

The Worship of God

June 12, 2016

THE FOURTH 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: Präludium und Fuge

Dietrich Buxtehude

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Praeludium

Simon Sechter

CHORAL INTROIT

George Whelpton

Hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 66: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Minister: We are here to worship God.

We come not as slaves, but as those made free in Christ Jesus.

People: We come not as the unworthy, but as invited guests of our Lord.

Minister: We come not as outsiders, but as much-wanted children of the Father.

People: We come as the joyful, the eager, the thankful.

Minister: We come as recipients of amazing grace.

People: We come with joy! Praise be to God, now and forever!

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Taizé

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid; lift up your voices, the Lord is near; lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We try to save the world by ourselves, but end up tired and frustrated. We even attempt things you have not called us to do. Busy, fatigued, and impatient, we are unable to respond when you do call us to action, for our schedules become our excuses. Yet our pride keeps us from your rest and guidance. Forgive us, O Lord, and help us to see the good we should do, the time we should rest, and the ways we should trust. Grant to us endurance, patience, wisdom, and joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE HISTORY LESSON: Acts 11:19-26

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

People: Thanks be to God.

DUET: "The Lord is My Light"

Michael Bedford

The Lord is my light and my salvation, the Lord is my light, whom shall I fear, of whom shall I be afraid? For in times of trouble you hide me in your dwelling; you shelter me and comfort me, and set me high on a rock. Hear, O Lord, when I cry to you, give ear to me and answer; O hide not your face from me, your face, O Lord, do I seek.

Bo Browder and Chase Joyner

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 494: "They Will Know We Are Christians" ST. BRENDAN'S

* 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: "Beautiful Savior" Chester L. Alwes

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of Creation, Son of God and Son of man. Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the flow'rs of blooming spring. Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes the sorrowing spirit sing. Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations! Son of God and Son of man. Glory and honor, praise adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 5:13-16

SERMON: "Color Your World" 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 431: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" AR HYD Y NOS
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Trumpet Tune in C Michael McCabe

* Congregation stands.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Carrie Fussell by a friend.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Connor Evans
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Pichowicz
Interim Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
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.

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

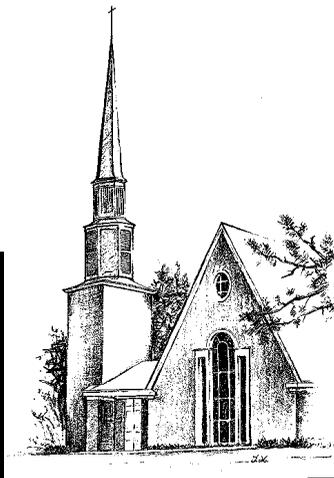
Wireless hearing aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship.

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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