

The Worship of God

May 1, 2016

THE SIXTH 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: Praeludium und Fuge

Johann Kuhnau

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Domine Deus

Francois Couperin

CHORAL INTROIT

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the wellspring of life.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 90: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" MADRID
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 67

Minister: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
People: That God's way may be known upon the earth, his saving power among all nations.
Minister: Let the people praise you, O God; let all the people praise you.
People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge all people with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

Minister: Let the people praise you, O God; let all the people praise you.

People: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

All: May God continue to bless us; let all the people sing praise to God!

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Taizê

Alleluia!

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

MEDITATION

THE HISTORY LESSON: Acts 16: 9-15

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 230: "Now the Green Blade Rises" NOËL NOUVELET

* OFFERTORY PRAYER Rebecca Watkins

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!**

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 GOSPEL LESSON: John 5:1-9

SERMON: "Critical Questions" Dr. Wright

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE APPROACH TO THE TABLE: "O Taste and See" Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the one who trusteth in him.

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against one other in our pursuit of power, control, and security. The fears and jealousies we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD: "This is my body which is broken for you."

THE SHARING OF THE CUP: "This is the new covenant of my blood."

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 464: "God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM RHONDDA
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Festival Toccata Percy E. Fletcher

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in honor of all Lakeside volunteers by Emily and Leon Henderson.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Anna Adkins
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Pichowicz
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Barkley Browder
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.*

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.

BENEVOLENT OFFERING

As we do each time we have communion during morning worship, today we will receive a Benevolent Offering for local ministries. Our youth will collect the offering at each of the exits as we leave worship.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

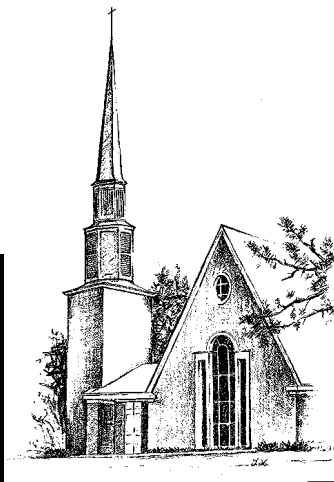
5:00 p.m. . . . Youth and Children, Robbins Hall
5:00 p.m. . . . Missions Marketplace, Silent Auction, Sugg Foyer
6:00 p.m. . . . Missions Marketplace Covered-Dish Supper
6:30 p.m. . . . *Growing in God's Garden*, Robbins Hall

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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