

The Worship of God

OUT OF THE MINDS OF CHILDREN: QUESTIONS OF FAITH

June 21, 2015

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: Fugue in E^b J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Andante Georg Philipp Telemann

CHORAL INTROIT Samuel S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou Lord, thou Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety. Psalms 5:8 and 4:8

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: God who is our Creator, Redeemer, and Lord, we gather again for worship.

People: We gather to meet the Lord whose name we bear.

Minister: We gather to seek the presence of the God who formed and fashioned us.

People: We gather to wait upon the Spirit who both strengthens and sustains us.

Minister: In a world of petty dreams, we seek a great vision.

People: In a world of empty conversation, we seek a living Word.

All: Open our eyes to your presence and our hearts to your grace.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Franz Joseph Haydn/arr. Charles F. Manning

Great and glorious is the Lord in majesty; call upon him, mighty and loving, glorious ever in majesty.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We forget your wonderful works and do not remember the abundance of your love. We ignore your guidance and wander after our wanton cravings. We exchange the delight of your presence for empty images of comfort and hope. We bargain our responsibility for the pottage of convenience. We forget that you take care of us in ways we do not even recognize. Remind us that we are your body on earth and bless all that we do with our hands and hearts and minds.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 3:1-15

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Seek Ye First" Karen Lafferty/arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you;

Allelu, Alleluia! Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find, knock and the door shall

be opened unto you; Allelu, Alleluia!

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 540: "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" ST. MARGARET

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Duo Louis Clérambault

* 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 our Audio Committee which records our worship so that it can be shared with our Members-at-Home and, through our website, with the larger community. The Acolyte brings forward a worship CD and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Immortal, Invisible" adapted Eric H. Thiman

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish—but naught changeth thee. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee. Amen.

THE HISTORY LESSON: Acts 17:16-28

SERMON: "How Did God Make Himself?" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the God who created not only the grand and intricate systems of the universe, but also the simple and mundane elements of life. We believe in the God who stands not only outside of time and space, but who stands with us in this immediate time and this particular place. We believe in the God who is not only Lord of heaven and earth, but who also came as a babe to experience the life we live. We believe in the God who is extraordinary in every aspect, especially in the ordinary ways he enters our lives. Blessed be the God of Life.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 86: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS
(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 and Fugue in D Dietrich Buxtehude

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Louise Adcock by her daughter, Winnie Raper.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Spencer Bulluck
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Chase Joyner
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.

THE LEHMAN BENEDICTION PRINTS

Marion Clark Weathers' time-limited release "The Lehman Benediction" is being created in two sizes. Benediction I is the size of the original 16"W x 20"H and Benediction II is a smaller version, measuring 11" x 14". Please call the church office for additional information. There is also a link on the Welcome page of our website at lakesidechurchrmt.org where you can go to purchase the prints and pay by credit card.

Unframed Lehman Benediction I (16"x20") \$75.00

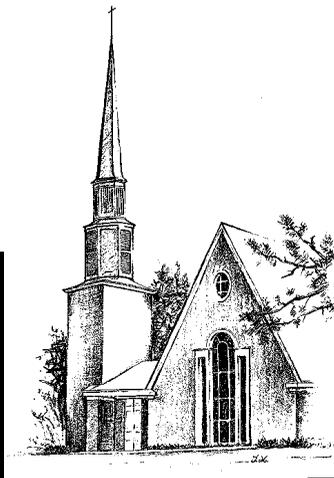
Unframed Lehman Benediction II (11" x 14") \$ 50.00

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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