

# The Worship of God

May 13, 2018

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: Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir Johann Pachelbel

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: The Master Hath Come arr: Lynn Shaw Bailey

CHORAL INTROIT *Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813*

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's redeeming love!

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 100: "When Morning Gilds the Skies" LAUDES DOMINI  
*(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP *adapted from Philippians 1 and Psalm 105*

Minister: In this we rejoice: That Christ is proclaimed in every way.

**People: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Minister: Christ will be exalted, whether by life or by death, for to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

**People: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Minister: Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ,

**People: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Minister: Standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind, believing in Christ.

**People: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.**

**All: Sing to God, sing praises to him; tell of his wonderful works.**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Eric Thiman

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift them up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory

shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of Hosts, he is the King of glory.

*(Ushers will seat those waiting.)*

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We too often read your commandments as restrictions on our freedom rather than loving guidance for our lives. We cherish power and success rather than the life of humility and sacrifice to which Jesus calls us. We look to you for grace but we would rather not accept the inconvenience and effort that a life of discipleship demands. Help us to live lives of obedience and faithfulness after the example of Christ who gave himself for the sake of the world that you love so much. Amen.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## MEDITATION

THE HISTORY LESSON: Acts 1:1-14

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me" arr. K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee; and with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal; and with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak. Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee; and, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear; and with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity. Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee; separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good, and whatever I can be give him who gave me thee. Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be; help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee; 'gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield; Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory. Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER Sheila Martin

ORGAN OFFERTORY: The Gift of Love arr. Hal Hopson

\* 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 My Sister's House which offers support and services for victims of domestic violence. The Acolyte brings forward the "No More" logo and places it on the altar.*

## PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Prayer of Consecration" Deborah Dresie

Lord of life, sing through me. Give my heart a melody so sweet and pure, good and true that I may offer a song to you. Come to me and still my fear until my song is yours alone. Sing through me, Lord of life; make my voice your own. Lord of life, pray through me. Fill my mind with quiet peace so sweet and pure, good and true that I may have only thoughts of you. Come to me and still my doubt until my dreams are yours alone. Pray through me, Lord of life, make my mind your own. Lord of life, live through me. Keep my soul in harmony so sweet and pure, good and true that through my living I'll honor you. Come to me and still my will until my deeds are yours alone. Live through me, Lord of life; make my heart your own.

THE HISTORY LESSON: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

SERMON: "A Disappearing Act?" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that God calls his people to act in faith, to move in new directions, and to believe with fresh understanding.**

**We believe that God calls us to transform our world, equips us with the gifts and abilities to do so, and provides for us a vision of his community.**

**We believe that we are on a journey of discovery, seeking God's vision, and celebrating God's gift of life. Amen.**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 453: "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" BEECHER  
*(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*

- \* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- \* ORGAN POSTLUDE: In Celebration: The Solid Rock arr. Gayden Sikes
- \* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Sarah Fussell, Carrie Fussell, and Jean St. Clair by their family.*

**THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Catherine Cobb <i>Acolyte</i>	Anna Anderson <i>Guest Organist</i>	Madi Adkins <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.  
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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.

**WE WELCOME OUR GUEST ORGANIST**

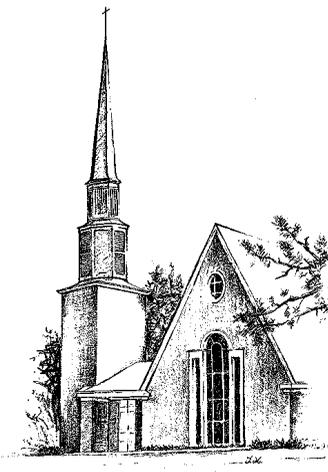
We welcome Anna Anderson as our guest organist today. Anna is a graduate of Mars Hill University and Southeastern Seminary. She and her husband LaCount are members of Lakeside and participate in the Chancel Choir and Lakeside Ringers. They have a daughter Leah and a son-in-law Chad who live in Wake Forest. Anna previously served as organist and Minister of Music in several area churches.

**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.



*Ascension  
at  
Lakeside*

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