

The Worship of God

June 10, 2018

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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: All Creatures of Our God and King arr. Gayden Sikes

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Arioso J. S. Bach

CHORAL INTROIT Oscar Ahnfelt

Day by day and with each passing moment, strength I find to meet my trials here; trusting in my Father's wise bestowment, I've no cause for worry or for fear. He whose heart is kind beyond all measure gives unto each day what he deems best - lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure, mingling toil with peace and rest.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 288: "O God of Vision" LOBE DEN HERREN
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP Nancy Berry

Deacon: It is in the watching, and in the waiting

People: that we hear the promises made so long ago.

Deacon: It is in the questions, and in the hoping

People: that we give thanks every time we hear the glad news.

Deacon: It is in the coming, and in the going

People: that we welcome the One who is our Delight, our Joy. ©2009 Thom M. Shuman

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOR EX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION African-American Spiritual

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray. Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray. Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine. Jordan River, chilly and cold, it chills the body but not the soul. There is but one train upon this track; it runs to heaven and then right back.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. Seeking to control the world that often challenges and perplexes us, we have lost our sense of wonder. Wanting to appear sophisticated and enlightened, we have lost the simplicity of our faith. Afraid of the questions we cannot answer, we have made you distant and uninvolved.

Dazzle us with the beauty of the nighttime sky and the intricacy of a flower in bloom. Intrigue us with the unworried faith of a trusting child. Surprise us with the nearness of your Spirit and the steadiness of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: II Corinthians 4:13-5:1

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "I Will Arise"

arr. Robert Shaw/Alice Parker

I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms, in the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! There are ten thousand charms. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above, praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace, streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms, in the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! There are ten thousand charms.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 619: "My Life Flows On" HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Brother James' Air arr. Nancy Lyons Smith

* 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: "Even Here" Mark A. Miller

At the land's dark roots, in the farthest deep, where the daylight dims, where no one can reach, can the hand of God, can the voice of love find me even here? I have turned away, I have set my fate, I have run too far, I repent too late, can the hand of God, can the voice of love find me even here? O, to climb again where the eagle flies, where its nest is set in the sunlit skies! Can the hand of God, can the voice of love find me even here? Will the hand of God, will the voice of love find me even here? O forgive me, Lord, may I see your face, may I die in peace with a song of praise, may the hand of God, may the voice of love find me even here.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 3:20-35

SERMON: "Deflect or Reflect?" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God who spoke into the silence and creation was born, who reached into emptiness and filled the universe with wonders, who set aside divinity and became human.

We believe in God who calls the first to be last and invites the last to be first, who urges us to lose our lives in order to save them, who died and rose again so that we might live forever.

We believe in one God revealed in three Persons, one faith in many manifestations, one hope amid many fears, one Lord and Savior for all the world. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 658: "Restless Weaver" BEACH SPRING

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

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Ehr Freidrich Willhelm Zachau

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Amy Shortt by a friend.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Bo Browder
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Anna Anderson
Guest Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Charlie Lane
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. The color of the season is green, a reminder of the life of the church and the growth of each believer. The triangle and trefoil are symbols of the Trinity, reminding us that God is revealed to us as Father, Son, and Spirit. In the center is the cross, the key symbol of the Christian faith, summarizing the life and ministry, death and resurrection, incarnation and coming in glory of Jesus the Christ. 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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

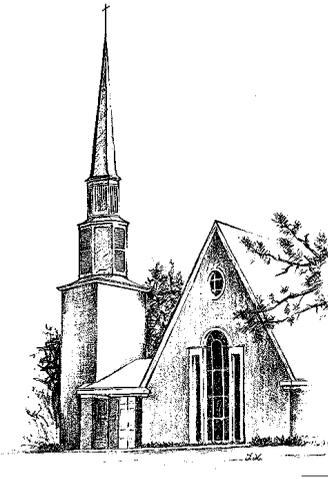
The Red Cross has asked us to host an additional blood drive this year which will be held in Robbins Hall on Saturday, June 30. Anne Chappell is chairing this event and needs volunteers to help with sign-up and to be here on June 30 to help escort donors, serve refreshments, and other tasks. You may sign up in the narthex today or call the church office during the week. You may also sign up to donate on the Red Cross web site, redcrossblood.org/make-donation.

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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