

The Worship of God

June 23, 2013

THE FIFTH 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. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your friendship with those around you. Wireless hearing aids are available in the narthex.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: Livre d'Orgue de Montreal Anonymus, 18th Century

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Andante in C Georg Philipp Telemann

CHORAL INTROIT Traditional

Come, let us gather now to sing praises and thanks to God, our King. God's love surpasses everything.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 2: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" HYMN TO JOY
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: The world in which we live is filled with daunting challenges and heavy burdens which often leave us feeling helpless and hopeless.

People: Lord, teach us to place our concerns before you, to entrust them to your care, and to let go of our need to control every outcome.

Minister: The world in which we live is filled with beauty and wonder beyond our comprehension, with gifts to sustain our bodies, please our senses, and inspire our hearts and minds.

People: Lord, help us to find moments of quiet rest in you, to center ourselves in your love, and to delight in your presence.

Minister: The world in which we live is filled with opportunity to work and serve, giving of ourselves as we care for one another and all of creation.

People: Lord, empower us to have compassion to love others in your name, boldness to reach beyond ourselves, and energy to accomplish the tasks to which you call us.

All: Lord, guide us on our journey: where we are weak make us strong, where we are foolish make us wise, where we are hasty make us patient, and where we are selfish make us compassionate, all for the sake of Christ. Amen.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Cleland B. McAfee

O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God, hold us who wait before you near to the heart of God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. Like your first child, Adam, we play hide-and-seek with you. We believe, foolishly, that if we do not tell you about our lives in prayer, you will know nothing about what we are doing or not doing. We are afraid to expose ourselves to your scrutiny, to let you see us as we really are. Relieve our fears of you and help us to stop our silly games. Show us your mercy and treat us with your grace through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 23

ANTHEM: "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Carlton Young

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. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; Thou my Great Father and I thy true son, O thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. High King of heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heavn's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, O still be my vision, thou ruler of all.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 575: "Come and Find the Quiet Center" BEACH SPRING

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Voluntary in G John Stanley

* 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 Labyrinth which will offer us new opportunities for prayer and meditation. The Acolyte brings forward labyrinth prayer books and places them on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

DUET: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" African-American Spiritual/arr. Lloyd Larson

I want Jesus to walk with me, I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. *Jaye Biggs, soprano and Jan Raynor, alto*

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 4:5-14

SERMON: "Walking to the Well" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God who imagined the world as a place of beauty and wonder and in Jesus Christ, the Living Word, by whose compassion the world came into being. We believe in the Spirit, God's power at work, by whose grace the world and all of life is sustained. We believe that we are God's children, chosen to worship and called to serve. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 572: "Take Time To Be Holy" HOLINESS
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* RECESSIONAL: Carillon Louis Vierne

The congregation will recess to the Labyrinth, located in the Meditation Garden on the south side of the sanctuary, for the dedication of this sacred space. We encourage you to exit through the door nearest your seat. Ushers will assist in directing you from the sanctuary to the Meditation Garden.

DEDICATION OF THE LABYRINTH

* REMARKS

Dr. Wright

* LITANY

Cameron and Trevor Graham

Leader: In praise of the Eternal God, who spoke and the world was created, who breathed and we were filled with life, who whispered and called us to himself,

People: We dedicate this labyrinth.

Leader: In remembrance of Jesus Christ, who invited us to follow him on the journey of life and who taught us how to pray,

People: We dedicate this labyrinth.

Leader: In honor of the Holy Spirit, who teaches us the deeper meanings of faith, draws us into fellowship with God and one another, and “helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. (Romans 8:26)

People: We dedicate this labyrinth.

Leader: In order that we might grow in our faith, find help in time of distress, comfort in time of sorrow, and joy in time of celebration,

People: We dedicate this labyrinth.

Leader: In memory of Martha McKinney Jenkins and for the comfort of all who would come here to find rest,

People: We dedicate this memorial bench.

All: To the glory of God, and in gratitude for all who gave of themselves to make this labyrinth possible, we dedicate this sacred space. Amen.

* PRAYER

Rev. Edwards

* ANTHEM: “Be Still My Soul”

Jean Sibelius

Be still, my soul: for God is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Trust in your God, your savior and your guide, who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a peaceful end.

Be still, my soul: for God will undertake to guide the future surely as the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: The waves and winds still know the voice that calmed them in this world below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall dwell with forever more,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

* THE BENEDICTION

* Congregation stands.

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

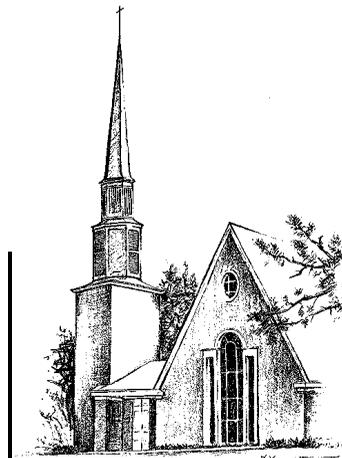
THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Sara Raper
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Elizabeth Lane
Crucifer

*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.*



Worship at Lakeside

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