

# The Worship of God

June 11, 2017

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: Alone to God in the Highest Be Glory (BWV 662) J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: I Bind Unto Myself Today Lorica of St. Patrick

CHORAL INTROIT Thomas Tallis

Creator, Spirit, hear us sing; breathe fire into the praise we bring. The mighty wind still lives in power; the church renewed responds this hour.

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Hints and whispers abound. God seeks us where we are:

**People: A voice calling our name in the twilight of sleep;**

Minister: A call seen in the outstretched hands of the poor;

**People: A new dawning of insight while at prayer;**

Minister: An internal shift of perception felt in the heart;

**People: A joyous peace in the midst of play;**

Minister: The lifting of a burden, a flood of tears, a burst of laughter.

**People: God is near and we are grateful!**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION 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.  
*(Ushers will seat those waiting.)*

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Doubt grows in us like weeds, O God. We wonder if we have said the right words to a grieving friend. We fear our expression of anger was too strong and bruising. We wonder if we are as good, as competent as people say we are. We think the laughter across the room may be about us. Doubts wheedle their way in, and we fear that you have forgotten us.**

**Turn our doubts into affirmations and our fears into possibilities. Forgive us for not believing in the wonderful creation you have made us to be.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SOLO: "Canticle to the Spirit" Eleanor Daley  
Holy Spirit, giving life to all life, root of all things, washing them clean, wiping out their mistakes, healing all their wounds, you are our true life, luminous, wonderful, awak'ning the heart from its ancient sleep. *Hildegard of Bingen*

Bo Browder, soloist

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 62: "Creator God, Creating Still" ST. ANNE

\* 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 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: "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Heather Sorenson

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night; waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. You shine in the night. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine inheritance, now and always. Thou and thou only, the first in my heart, my treasure thou art. Blessed Redeemer, my treasure thou art. High King of heaven, my victory won! May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, still be my light, and you will still be my vision, shine in the night. Be thou my vision, O Ruler of all. Be thou my Light when I walk through the night.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 28:16-20

SERMON: "God's Unquenchable Desire for Love" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God the Creator, who spoke and the stars, planets, and vastness of the universe were formed, who called out for plants and animals to inhabit the earth, and who whispered each of us to life.**

**We believe in God the Son, whose infant cries and childish laughter made him our brother, whose words offered comfort and insight, challenge and hope, and whose cries on the cross and alleluias in the garden brought us eternal life.**

**We believe in God the Spirit, who daily reminds us of divine love and compassion, who counsels us toward justice, mercy, and humility, and who encourages us to echo Christ to the world.**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 15: "Rejoice, You Pure in Heart" MARION  
*(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*

\* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

\* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Prelude to Te Deum Marc-Antoine Charpentier

\* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Jackie Ward by Travis, Witten, Ramsey, and Duffy Ward.*

**THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

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

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*  
Mark Pichowicz  
*Organist*

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

*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.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

This week we will welcome children from Lakeside, Church of the Good Shepherd, First Presbyterian, Saint Andrews Episcopal, and West Haven Presbyterian for Bible stories, music, crafts, games and refreshments as we learn how God is our strength through all the circumstances of life. This year's VBS offering will be designated for Down East Partnership for Children to purchase games, books, and supplies for "Fun Tubs" to be used throughout the community for this summer's lunch programs.

We could use your help this afternoon from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. to set up classrooms, decorate the Narthex, and transform Lakeside into a medieval castle for the Mighty Fortress VBS. Please come and help if you can.

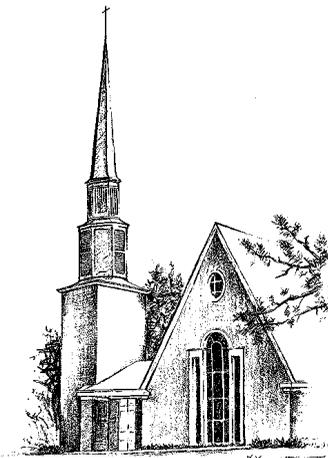
Everyone is invited to attend our closing celebration at 11:20 a.m. on Friday, June 16, in the sanctuary. We hope you will join us as the children share what they have learned during our week together.

**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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