

The Worship of God

May 11, 2014

THE FOURTH 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: Canonic Variations on *Ellacombe* Jon Spong

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Light's Glittering Morn Bedecks the Sky Gerald Near

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 228: "The Day of Resurrection!" LANCASHIRE
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: As we gather today, we remember the purity of a mother's love.

People: An example of the love flowing from Creator to the created, from parent to child, and from friend to friend;

Minister: We claim the unguarded love of our God, our Heavenly Parent, seeking to model that same love.

People: God's love embraces all, circles around, never giving up, always reaching out from one beloved to another.

Minister: We are joined together in this family through God's love, a love that knows no end.

People: God's love embraces all. Thanks be to God!

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Gene Grier/Lowell Everson

He is risen from the grave! Alleluia! He has rolled the stone away! Alleluia!

He is risen today! Alleluia!

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have violated your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord. Spare those who confess their faults, and restore those who are penitent according to your promises realized through Christ Jesus our Lord. Grant that for his sake we may henceforth live a godly and righteous life to the glory of your holy Name.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Acts 2:42-47

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. Virgil Thomson

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his Name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake his ways. He leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay. One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away, thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread. My cup with blessings over flows, thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days, O may thy house be my abode and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come, no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Rondeau Henry Purcell

* 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 institutions of higher education which educate and prepare women and men to meet the challenges of personal and communal life. The acolyte brings forward a mortar board and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Who Will Keep God's Lambs?" *Largo, Symphony No. 9, Dvořák*/arr. Gilpin

Who will feed the little lambs for the Lord today? Lead them to green pastures or find them when they stray? Who will show them quiet streams with a loving hand? Who will protect the fold of God? Who will keep God's lambs? I will feed the little lambs for the Lord today. Lead them to green pastures and find them when they stray. I will show them quiet streams with a loving hand. I will protect the fold of God. I will keep God's lambs. Jesus said to feed his sheep while he is away. Will you take your rod and staff, guard his sheep today? Will you feed the little lambs for the Lord today? Lead them to green pastures or find them when they stray? Will you show them quiet streams with a loving hand? Will you protect the fold of God? Will you keep God's lambs? Who will keep God's lambs? I will keep God's lambs. Reynolds Cobb, soloist

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 21:1-19

SERMON: "What Matters" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and that he came that we might have fullness of life. He came, not for one time, but for all time, and dwells among us now as Savior, Guide, and Friend. In his ministry, he demonstrated the Father's love for us, and taught us how we might love one another. By his suffering, God identified with our suffering, and experienced firsthand the anguishing results of sin. Through his resurrection, Christ proclaimed the eternal power of life over death and salvation over sin, thereby securing our hope.

We believe that through commitment, obedience, and service to others, we respond to God's astonishing love, and proclaim Christ's good news until he comes again. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 23: “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven” LAUDA ANIMA
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: March of the Priests Felix Mendelssohn
- * Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
in memory of Lucy Raynor and in honor of Corrinne Willcox by Jan and Jim Raynor and family.*

*The rosebud on the altar is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of
William Grover Robbins, III, son of Lauren and John Robbins, on April 24, 2014 in Augusta, Georgia.
Grove’s grandparents are Melanie Robbins and the late Bill Robbins.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Connor Evans <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Gansor <i>Organist</i>	Beth Seagroves <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.*

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

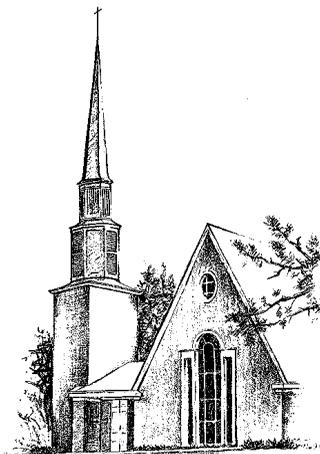
Wireless hearing aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship.

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
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Lakeside*

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