

The Worship of God

May 13, 2012

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. 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: Toccata and Fugue in F Dietrich Buxtehude

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Largo Antonio Vivaldi

CHORAL INTROIT Harold Friedell

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day. St. Richard of Chichester

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 222: "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" W ZLOBIE LEZY
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Here today there is love, freely available to all. Not our human loving, fragile and intermittent, but God's supreme love.

People: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, break forth into joyous songs of praise.

Minister: Here today is love, higher than our loftiest hopes, deeper than the immensities of time and space, God's inclusive love.

People: Let the seas roar their praise, and everything in them. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills sing together their happiness.

Minister: The joy of the living Christ Jesus be with you all.

People: And also with you. Bruce Prewer

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Gene Grier/Lowell Everson

This is the day the Lord has made, Sing "Alleluia!" Come, let us worship, bless his name.

Sing "Alleluia!"

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

FAMILY DEDICATION

*Today we celebrate the dedication of Madison, Annabelle, and Landyn,
children of Brandy and Bobby Adkins.*

HOMILY

THE COVENANT

Minister: Do you parents present your children before God, in solemn dedication?

Parents: We do.

Minister: Do you commit yourselves as parents to bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Parents: We do.

Minister: Do you promise to instruct your children in the teachings of Jesus Christ and in the practice of prayer, and to provide guidance in the development of a Christlike character?

Parents: We do.

Minister: Do you promise, to the best of your ability, so to shape your home life, by your words and by your example, that your children will naturally come to an open confession of Christ as Lord and enter into the fellowship and service of the church?

Parents: We do.

Minister: As a congregation, what pledge do you make to these parents?

People: We rejoice in this new life that has come into your family and the children that are already yours. We pledge to you our support, encouragement, and prayers as you seek to raise your children in a Christian home. We further pledge to do our part in nurturing your children's growing faith through worship, teaching, and service.

THE UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, our heavenly Parent, we have received our children in trust from you. Acting as stewards of this holy trust, help us to love our children unselfishly, and to guide them into righteous living. We pledge our lives to the fulfillment of this holy calling, and pray for your divine help through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM: "Children of the Heavenly Father" arr. Wayne Howorth

Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given. God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish, from all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them. Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth. Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh, his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: I John 5:1-6

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 101: "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts" QUEBEC

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Caprice sur les Grands Jeux Louis Clérambault

* 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 GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:9-17

SERMON: "Abiding Love" 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 23: "Praise, My Soul, the King 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: Toccata Leon Boëllmann

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of
M. Alexander Biggs, Jr. by James, Jaye and Alex Biggs, Alison Biggs and Michael Larkin.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Robbie Bass
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Mary Frances Raper
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.

There will be no activities for children and youth this evening.

YOUTH CAR WASH

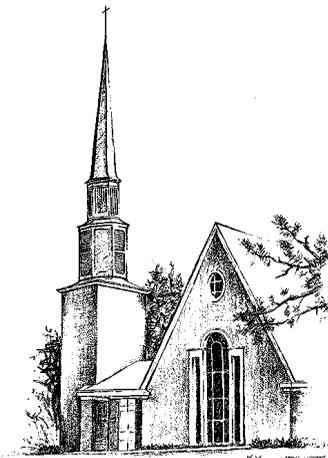
The Lakeside youth will hold a car wash on Saturday, May 19, at the Walgreens on Sunset Avenue. We will receive donations for our summer trip fund.

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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