

The Worship of God

May 17, 2015

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: Pastorale

César Franck

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Invocation

Alexandre Guilmant

CHORAL INTROIT

arr. Kevin Siegfried

Holy, holy, holiness unto the Lord, love ye, love ye, love ye, one another.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 234: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

DIADEMATA

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jackson Browder

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

People: And also with you.

Minister: Be joyful in the Lord, always. I repeat: Be joyful in the Lord!

People: Sing aloud, daughters of faith, shout with joy you sons of hope!

Minister: Be joyful in the Lord, always. I repeat: Be joyful in the Lord!

People: Laugh and sing and celebrate with all your heart, children of God!

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION: "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!
Katy Jaber and Spencer Bulluck

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

RECOGNITION OF THE GRADUATES

Rev. Edwards

ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATES

Trevor Graham and Katy Jaber

SOLO: "You Are My Fortress"

Ron Hamilton/arr. Shelly Hamilton

When foes attack my heart with fear and doubt, when friends reject my love, my heart cries out: you are my strength and shield, my great reward. Hide me beneath your wings; I need you, Lord. *You are my fortress, you are my hiding place, in time of trouble. I run to the rock and seek your face, Though others fail me, my dearest friend is always true; O how I love you. You are my fortress; I trust in you. I lean on you.* Where can I run for help? Where can I stay? Who knows my secret need before I pray? Who sees my trembling heart and feels my fear? Who knows my troubled thoughts and draws me near?
Carson Browder

MEDITATION

THE HISTORY LESSON:

Acts 1:1-11

Spencer Bulluck

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 526: "The Gift of Love"

GIFT OF LOVE

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Hunter Cuthrell

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Riguadon

Georg Böhm

* 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 youth and their ministry among us. The acolyte brings forward the logo for this year's Lakeside Youth theme and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "The 23rd Psalm"

Bobby McFerrin

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need. She makes me lie down in green meadows, beside the still waters, she will lead. She restores my soul, she rights my wrongs, she leads me in a path of good things, and fills my heart with songs. Even though I walk through a dark and dreary land, there is nothing that can shake me. She has said she won't forsake me; I'm in her hand. She sets a table before me in the presence of my foes. She anoints my head with oil, and my cup overflows. Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will live in her house forever, forever and ever. Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter, and to the Holy of Holies, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.

Dan Stolper

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 10:25-28

SERMON:

"Taking Down Fences"

Rev. Edwards

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the God who created us in his image, each unique and uniquely gifted with talents and tendencies, interests and attributes which allow us to fulfill God's purposes for our lives. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, by whose life, death and resurrection we are redeemed and freed to live the abundant and joyful life God desires for us. We believe in the Holy Spirit who continues to dwell with us, who transforms us into vessels through which God's love and mercy can flow, and who unites us to work for the fulfillment of God's Kingdom in this life and in the life to come.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 606: "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

NETTLETON

(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION

* CHORAL BLESSING

Gail Allen

Now go with God, and as you go, may God go before you to enlighten your path. May God go behind you to be your strong defense. May God go above you to inspire you to the highest of ideals. May God go beneath you to be your strong foundation. May God be without you surrounding you with his love. May God be within you speaking to you in his still small voice. Amen.

- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Trumpet Voluntary in D
- * Congregation stands.

John Stanley

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Hilary and Dexter David at Lakeside on May 16, 2015.

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in memory of Sarah Fussell by Jean Fussell St. Clair, Carrie Fussell and Kenneth Fussell.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Eliza Craig Parker <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. Today is Ascension Sunday when we celebrate Christ's return to heaven and resumption of his unity with God. The color of the day is white, symbolic of Christ's sovereignty and his compassionate rule over our lives. The Celtic Cross with its circle symbolizes 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 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.

ABOUT THE ANTHEM

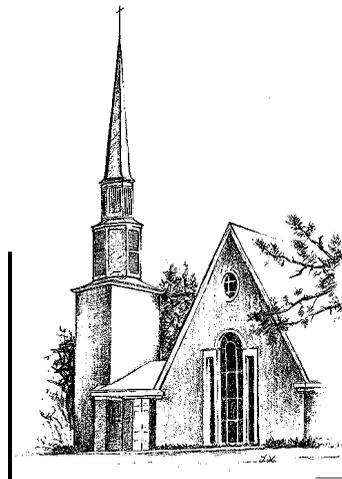
Human characteristics are often used to describe and understand God. God the Father, Provider, Protector, and Sustainer, are more masculine in nature while God the Holy Spirit as caring, comforting, and loving has a more motherly, feminine feel. Julian of Norwich wrote, "As surely as God is our Father, just as surely is he our Mother." Bobby McFerrin composed this morning's setting of the Psalm 23 in dedication to his mother. Written in the style of Anglican chant, the music and the feminine-oriented text reflect a kind, gentle God who "restores my soul, leads in the path of good things, and fills my heart with song."

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

Lakeside Baptist Church
1501 Sunset Avenue
Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27804

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Jackson Ross Browder - Rocky Mount Academy
will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Spencer Reuel Bulluck - Rocky Mount Academy
will attend East Carolina University
Dawn Hunter Cuthrell - Rocky Mount Academy
will attend North Carolina State University
Trevor Knox Graham - Rocky Mount Academy
will attend North Carolina State University
Mary Kathryn Sullins Jaber - Rocky Mount Academy
will attend Meredith College

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Sallie Tillman Bailey - Virginia Commonwealth University
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Crafts and Material Studies with a Minor in Art History
Robert Kincheloe Barnes - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
(Marty and Bill Kincheloe's Grandson)
Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration
Dianne Willcox Bulluck - Chamberlain College of Nursing
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
William Henley Bulluck - North Carolina State University
Bachelor of Science in Business Management
Catherine Elizabeth Hedgepeth - High Point University
Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration
Ashley Elizabeth Jones - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
(Winnie and Steve Raper's Granddaughter)
Bachelor of Science in Public Health Administration
Katilyn Marie Reda - New York University, Tisch School of the Arts
Bachelor of Arts in Drama/Musical Theatre
Morgan Lynn Willcox - Nash Community College
Associate Degree in Medical Assisting

ADVANCED DEGREE GRADUATES

William Keith Ballentine, III - UNC - Chapel Hill, School of Medicine
Doctor of Medicine
Allen Tippett Stanton - Duke Divinity School
Master of Divinity
Nicholas Clarence Stewart - Wake Forest University School of Law
Juris Doctor

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2015

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

GUEST PREACHER: DR. TONY CARTLEDGE
PASTOR, AUTHOR, AND PROFESSOR
CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL

COVERED-DISH LUNCHEON

Following worship on Sunday, June 7, we will enjoy a covered-dish luncheon in Robbins Hall in the Kincheloe Building as a part of our 60th anniversary celebration.

The church will provide meat and drinks. Please bring vegetables, salads, or desserts.

After fellowship around the tables, we will continue the celebration with a hymn sing. Come prepared to share some of your favorite hymns.

Please turn in this form, call the church office or visit our events registration page on our website to let us know that you will be coming.

Name: _____

Number attending: _____