

# *The Worship of God*

May 8, 2016

ASCENSION SUNDAY

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: Chorale Prelude on *Nun Preiset Alle*

Healey Willan

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Ricercar

Johann Krieger

CHORAL INTROIT

William H. Doane

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee! Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.

This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 23: "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

LAUDA ANIMA

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**People: How marvelous is the Lord Most High, the great Ruler over all the earth!**

Minister: God has ascended amid shouts of joy and the sounding of trumpets.

**People: Sing praises to God. Sing praises to the Lord our King.**

Minister: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**People: Sing to God a song of praise!**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Laurie Klein

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.

Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

*(Ushers will seat those waiting.)*

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, Creator of heaven and earth, Sustainer of all life, we confess our sin to you. You have given us the extraordinary gift of life, yet we treat it as an ordinary thing. You have promised your presence in all times and places of our lives, yet we casually and carelessly stroll over holy ground. You are the Word in our midst, but our lives are so full of noise and chatter that we do not hear you. Forgive us, O Lord, when we accept your gifts with indifference or ingratitude. Forgive us, O Lord, when accomplishing our own agenda becomes more important than dreaming your dreams and following your vision. Forgive us, O Lord. Amen.**

*Peggy Haymes, adapted*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 24:44-53

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: "Total Praise"

Richard Smallwood/arr. Doreen Rao

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills knowing my help is coming from you. Your peace you give me in time of the storm. You are the source of my strength, you are the strength of my life. I lift my hands in total praise to you.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 56: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

DIX

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Improvisation

Mark Pichowicz

\* 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 CareNet Counseling which offers confidential, faith-based individual, couple, family, and group counseling to the people in our church and community. The Acolyte brings forward the CareNet logo and places it on the altar.*

## PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Thy Perfect Love"

John Rutter

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, thy perfect love close in my breast. That I thee love and never rest; and make me love thee all things best, and wound my heart in thy love free, that I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

THE HISTORY LESSON:

Acts 1:1-11

SERMON:

"Out of the Nest"

Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We affirm that love is the doctrine of this church, the quest of truth is its sacrament, and service is its prayer. To dwell together in peace, to seek knowledge in freedom, to serve human need, to the end that all souls shall grow into harmony with the Divine. Thus do we covenant with each other and with God.**

*Covenant Church, Houston, Texas*

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 715: "Now Thank We All Our God"

NUN DANKET

*(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*

\* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

\* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Trumpet Tune

Alfred Fedak

\* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in gratitude for the gift of our mothers.*

### THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright  
*Senior Minister*  
Spencer Edwards  
*Acolyte*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*  
Mark Pichowicz  
*Interim Organist*

Amy Shortt  
*Minister of Music*  
Carson Browder  
*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.

### TODAY AT LAKESIDE

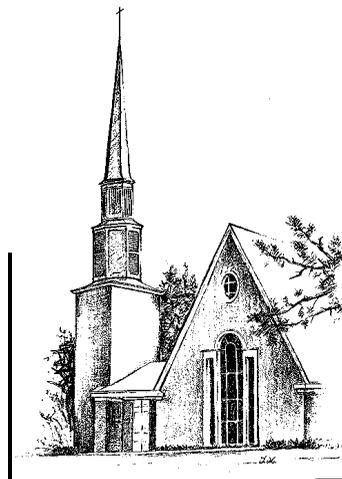
There will be no evening activities at the church.

### 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 worshiping 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.



# Ascension at Lakeside

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