

The Worship of God

June 9, 2019

PENTECOST 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: Lord, Revive Us arr. Franklin Ritter

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Balm in Gilead arr. Joe Utterback

CHORAL INTROIT Harold W. Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly in thy name, two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them: Alleluia! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 237: "On Pentecost They Gathered" MUNICH
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP Sheila Whitley

Deacon: It is good to be here because God is here, lovingly blessing us as we gather.

People: Let everyone give thanks, calling upon God's name and publishing the good news.

Deacon: It is good to be here because Christ is here whenever two or three meet in his name.

People: Sing to God, sing psalms, tell of all his remarkable doings.

Deacon: It is good to be here because the Spirit is here, leading us into the only truth that really matters.

People: We will seek the Lord and his strength, we will seek God's face evermore.

Bruce Prewer

* 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

Living One, Holy One, you are completely present in every moment of our lives, but we refuse to notice that you are near. We forget that every moment is filled with grace. You call us to move from fear to hope, to help bring about your day of peace and justice, but we remain stuck in our old ways, putting our comforts before the needs of others, following our habits rather than seeking the salvation of the world. Forgive us. Transform us. Grant us courage so that we might live out your peace in the world.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 11:1-9

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "If Ye Love Me"

Philip Wilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; E'en the spirit of Truth. And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Prelude in d (BWV 539) J.S. Bach

* 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 Vacation Bible School which offers our children an opportunity to learn about God in fun and creative ways. The Acolyte places a Bible and this year's VBS logo 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 HISTORY LESSON: Acts 2:1-21, 37-41

SERMON: "Fireworks" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Lakeside Baptist Church confesses Jesus Christ as Lord, on the basis of who he was and is, and what he did and does. Who is he? We confess him to be God's unique son, the Messiah of Israel, the Lord of Life. What did he do? He gave his life even unto death – by God's will and for our sake – on the cross. He comes again and again by the Holy Spirit to communicate himself to his people. His people are the Church.

We seek simply to be one visible congregation of Christ's church. We hold particular views about the Christian faith; however, we also rejoice in our Lord's gracious gifts to our fellow believers who may see God in other ways. Happily, we count them as our brothers and our sisters.

We live out our faith by taking seriously our commitment to each other and to the world. We share not only our words, but our money, our time, and our talents, with our friends here, and with all God's people everywhere.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 274: "I Love Your Church, O God" ST. THOMAS
(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 honor of Martha Bulluck on their 65th anniversary by Don Bulluck.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Jason Schodt
Guest Organist
Ramsey Ward
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Anna Anderson
Guest Choir Director
Michael Waters
Crucifer

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.
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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. Today is Pentecost Sunday when we remember how the Spirit of God anointed the disciples and the church was born. 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.

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

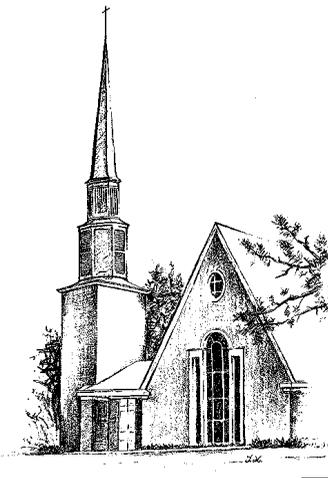
Wireless hearing aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship.

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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