

# The Worship of God

May 31, 2015

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: Offertoire sur les Grand Jeux

Francois Couperin

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Andante

Felix Mendelssohn

CHORAL INTROIT

Taizé

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 15: "Rejoice, You Pure in Heart" MARION  
*(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We gather together here and in company with people around the world.

**People: In churches and cathedrals, in mountain meadows and African plain, in huts, and halls and under the canopy of heaven, we worship God today.**

Minister: Today let us take time to think and respond to the call to be the best that we can be.

**People: Let us think about our daily lives, all that we hold dear, all that we reject or take lightly, and those things which frighten us.**

Minister: Let us consider those people from whom we shy away or reject outright because of their race or religion or politics or social standing or sexual orientation or zest for life; even if we would deny that this might be the reason.

**People: In the silence, let us ask forgiveness for our short sightedness, our cowardice, and those ways which we feel that we fail.**

Minister: That we might more fully be sensitive to the freely offered grace of Jesus Christ and the love which he offers to all people.

**People: Let us worship God!** *Rev. Karen Watson, adapted*

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION: "Day by Day"

Stephen Schwartz

Day by day, day by day, O dear Lord, three things I pray: to see thee more clearly,

love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day. St. Richard of Chichester

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We hear your words, trust your promises, and still shy away from acting with boldness, standing firm with confidence, and speaking with kindness.**

**We avoid confrontation, ignore injustice, and affirm all forms of prejudice with our silence. Fill us with joy in believing and confidence in living so that our lives might reflect the light of your life.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON:

Romans 8:12-17

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: "As I Went Down to the River to Pray"

American Traditional Melody

*As I went down in the river to pray studying about that good old way and who shall wear the starry crown? Good Lord, show me the way! O sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. O sisters, let's go down, down in the river to pray. O brothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray. O fathers, let's go down, down in the river to pray. O mothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray. O sinners, let's go down, down in the river to pray.*

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 241: "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" MERCY

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Rondeau

Henry Purcell

\* 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 day to day ministry of Christians. The Acolyte places a picture of the narthex window on the altar, reminding us to "Go to be involved in the world."*

## PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Sweet Rivers of Mercy"

Sheldon Curry

Sweet rivers of mercy are beckoning me to leave the comforts of shore; to wade in forgiveness, wash up with grace, be cleansed forevermore. God's love like a spring in the wilderness flows; a never failing relief for ev'ry despairing, withering soul who comes to kneel and drink. Streams of pardon, fresh and free; Healing Fountain, O taste and see! Sometimes in the desert my faith can seem weak, my spirit weary and sore; then a voice gently whispers, "Child, do not fear." God's providence is sure. Sweet rivers of mercy are beckoning me to leave the comforts of shore; come wade in forgiveness, wash up with grace, praise God forevermore!

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

John 3:1-17

SERMON: "How Can We Save the World?" 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 487: "Help Us Accept Each Other" AURELIA  
*(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*

\* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

\* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Fugue in c J.S. Bach

\* Congregation stands.

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

**THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

Jody C. Wright  
*Senior Minister*  
Anna Adkins  
*Acolyte*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*  
Mark Gansor  
*Organist*

Amy Shortt  
*Minister of Music*  
Sara Raper  
*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**

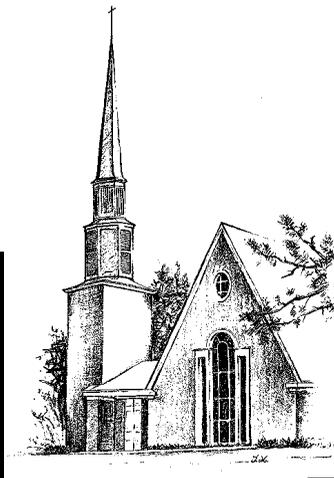
Wireless hearing aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship.

**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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