

The Worship of God

May 4, 2014

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. 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: Pièces d'Orgue

Nicholas Lebègue

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Break Now the Bread of Life

Marilyn Biery

CHORAL INTROIT

Norman L. Warren

What does the Lord require for praise and offering? What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?
Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with your God!

Micah 6:8

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 215: "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

ST. KEVIN

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Because of the living Christ, we can confidently say:

People: We are never alone, for God is with us forever.

Minister: Bidden or unbidden, God is always present.

People: As the sea is to the fish, as the air is to the bird, so is God to all who live by faith, hope, and love.

Minister: Blessed is our God, who has never rejected our prayer, nor ever removed from us the love that endures forever.

People: Bidden or unbidden, God is present. Thanks be to God!

* 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!

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.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 398: "Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

ST. AGNES

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Cristo Vive

Robert Buckley Farley

* 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 People Of Faith-Filling In the Gaps (POF-FIGS) which assists local families in times of crisis. The Acolyte brings forward rent and utility bills and places them on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "On Emmaus' Journey"

William Walker/arr. John Ferguson

Who are you who walk in sorrow down Emmaus' barren road, hearts distraught and hope defeated, bent beneath grief's crushing load? Nameless mourners, we will join you, we who also mourn our dead. We have stood by graves unyielding, eaten death's bare, bitter bread. Who is this who joins our journey, walking with us stride by stride? Unknown Stranger, can you fathom depths of grief for one who died? Then the wonder! When we told you how our dreams to dust have turned, then you opened wide the Scriptures till our hearts within us burned! Who are you? Our hearts are opened in the breaking of the bread. Christ the victim, now the victor, living, risen from the dead! Great Companion on our journey, still surprise us with your grace! Make each day a new Emmaus; one our hearts your image trace! Who are we who travel with you on our way through life to death? Women, men, the young, the aging, wakened by the Spirit's breath! At the font you claim and name us, born of water and the Word. At the table still you feed us, host us as our Risen Lord. "Alleluia! Alleluia!" is the Easter hymn we sing! Take our life, our joy, our worship as the gift of love we bring. You have formed us all one people called from ev'ry land and race. Make your church your servant Body, sent to share your healing grace!

Herman Stuempfle, Jr.

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON:

"When Jesus Disappears"

Dr. Wright

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE APPROACH TO THE TABLE: "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.

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

We give thanks, O God, for belief in things we cannot prove and for signs of your presence, even in unlikely places, assuring us that we are not alone. We give thanks for a spirit of hope, for our confidence in things we cannot figure out, and for your guidance in working out the puzzling portions of our lives.

Forgive us when we call on you in trouble but ignore you in prosperity, when we praise you in word but fail you in deed, when we allow the problems of the present to blot out our hope for the future. May the presence of the living Christ guide us in the way of life and peace.

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 420: "I Come with Joy" DOVE OF PEACE
(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 Charles Callahan
- * Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Webster Henry by his family.*

*The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Elwood Berry on his 90th birthday by Dick and Nancy Berry.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Carson Browder <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Gansor <i>Organist</i>	Trevor Graham <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.

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.

CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC

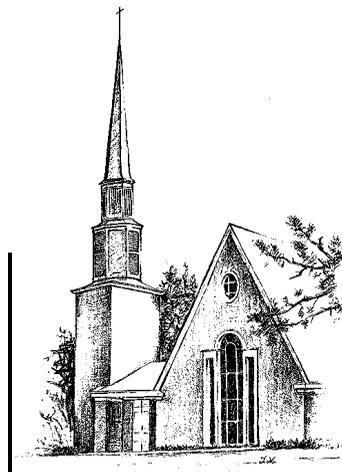
Everyone is invited to join us for fun, food, and fellowship this afternoon. The fun will begin at Frank's Field at 4:00 p.m. with a games and activities for the entire family followed by dinner together across the street at the home of Bill and Marty Kincheloe, 408 Wildwood Avenue. The church will provide hot dogs. Please bring a side dish or dessert and join us for all the fun!

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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