

# The Worship of God

May 27, 2018

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: Psalm Prelude Op. 32, No. 2 Herbert Howells

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Praeludium Michael Higgins

CHORAL INTROIT Daniel Iverson

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,**

Minister: Who forgives your iniquity, who heals your diseases, who redeems your life,

**People: Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live.**

Minister: As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

**People: For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.**

Minister: As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

**People: But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.** from Psalm 103

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Ruth Artman

Come, Holy Spirit, come; till we are wholly thine. Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We hear of your grace and mistake it for license to do as we please. With our lips we speak lies. With our hands we take what is not ours. With our hearts we betray the trust offered by those we love. We harden our hearts against the repentance of others. We close our ears to their confessions. We shut our eyes to their deepest needs. Reveal to us your true grace that demands accountability. Grant us the courage and wisdom for change. And bestow upon us your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-8

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: "Sanctus"

*Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.*

*Pleni sunt coeli et terra*

*Hosanna in excelsis*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sabaoth.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Sandra Howard

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 602: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" MARYTON

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Prière à Notre Dame Lèon Boëllmann

\* 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 Agape Village Foundation, which provides loving care in a Christ-centered environment for orphaned and vulnerable children in Zambia, enabling them to thrive and to eventually become self-supporting adults. The Acolyte places the AVF logo on the altar.*

## PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "I Love You, O My God Most High" arr. David Hogan

I love you, O my God most high, for first your love has captur'd me; I seek no other liberty: bound by your love, I shall be free. All mine is yours: say but the word, say what you will it shall be done; I know your love, most holy one, I know you seek my good alone. May memory no thought suggest but shall to your pure glory tend, may understanding find no rest, except in you, its only end. Apart from you, nothing can be, so grant me this, my only wish, to love you, Christ, eternally, you give me all in giving this.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 3:1-17

SERMON: "Woe Is Me; Yet . . ." Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God the Father who created the world out of love, fashioned humanity with the artistry of his hands, and breathed into us the very essence of life.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ who was born into our world, brought hope to life through his compassion and grace, and restored joy to life through his gift of salvation.**

**We believe in the Spirit of God who is always present with us, reminds us of the peace that is ours, and beckons us to trust the power of God's love.**

**We believe that life is more than miracle, that it is born in the heart of God, held in the hands of God, and will one day be received back by the mercy of God.**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 709: "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" AUSTRIAN HYMN  
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

\* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

\* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Praeludium Hermann Schroeder

\* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Mary Lucille Farmer by John Farmer and Hope Reese.*

## THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright  
*Senior Minister*  
Daniel Edwards  
*Acolyte*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*  
Jason Schodt  
*Guest Organist*

Amy Shortt  
*Minister of Music*  
Reynolds Cobb  
*Crucifer*

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Lakeside website: [lakesidechurchrmt.org](http://lakesidechurchrmt.org)

*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. 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.*

### WE WELCOME OUR GUEST ORGANIST

We welcome Jason Schodt to Lakeside as our organist today. Mr. Schodt is a rising senior at ECU where he is a student of Andrew Scanlon. He is a double-major studying music and engineering. Jason is from Wake Forest, North Carolina and has served as a substitute church musician in the area since high school.

### 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

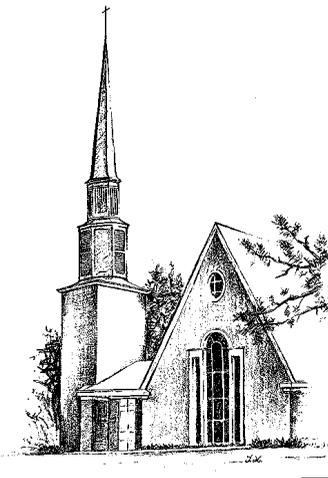
Wireless hearing aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship.

### 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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