Robbins Hall at 6:00 p.m. The musical will follow. Please bring a side dish or dessert and join us for an evening of fun, music, and missions!

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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