

The Worship of God

May 6, 2018

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: Variations on *A Mighty Fortress* Cor Kee

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Aria Johann Kuhnau

CHORAL INTROIT traditional African-American melody/harm. Cleveland and Nix

Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.

Been so good, been so good, been so good, I just want to thank you, Lord.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 215: "Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain" ST. KEVIN
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP Jerry Carter

Deacon: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

People: Mountains and hills, fruit trees and cedars, shall praise the name of the Lord.

Deacon: Young men and women, old and young together shall praise the name of the Lord.

People: We shall praise your name, O God, for your glory is above earth and heaven.

Deacon: We shall praise your name, O God, for we are a people held close to your heart.

People: Let us praise the Lord! *Psalm 148*

* 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.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

MEDITATION

THE HISTORY LESSON: Acts 9:1-22

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

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Offertory in D Lani Smith

* 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: "Gentle Words" Shaker Tune/arr. Kevin Siegfried

What the dew is to the flower, gentle words are to the soul, and a blessing to the giver, and so dear to the receiver, we should never withhold. Gentle words kindly spoken often soothe the troubled mind, while links of love are broken by words that are unkind. Then O, thou gentle spirit, my constant guardian be, "Do to others," be my motto, "as I'd have them do to me."

THE HISTORY LESSON: Acts 9:23-31

SERMON: "We Could Use More Folks Like Barnabas" Dr. Wright

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE APPROACH TO THE TABLE: "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" Howard Helvey

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills the breast; but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest. No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the memory find a sweeter sound than Jesus' name, the Savior of mankind! O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how kind thou art: how good to those who seek! But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show; the love of Jesus, what it is, none but who love him know. Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be; in thee be all our glory now, and through eternity.

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We have sometimes seen this table filled with your bounty and then hungered after other food. We have often feasted on your abundance but failed to make room at the table for others. We have at times forgotten that we are your guests and begun to expect that whatever we receive is due us. Forgive us, we pray, and refresh our sense of gratitude and generosity. Nourish us with the food that will fit us for life eternal, now and in the day to come; through Jesus the Christ. *John Killinger, adapted*

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 491: "As Grain on Scattered Hillsides" MERLE'S TUNE
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Postludium from *Sonata in Classic Style* Gordon Young

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Elwood Berry on his 94th birthday by Dickie and Nancy Berry.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Anna Adkins
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Clyde Patterson
Guest Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Reynolds Cobb
Crucifer

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Bibles and Wireless Hearing Aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex.
Childcare is available in the Preschool Building.
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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. RainBowls will be available at each of the exits to receive your offerings as we leave worship.

END-OF-YEAR PARTY FOR YOUTH AND CHILDREN

All youth and children are invited to join us this afternoon for a fun outing and ice cream party to celebrate the end of a year of learning and fun. We will meet at the Imperial Centre at 3:30 p.m. and enjoy the 4:00 p.m. laser show in the Planetarium. Following the show, we will have an ice cream sundae party and activities in Robbins Hall. We will conclude at 6:00 p.m. Friends and parents are welcome to join us.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

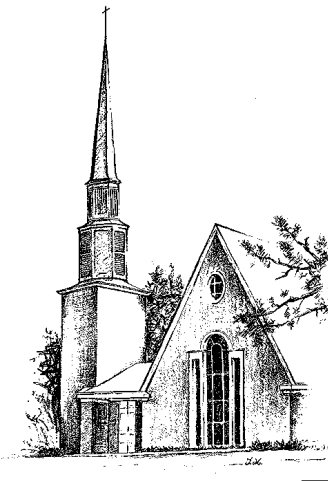
3:30 p.m. . . . Youth and Children's Activity, Meet at the Imperial Centre
6:00 p.m. . . . Youth and children dismiss, Robbins Hall

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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