

The Worship of God

May 10, 2015

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: Prelude in G

Felix Mendelssohn

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Récit

Francois Couperin

CHORAL INTROIT (*Hymn 283*)

Friedrich Filitz

Jesus, stand among us in your risen power. Let this time of worship be a holy hour. Breathe the Holy Spirit into ev'ry heart. Bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 90: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" MADRID
(*The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.*)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We are a people created in love.

People: We are given the gift of life that holds meaning and purpose.

Minister: We are called to invest our lives in God's world, to make a difference where we are.

People: With our heart, we are called to look honestly at one another.

Minister: With our mind, we are called to understand one another.

People: With our hands, we are called to help one another.

All: With our lives, we are called to serve one another. Thanks be to God!

* 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.

(*Ushers will seat those waiting.*)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Look deep, loving God, and see us as we really are – yearning to be close to you, yet fearful of what you may ask; desiring to be faithful, yet hesitant to go the extra mile; wanting to be loving, yet resistant to caring in some situations. Free our hearts and our minds to receive your grace and enjoy our faith through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:9-17

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "And the Father Will Dance"

Mark Hayes

And the Father will dance over you in joy! He will take delight in whom he loves. Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God? No, the Lord God himself is exulting o'er you in song! And he will joy over you in song. My soul will make its boast in God, for he has answered all my cries. His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day. Awake my soul and sing! Let my spirit rejoice in God. Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart! Cast away fear, for you have been restored! Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day. Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song. And he will joy over you in song. And the Father will dance over you in joy. God rejoices over you in song!

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 638: "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" PROMISE

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: CWM Rhondda

J. Bert Carlson

* 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 Carolina Donor Services which maximizes the passing of the heroic gift of life from one human being to another through organ and tissue donation. The Acolyte brings forward the "Donate Life" logo and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "If Ye Love Me"

Philip Wilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; E'en the spirit of Truth. And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 2:18-30

SERMON: "Another Way to Love . . . and Live" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God the Father who created the world out of love, fashioned humanity with the artistry of his hands, and breathed into us the very essence of life.

We believe in Jesus Christ who was born into our world, brought hope to life through his compassion and grace, and restored joy to life through his gift of salvation.

We believe in the Spirit of God who is always present with us, reminds us of the peace that is ours, and beckons us to trust the power of God's love.

We believe that life is more than miracle, that it is born in the heart of God, held in the hands of God, and will one day be received back by the mercy of God.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 649: "Give Thanks for Life" SINE NOMINE
(*Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.*)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Fugue in G Felix Mendelssohn

* Congregation stands.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Faith Johnson Lehman on this Mother's Day by her children and grandchildren.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Chase Joyner
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Georgia Morris
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.

**SAVE THE DATE
FOUNDERS DAY**

June 7, 2015

Celebrating Our 60th Year of Ministry

Guest Preacher: Dr. Tony Cartledge

Author and Professor, Campbell University Divinity School

Covered Dish Luncheon following Worship

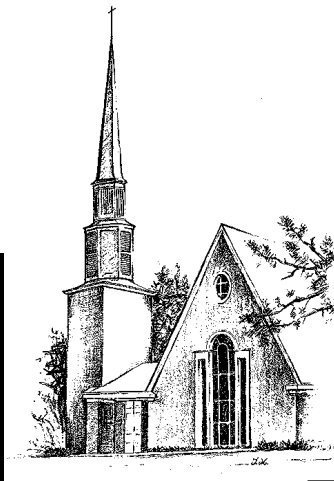
Fellowship and Hymn Sing

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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