

# *The Worship of God*

June 26, 2016

THE SIXTH 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: Adagio Cantabile J. S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Praeludium Simon Sechter

CHORAL INTROIT John L. Bell

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 22: "All Creatures of Our God and King" LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
*(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Lord, open our lips, and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

**People: Lord, open our eyes, that we may see you at work in every facet of life.**

Minister: Lord, open our minds, that our thoughts may be formed by your truth.

**People: Lord, open our hearts, that we may receive the fullness of your grace and find strength for the living of these days.**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Lanny Wolfe

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

## AN AFFIRMATION OF THE CALL OF MARK PICHOWICZ

THE LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

Minister: Having reviewed the qualifications of Mark Pichowicz and the vote of the Organist Search Committee, approved by the Diaconate, to call him to serve as our Organist, do you affirm that call?

**People: We do.**

Minster: What do you expect of him?

**People: We expect him to share in the life of this family of faith. We welcome his gifts and abilities and expect him to use them in his ministry with us. We expect him to minister among us with dedication, vision, and integrity, relying upon God for guidance and us for support.**

Minister: What do you pledge to him?

**People: We pledge to be a supportive and encouraging family of faith. We commit ourselves to undergird him with prayer and our own faithfulness to the God who calls us all.**

Minister: So be it.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

THE BLESSING

ANTHEM: "Prayer of Consecration"

Deborah Dresie

Lord of life, sing through me. Give my heart a melody so sweet and pure, good and true that I may offer a song to you. Come to me and still my fear until my song is yours alone. Sing through me, Lord of life; make my voice your own. Lord of life, pray through me. Fill my mind with quiet peace so sweet and pure, good and true that I may have only thoughts of you. Come to me and still my doubt until my dreams are yours alone. Pray through me, Lord of life, make my mind your own. Lord of life, live through me. Keep my soul in harmony so sweet and pure, good and true that through my living I'll honor you. Come to me and still my will until my deeds are yours alone. Live through me, Lord of life; make my heart your own.

## MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: I Thessalonians 5:14-25

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 572: "Take Time To Be Holy" HOLINESS

\* 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 the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship which enables us to share the love of Christ with the world. The Acolyte brings forward the CBF logo and places it on the altar.*

## PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" arr. Austin Lovelace

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways! Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise. Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace. Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 32

SERMON: "Waiting and Wrestling" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,  
confessing our frailty, admitting our sin, amazed by God's grace.**

**As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,  
opening eyes and ears, unclenching hands and hearts, sharing the wonders of God's world.**

**As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,  
asking difficult questions, admitting our doubts, reaching for hope.**

**As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,  
seeking closeness with God, fearful of intimacy, astonished by God's love.**

**As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,  
and risk the wonder of falling into the loving and steadfast arms of God.**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- \* RECESSIONAL HYMN 517: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" HYFRYDOL  
*(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*
- \* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- \* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Rigaudon Andre Campra
- \* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Brad Henderson by Laura and Jim Henderson..*

**THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Reynolds Cobb <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Pichowicz <i>Organist</i>	Sara Raper <i>Crucifer</i>

Lakeside website: [lakesidechurchrmt.org](http://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**

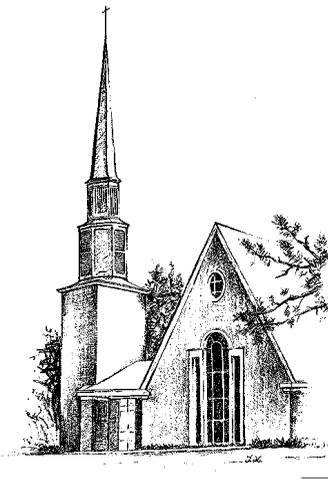
Wireless hearing aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship.

**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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