

The Worship of God

May 3, 2015

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: Livre d'Orgue

Louis Clerambault

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Sarabande

Gerald Near

CHORAL INTROIT: "Baptized and Set Free"

Cathy Skogen-Soldner

We are people created, chosen by God. Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love. Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more. Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song. All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong. Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be one in Jesus, one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

THE BLESSING OF THE CONGREGATION

Minister: We have gathered at this water to witness and celebrate the baptism of this new believer. What will you say to him?

People: We celebrate your newly professed faith and rejoice in the salvation that is now yours. We happily welcome you into this family of faith and into the larger Christian community which extends across our world and throughout the ages.

Minister: Let us now pronounce the baptismal blessing:

All: May these baptismal waters become a strong reminder of God's grace and forgiveness for you. May your faith remain strong, agile, and ever growing. As you rise from these waters, may you walk forward into new life secured by the blessing of the Eternal God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Spencer Thomas Edwards

Son of Elizabeth and Mark Edwards

THE PRAYER

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 221:

"The Strife Is O'er"

VICTORY

(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* LITANY OF WELCOME AFTER BAPTISM (Hymnal 369)

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

William Byrd

Non nobis, Domine, non nobis, sed nomini tu o da gloriam.

Not unto us, O Lord, not to us, but unto thy name be the glory.

MEDITATION

THE PSALTER LESSON:

Psalm 22:25-31

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 365:

"Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters"

BEACH SPRING

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: The Rejoicing

Charles Callahan

* 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: "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 HISTORY LESSON:

Acts 8:26-38

SERMON:

"Good Questions"

Dr. Wright

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE APPROACH TO THE TABLE: "Sanctus"

Sandra Howard

Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt coeli et terra

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in excelsis

Hosanna in the highest.

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus Christ, unlike those first disciples, we cannot touch you or see you, and so it is all too easy to doubt the wonder of resurrection. Forgive us when, like the disciples, we find the truth of Easter hard to believe. Come to us, risen Christ, through the closed doors of our hearts and minds and take away our fears and doubts; come to us, breathe on us, and fill us with the joy and peace of your presence. Bless us all as people who have not seen you, but who believe that you are truly the risen Christ, Son of God.

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 517: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" BEECHER
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on *Divinum Mysterium* John McCreary
- * Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Elwood Berry on his 91st birthday.*

*The rosebud on the altar is placed in celebration of the birth of
Katherine Ann Duffy Ward, daughter of Witten and Travis Ward, on April 25.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Madi Adkins <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Gansor <i>Organist</i>	Foster McAdams <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.*

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.

DESSERT SAMPLING IN LEHMAN COURTYARD

Join us in Lehman Courtyard following worship to sample a few desserts which will be included in *Another Taste of Lakeside*. The ladies of Circle 10 have provided these tasty treats for us to enjoy. Please also contribute any of your favorite recipes for our upcoming cookbook. The deadline for submitting recipes is Sunday, June 7.

CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC AT THE BARKERS

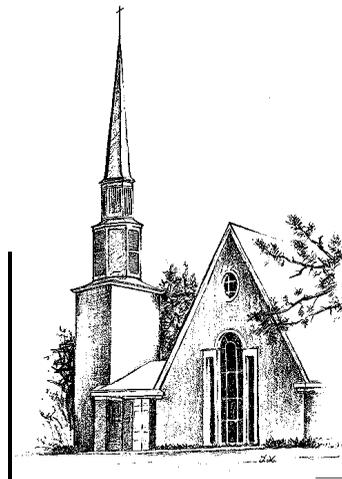
Food, fun, and friends will be the order of the evening as we gather for an end-of-the year picnic at the home of Carol and Andy Barker. We will provide hot dogs and all the fixings. You bring side dishes and snacks. The fun begins at 4:00 p.m. with the Youth challenging the Adults in softball.

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.



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