

The Worship of God

May 22, 2016

TRINITY 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: Arioso

Joseph Willcox Jenkins

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Chant de Paix

Jean Langlais

CHORAL INTROIT

Thomas Tallis

Come, Holy Spirit, fill this place, anoint these servants with your grace. Inspire and guard them with your might and be, Creator, their delight. Your sev'nfold gifts we seek this hour; your wisdom, knowledge, truth and power. May counsel, love, and peace prevail. Such gifts from you will never fail. Creator, Spirit, hear us sing; breathe fire into the praise we bring. The mighty wind still lives in power; the church renewed responds this hour.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 4: "Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty" NICAEA
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 8

Minister: O God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

People: The heart of creation beats with your glory,

Minister: Glory revealed in the vast reaches of the universe,

People: In the twinkling stars reflected in the wondering eyes and simple songs of little children.

Minister: Compared with your awesome power, O God, our lives would seem insignificant;

People: Yet, we know how deeply you care for us and for all of creation.

Minister: You choose to honor us by sharing the responsibility for all of creation.

People: O God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Claude Means

God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O Lord, for we have sinned: We have seen the gospel through the eyes of the world, instead of seeing the world through the eyes of the gospel. We have sought the easy way rather than your way. We confess our sins, O Lord, asking that with your forgiveness we also receive a wider vision: a picture of humanity that is more varied than the faces we encounter each day, a sense of history and future much larger than our tiny moment in time, and an understanding of your love and mercy that is greater than we can imagine. Grant to us faith to accept your Word, and hope that comes from its presence in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Peggy Haymes, adapted

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON:

Romans 5:1-5

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

R. Walker Robson

Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine; Word of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight. Holy Spirit, Love divine, glow within this heart of mine; Kindle ev'ry high desire, perish self in thy pure fire. Holy Spirit, Joy divine, gladden thou this heart of mine; In the desert ways I sing, spring, O Well, forever spring.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 62: "Creator God, Creating Still" St. ANNE

* 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 the Bereavement Committee which ministers to grieving families through a meal and hospitality. The Acolyte brings forward a casserole dish and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

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 OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

SERMON: "Here All Along"

Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As people of faith, we embrace fully the promise of God, not as a mere pledge to be fulfilled, but as a distinct change from the past for the present. God's promise to us is light, not darkness; order, not chaos; peace, not war; righteousness, not sin; salvation, not estrangement; hope, not despair.

As people of faith, we enter joyfully into covenant with God, that his promise might be realized in us. Therefore, we are now united with God, and our covenant is bound by Jesus the Christ, whose example we emulate and whose path we follow. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 450: “God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian” HYFRYDOL
(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 Voluntary in D John Stanley
- * Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in honor of John Farmer by a friend.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Reynolds Cobb
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Pichowicz
Interim Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Georgia Morris
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. This is Trinity Sunday and the color of the day is white, symbolic of God’s sovereignty and his compassionate rule over our lives. The Celtic Cross with its circle reminds us of the Triune character of God revealed to us in God’s essential unity. 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

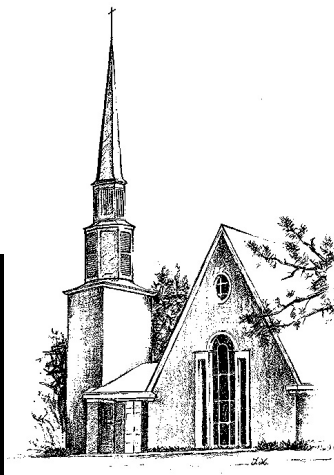
Wireless hearing aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship.

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.



Worship at Lakeside

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