

The Worship of God

June 24, 2018

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 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 g

J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Variation on *O Waly, Waly*

Janet Linker

CHORAL INTROIT

Austin Lovelace

Come, bless the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord;
Lift up your hands to the holy place, and bless the Lord.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 618: "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP Andy Barker

Deacon: We come, trusting in God's mercy and love, longing to know and to learn more about God's ways.

People: We come, to be guided in the ways of God's truth - to experience the joy of God's salvation.

Deacon: We come, at the beginning of our Lenten journey, aware of God's steadfast love helping us to overcome the trials and temptations which can descend on us at any time.

People: Lead us, O God, to do what is right in your eyes and teach us to follow the humble way of Christ, your beloved Son, our crucified and risen Lord.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Harold Friedell

I have but myself to give, let me to thy glory live;

Let me follow day by day, where thou showest me the way.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we are too timid to dare to be strong or too strong to acknowledge our many weaknesses; when we are foolish enough to cling to our ignorance or clever enough to despise those we believe to be foolish; when we are half-hearted toward new opportunities or so impatient we respond in haste; when we are wasteful of meager resources or ungrateful when resources are abundant; when we willfully cling to our favorite sins or piously try to be more religious than Jesus, have mercy on us, O God. Bring us to a genuine repentance and restore to us the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. *Bruce Prewer, adapted*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 4:35-41

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "The Gift of Love"

arr. Hal H. Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 322: "O Word of God Incarnate" MUNICH

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Sicilienne

Maria-Theresia von Paradis

* 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 People Of Faith-Filling In the Gaps (POF-FIGS) which assists local families in times of crisis. The Acolyte places rent and utility bills on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "We are Singing, for the Lord is Our Light" arr. Hal H. Hopson
(A Traditional Zulu Song based on Psalm 27:1-4)

We are singing for the Lord is our light. Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.

The Lord is the strength of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid? Though foes may be near to destroy; the Lord will be our light. One thing have we asked of the Lord, yes, this is the thing we seek: to dwell in the house of the Lord, to live with God forever. When burdens are heavy to bear, our shelter is God alone. Our feet are lifted high, yes, high upon a rock. We walk in the strength of the Lord, God's love is ever sure. We shout that the world may hear, we sing a joyful song.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 13

SERMON: "No Longer Read the Bible?" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We confess that our faith is in God who creates and sustains life, who intends that life is to possess meaning and purpose, and who calls us to a new way of life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We profess that faith is something we do resulting from what we believe; that it must be forged in Scripture, nurtured by the Holy Spirit, enlightened through reason, guided by the tradition of the Church universal, and practiced within the local community of faith. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 330: "Alleluia! Hear God's Story" W ZLOBIE LEEZY
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Concerto in G, Movement III Johann Ernst/transcribed J. S. Bach

* Congregation stands.

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

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Will Robillard
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Phil Valera
Guest Organist
Jim Wiggs
Guest Conductor

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.

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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

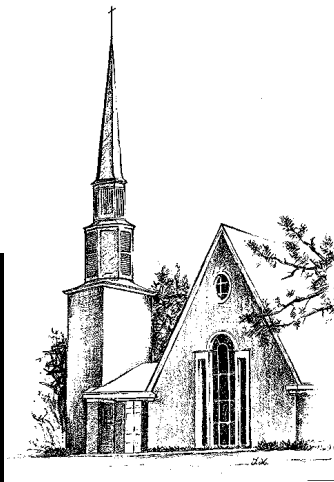
Wireless hearing aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship.

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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