

The Worship of God

May 25, 2014

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: Livre d'Orgue

Pierre Du Mage

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Prelude

Louis Vierne

CHORAL INTROIT (*Psalms 118:24*)

Anonymous (ca. 1600)/ed. Maurice Bevan

This is the day which the Lord hath made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 221:

“The Strife Is O'er”

VICTORY

(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Friends, we have come to worship, compelled by the mercy of God.

People: We are here in the name of Christ Jesus.

Minister: Whatever your need, ask right now,

People: And it shall be given to you.

Minister: Whatever you long for in life, seek right now,

People: And you will find.

Minister: Wherever you need to go, knock right now,

People: And the door will be opened.

**All: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Silesian Melody

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. You have blessed us with many gifts, yet we do not always share them with others. We forget that others do not have the choices we have, that their lives are shaped by circumstances beyond their control, and that they have nowhere to turn and no one to help. Forgive us for acting like the Body of Christ in this place and then failing to love as he loved, to care as he cared, and to empty ourselves so that we can be filled with the compassion of Christ. Help us to be generous with our money, our talents, our skills, and our time so that what is impossible for us becomes possible through you.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE HISTORY LESSON:

Acts 17:22-31

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: “O Praise the Mighty Lord” from *Joshua*

G.F. Handel/arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

O praise the mighty Lord, our God, sing a joyful song. He reigns in majesty, forevermore. O praise the mighty Lord with joyful song. Hallelujah.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 231:

“Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us”

HOLY MANNA

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Divertissement

Louis Vierne

* 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 Lakeside Preschool which has been providing education and nurture for young children in our community since 1992. The Acolyte brings forward building blocks and places them on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: “The Mansions of the Lord”

Nick Glennie-Smith/arr. Benjamin Harlan

To fallen soldiers let us sing, where no rockets fly nor bullets wing; our broken brothers let us bring to the mansions of the Lord. No more bleeding, no more fight, no prayers pleading through the night; just divine embrace, eternal light in the mansions of the Lord. Where no mothers cry and no children weep, we will stand and guard though the angels sleep; all through the ages safely keep, the mansions of the Lord.

Randall Wallace

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

John 14:15-21

SERMON:

“You Will Live Also”

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 108:

“Lift High the Cross”

CRUCIFER

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

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

* 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
Anna Adkins
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Spencer Bulluck
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.

Our office will be closed on Monday, May 26, in honor of Memorial Day.

FOUNDERS DAY

June 1, 2014

Celebrating Our 59th Birthday

Beginning Our 60th Year

Covered Dish Luncheon Following Worship

The church will provide meat and drinks.

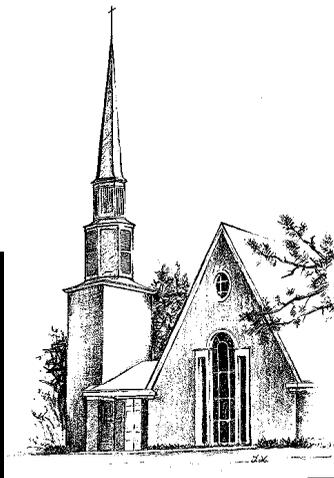
Bring your favorite side dishes and desserts to share!

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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