

The Worship of God

April 30, 2017

THE THIRD 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: Where Hope is Found Anonymous

CHORAL INTROIT Joachim Neander

Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there, where my soul in joyful duty, waits for him who answers prayer. O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 228: "The Day of Resurrection" LANCASHIRE
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Friends, with joy and great conviction, let us proclaim our faith: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Minister: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain! Alleluia!

People: He gives us new life and hope through his resurrection! Alleluia!

Minister: Rejoice then, even in your distress.

People: We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.

Minister: God has claimed us as his own.

People: God has called us from our darkness into the light of his day.

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Bernard Kyamanywa

Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia. For our Redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling its gloom. Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy; death's fearful sting he has come to destroy. Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We often want answers that are easy, roads that are smooth, and results that are quick. We want one key that will unlock all doors, one remedy that will cure all ills, one solution that will solve all problems. And somewhere in all of our searchings and distractions, you are sometimes left behind. We confess that we have traded reality for illusion, vision for blindness, wisdom for foolishness. Forgive us and restore us, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: I Peter 1:17-23

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 231: "Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us" HOLY MANNA

* 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 Social Committee which plans and prepares fun events and delicious meals for our congregation. The Acolyte brings forward an apron and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Stay With Us" Egil Hovland

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us, it soon is evening, and night is falling. Jesus Christ, the world's true light! Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it! Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening. Stay with us, Lord Jesus, for night is falling. Let your light pierce the darkness and fill your church with its glory.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24: 13-35

SERMON: "The Road Most Taken" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Minister: When our hope stretches thin and the divide between the human and the divine appears broader than our faith can bridge, God reveals himself in our midst.

People: "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all."

Minister: When our perception of God's love is based upon who we are, what we do, or what we have, God reveals himself in our midst.

People: "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all."

Minister: When life is empty of joy and devoid of all contentment, when God's favor seems reserved for a select few, God reveals himself in our midst.

People: "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all."

Minister: When illness, stress, misfortune, and grief turn our lives into chaos, when we cry for peace but there is none to be found, God reveals himself in our midst.

People: "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all."

Minister: When we feel alone, unable to speak to God or hear any response, when light is absent and darkness prevails, God reveals himself in our midst.

People: "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all." Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 218: "Thine Is the Glory" MACCABEUS
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Trumpet Voluntary in D
- * Congregation stands.

Henry Purcell

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of J.C.D. "Jack" Bailey by Anne and John Lewis.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Will Robillard <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Pichowicz <i>Organist</i>	Carson Browder <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.

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

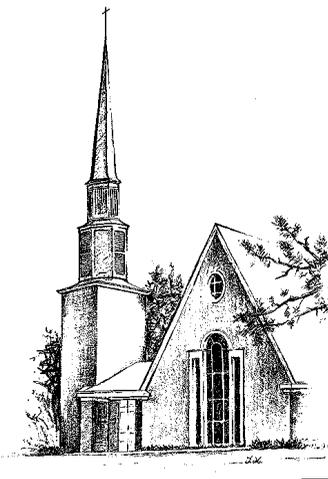
Wireless hearing aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship.

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*

Lakeside Baptist Church
1501 Sunset Avenue
Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27804

CHURCH PICNIC



Join us for a church-wide picnic on Sunday afternoon, May 7, beginning at 4:00 p.m., at 5915 Leon Court, Nashville, the home of Betty Anne and Joe Whisnant. Good food, great

fellowship, and fun on the water will be the order of the day. We will grill hot dogs for everyone. Each family is asked to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert.



Transportation will be provided from the church parking lot if requested. Please sign up by filling out this form and dropping it in the offering plate, by calling the church office, or visiting the events registration page of our website. Directions to the Whisnants' home will be provided. Also, please bring lawn chairs if you are able.

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

Transportation Needed: Yes _____ No _____

