

The Worship of God

June 17, 2018

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: Festival Alleluia

Dan Miller

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: If You Will Only Let God Guide You

Paul Manz

CHORAL INTROIT

Silesian Melody

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 90: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

MADRID

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Robert Sykes

Deacon: All around us, God is looking for folks who will join in serving others.

People: It is as if God is planting seeds of compassion in us, watching for them to bloom in our lives.

Deacon: In our midst, Jesus is walking among us, tending our hearts, watering us with grace.

People: It is as if Jesus is trusting that our souls will grow big enough to welcome everyone.

Deacon: From morning to evening, the Spirit is at work, gently tending this garden called life.

People: It is as if the Spirit has found the perfect spots to bring forth crops of justice and peace.

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* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

M. Ippolitof-Ivanoff

Bless the Lord, O my soul, blessed art thou, O God. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless God's holy name.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. You have placed many valuable things into our hands, but we have so often proved to be ungrateful or selfish with your gifts, either hoarding them or wasting them. The good land you have given us, the freedom we enjoy, the families that nurture us, the communities that support us, the education that enlightens us, and the skills and talents which shape us have sometimes been carelessly received and handled. Teach us to value these gifts and to be good stewards for our sake and your glory.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 4:26-34

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Heart and Mind, Possessions, Lord" Ancient Indian Melody/adapted Marian Jean Chute
Heart and mind, possessions, Lord, I offer unto thee; all these were thine, Lord, thou didst give them all to me. Wondrous are thy doings unto me. Plans and my thoughts and everything I ever do are dependent on thy will and love alone. I commit my spirit unto thee. Heart and mind, possessions, Lord, I offer unto thee; thou art the Way, the Truth: thou art the Life. Sinful, I commit myself to thee. Jesus Christ is filling all the heart of me. He can give me victory o'er all that threatens me. Jesus Christ is filling all my heart.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 635: "Faith of Our Fathers" ST. CATHERINE

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Awake, My Heart, With Gladness

Flor Peeters

* 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 Conetoe Family Life Center and summer day camp which ministers to the mental, physical and spiritual health of the Conetoe community and its children. The Acolyte brings forward the CFLC logo and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

SOLO: "God Sees the Heart" Ron Hamilton/arr. Susan White

Our God measures man by a standard divine, for He sees underneath ev'ry outward design. He looks past possessions and costly attire; he studies the heart—ev'ry thought and desire. For the eyes of the Lord are searching to and fro. We have no secrets that our God does not know. Our Father knows our thoughts; he understands ev'ry part. Man sees the outside, but God sees the heart. Our God does not judge by how tall we may stand, or how much we possess, or the rank we command. His gaze goes far deeper to things that endure; he honors the man who keeps his heart pure.

Chase Joyner, soloist

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: I Samuel 16:1-13

SERMON: "This One!" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the love of God out of which we are created, by which we live, and through which we are granted the gift of life eternal. We believe that our only and proper response to such love is complete devotion, demonstrated through the gifts of personality God has given to each of us:

We love God with our hearts, bound to the Father in unflinching loyalty and commitment, and opening ourselves to the full range of his emotions;

We love God with our minds, eager to know the fullness of God's reality, unafraid to confront difficult and troubling questions, and believing that the Truth shall set us free;

We love God with our strength, offering the talents, resources, and abilities bequeathed to us in the service of love, thereby becoming the "hands of God."

We love God by loving one another, celebrating our kinship as children of the Father, and caring for one another's needs.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 609: "Take My Life" HENDON
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Fanfare Hermann Schroeder
- * Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Sara and P.S. Jones and Gil Rodriguez by Sara and Cristina Rodriguez.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Chase Joyner <i>Acolyte</i>	Clyde Patterson <i>Guest Organist</i>	Spencer Edwards <i>Crucifer</i>

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

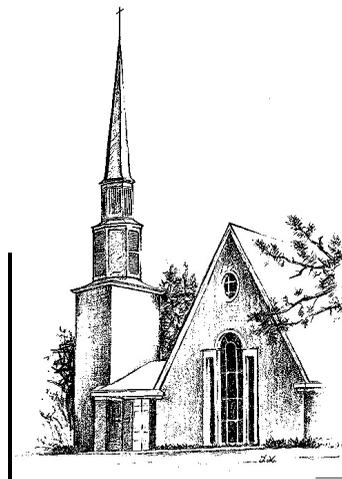
Wireless hearing aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship.

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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Lakeside*

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