

The Worship of God

May 6, 2012

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. 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: Nimrod from *Enigma Variations*
Processional

Sir Edward Elgar
William Mathias

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Air from *Water Music Suite*

G. F. Handel

CHORAL INTROIT

Richard Warner

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! All that breathe, Jehovah praise;
Let the voices God hath given joyful anthems to him raise.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 234: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

DIADEMATA

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Because we live in a world bursting with information, entertainment, and influence,

People: We need you, O God.

Minister: Because we are taught by persons we have never met and learn from experiences that are not our own,

People: We need you, O God.

Minister: Because we live in a creative and dynamic world, brimming with influences good and bad,

People: We need you, O God.

Minister: Because we are an Easter people with hope in our eyes and faith in our hearts,

People: We need you, O God. Journey with us and grant us the joy of your salvation.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOR EX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

arr. Kevin Siegfried

Holy, holy, holiness unto the Lord, love ye, love ye, love ye, one another.
(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:1-8

ANTHEM: "Jesus Christ the Apple Tree"

Elizabeth Poston

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green: the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know, but ne'er can tell the glory which I now can see in Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought, and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest a while: under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree. This fruit does make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive; which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 321: "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

BREAD OF LIFE

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Fanfare

William Mathias

* 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

THE HISTORY LESSON: Acts 8:26-40

SERMON: "Maybe We Should Not Read the Bible" Dr. Wright

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE APPROACH TO THE TABLE: "The Gift of Love" Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We have accepted your gift of intelligence and mistaken it for omniscience. We have handled your gift of wisdom and confused it with power. We have clutched your gift of faith and thought it to be a windfall. We have been gullible to our own needs and desires. Enlighten us to truth; empower us with humility; refresh us with the generosity of your mercy; through Jesus the 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 322: "O Word of God Incarnate" MUNICH
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Grand Choer Dialogué Eugène Gigout

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of the marriage of Peter and Katherine Johnson Farley on May 5.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Thomas Blanton
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Spencer Edwards
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.

COMMUNICATIONS BOOK

A Communications Book is located in the narthex. You may use this book to record your visit with our congregation, to leave a note for the ministers or office staff, or to sign up for a trip or activity.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

- 4:30 p.m. Children Depart for Shelter Birthday Party
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir
- 5:30 p.m. End-of-Year Cookout for Youth, Children and Families

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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at
Lakeside*

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