

The Worship of God

May 5, 2013

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. 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: Praeludium in a J. S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Prayer Alexandre Guilmant

THE CALL TO WORSHIP: "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. We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed. Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed. For whatever the need, God is greater indeed: endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need. We are nourished by water, all living things, and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings. As we journey toward home, may your presence be known: precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home. 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 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 these new believers. What will you say to them?

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

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| Charles Frederick Lane | Son of Trevor and Tommy Lane |
| Sara Conley Raper | Daughter of Genie and Don Raper |
| Elizabeth Christine Seagroves | Daughter of Corrie and John Seagroves |
| Michael Scott Waters | Son of Betty Ann and Scott Waters |

THE PRAYER

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 365: "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters" BEACH SPRING
(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 Ruth Artman

Come, Holy Spirit, come; till we are wholly thine. Amen.

MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:23-29

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 701: "Shall We Gather at the River" HANSON PLACE

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Now Thank We All Our God Albert L. Travis

* 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 Baptismal Committee which helps candidates prepare for baptism.
A young person brings forward a white towel and places it on the altar.*

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "With a Voice of Singing" Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia. Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.

THE HISTORY LESSON: Acts 16:9-15

SERMON: "Open Hearts" Dr. Wright

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE APPROACH TO THE TABLE: "Thou Art God" Lionel Bourne

Thou art the peace of all things calm. Thou art the place to hide from harm. Thou art the light that shines in dark. Thou art the heart's eternal spark. Thou art the door that's open wide. Thou art the guest who waits inside. Thou art the stranger at the door. Thou art the calling of the poor. Thou art my Lord and with me still. Thou art my love, keep me from ill. Thou art the light, the truth, the way. Thou art my Savior this very day.

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Kind and merciful God, as we gather around this table to share this bread and to drink this cup, we confess that we, once washed clean by the waters of baptism, have been soiled by our own manner of life. Forgive us and purify us once again through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 431: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" AR HYD Y NOS
(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 Larry Visser
- * Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Lucy Raynor by Jim and Jan, Carly, Emily and Paige Raynor.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

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| Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i> | Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i> | Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i> |
| Eliza Craig Parker <i>Acolyte</i> | Mark Gansor <i>Organist</i> | Jackson 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.*

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

There will be no regular activities this evening.

SOFTBALL AT SUNSET PARK o YOUTH VS. PARENTS

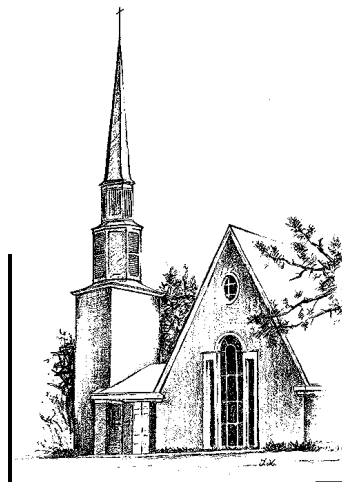
Everyone is invited to join us for fun, food, and fellowship this afternoon. The fun will begin at Sunset Park at 3:00 p.m. with a Youth vs. Parents softball game. Come out and cheer for the teams. The food will be served at 5:00 p.m. when we gather back at the church for a cookout for the whole church family. Hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixins will be provided. Each family should bring a side dish or dessert appropriate for a picnic. Stay for the fellowship as we enjoy more games for everyone. It promises to be a great afternoon for the Lakeside family.

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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Lakeside*

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