

The Worship of God

May 14, 2017

THE FIFTH 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 on *Rhosymedre* Ralph Vaughan Williams

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Invocation W. H. Burt

CHORAL INTROIT 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.

* 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: O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high;

People: I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

Minister: But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;

People: My soul is like the weaned child that is with me.

All: O people of God, hope in the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION William Byrd

Non nobis, Domine

Not unto us, O Lord,

non nobis,

not to us,

sed nomini tu o da gloriam,

but unto thy name be the glory.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We have forgotten the goodness in which you created us, the promises that you have made to us, and the hope that you have secured for our sake. We so often fail to enjoy the life of faith, preferring instead to be listless and gloomy in spirit. Lift up our hearts and cause us to rejoice. Enable us to see the goodness of life all around us. Restore in us a right and happy spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: I Peter 2:2-10

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

Howard Helvey

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills the breast; but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest. No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the memory find a sweeter sound than Jesus' name, the Savior of mankind! O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how kind thou art: how good to those who seek! But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show; the love of Jesus, what it is, none but who love him know. Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be; in thee be all our glory now, and through eternity.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 538: "Hope of the World" O PERFECT LOVE

* 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 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: "The Gift of Love"

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:1-14, 25-27

SERMON: "A Divine Gift" 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 on "Gaudeamus Pariter" David Lasky

* Congregation stands.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Pat Culpepper by Dennis Culpepper.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Daniel Edwards
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Pichowicz
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Michael Waters
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.

GRADUATE INFORMATION NEEDED

If a family member graduated from college in December or will graduate from high school or college this spring, please contact the church office by May 16 so that we may recognize them in *The Link* and during our Graduate Recognition Service on May 21. We need full names, school, degree, and future plans.

PRESCHOOL FUND RAISER

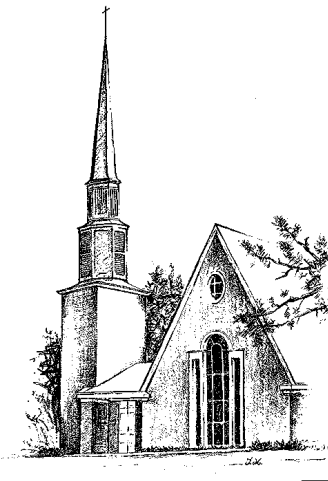
You are encouraged to join the Lakeside Preschool for its annual Pizza Fund Raiser on Thursday, May 18, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Preschool Lobby. Donations will be received. Please sign up by contacting the church office or completing the Event Registration form on the church website, and indicate if you plan to dine in or take out.

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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