

The Worship of God

June 5, 2016

FOUNDERS DAY

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: Cortège et Litanie Marcel Dupré

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Voluntary Maurice Greene

CHORAL INTROIT: Locus Iste Anton Bruckner

Locus iste a Deo factus est, This place was made by God
inaestimabile sacramentum, a priceless mystery;
irreprehensibilis est. It is without reproof.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 6: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" MIT FREUDEN ZART
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Before the earth was formed, we were chosen by God to be God's people.

People: God gathers us together that we might sing of joy and hope, as God's beloved.

Minister: Before the stars glittered in the night sky, we were chosen through Christ to be God's family.

People: Christ gathers us together that we might carol the good news of redemption.

Minister: Before the rivers flowed to the seas, we were chosen by the Spirit to serve creation.

People: The Spirit gathers us together that we might dance in the fields of peace with our sisters and brothers.

Thom M. Shuman

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Camille Saint-Saëns

Praise ye the Lord of hosts, sing his salvation; bless his name, show forth his praise in his holy house!
Rejoice, ye heav'ns, and be joyful on earth. Rejoice in the face of the Lord, for he cometh. Alleluia.

CELEBRATING OUR HERITAGE

RECOGNITION OF CHARTER MEMBERS

RESPONSIVE PRAYER: "A Prayer for Lakeside"

Minister: Our kind and gracious Heavenly Father, we beseech your blessings on this, your house. Before the majestic splendor of our "Beth-El" we stand in awe and reverence.

People: The shining steeple, lifting high its cross to the heavens, invites us from afar to enter its doors, to sit quietly in its pews, and to gaze around us upon the utter beauty of its structure.

Minister: O Lord, though these strong brick walls are no longer new, your Church is as old as time itself. Lakeside has belonged to us for only a few years now, but it has become a part of us . . . and truly we have each become a part of it.

People: For in its presence we have worshiped, have seen Christ lifted up, and have felt his dwelling among us. In its bosom we have confessed our sins and have felt the comfort, serenity, and assurance of your forgiveness.

Minister: Our Father, we thank you for blessing us with forceful, inspiring messages brought from your pulpit by consecrated individuals, for the stirring anthems rendered by the choirs, for the professions of faith and words of re-dedication faithfully uttered from the lips of our youth.

People: O God, we know you have heard the sacred vows of marriage made at your altar, and the sincere prayers of dedication offered for our babies. We have felt your presence profoundly with us as we affirmed our faith in life everlasting at services for a loved one who has passed on to be with you.

Minister: We pray, Father, that you will continue your blessings upon this, your Church, and us, your children. Guide and direct us that each time we leave your house of worship we may go forth with renewed strength and courage to fulfill the mission of Lakeside . . . to proclaim the Gospel of Christ by which we alone can be saved from sin and judgment.

People: For it is in your Son's name and for his sake we pray. Amen.

MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 22:37-40

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place" Johannes Brahms

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my soul and body crieth out yea for the living God. Blest are they that dwell within thy house: they praise thy name evermore.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 453: "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" BEECHER

* 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 family of faith known as Lakeside Baptist Church which seeks to worship and serve Christ in this place. The Acolyte places a print of the "Lehman Benediction" on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "O Thou the Central Orb" Charles Wood

O thou, the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most High, eternal Light of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move, as stars about thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove. Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with thee, transforming clay to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 5:17-25

SERMON: "Closer to the Feet of Jesus" Rev. Cecelia Beck

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God who imagined the world as a place of beauty and wonder and in Jesus Christ, the Living Word, by whose compassion the world came into being. We believe in the Spirit, God's power at work, by whose grace the world and all of life is sustained. We believe that we are God's children, chosen to worship and called to serve. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 7: “When in Our Music God Is Glorified” ENGELBERG
(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 G "Jig" J.S. Bach
- * Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Bill Waters by Betsy Waters.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Madi Adkins
Acolyte
Mark Pichowicz
Interim Organist

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Jacob Watkins
Crucifer

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Charlie Lane
Torchbearer
Reverend Cecelia Beck
Pulpit Guest

Lakeside website: 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.*

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 Founders’ Day and the color of the day is red, a reminder of fire which symbolizes the Spirit of God, and of blood which symbolizes the life created and redeemed by God for which Christ and other martyrs of the faith have died. The Jerusalem Cross, comprised of one large cross surrounded by four smaller crosses, reminds us of the spread of the Gospel to the four corners of the earth. 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.

“A Prayer for Lakeside” was written especially for the Tenth Anniversary of Lakeside Church by Betsy Greene Fleming Waters. It has been adapted for our use today.

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.

WIRELESS HEARING AIDS

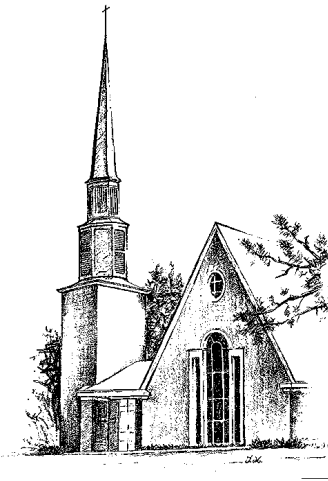
Wireless hearing aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship.

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.



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