

The Worship of God

July 1, 2018

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: Voluntary in A

William Selby

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Let Us Break Bread

arr. Dale Wood

CHORAL INTROIT

Joachim Neander

Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there, where my soul in joyful duty, waits for him who answers prayer. O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 725: "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

NATIONAL HYMN

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: For the gifts you bestow, O Holy One,

People: We gather in thanksgiving.

Minister: We open our hearts to your enduring justice.

People: We open our minds to your breathtaking liberty.

Minister: Whenever we falter, steady us.

People: Whenever we fail, lift us.

Minister: For we seek more fully to embody your reign of peace,

People: And to make our world more just and loving.

Minister: In Jesus' name we strive,

People: And in his grace we thrive. Amen.

Reverend Dr. June C. Goudey, UCC 2008

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Richard Warner

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! In his temple God be praised;

In the high and heavenly places be the sounding anthem raised.

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: II Corinthians 8:7-15

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 722: "This Is My Song"

FINLANDIA

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Shall We Gather at the River

arr. Dale Wood

* 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!

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "I Will Joyfully Sing"

Mary McDonald

I will joyfully sing in the morning; I will joyfully sing all the day; I'll sing praises to thee in the morning, for the Lord is the strength of my day. I will lift up my eyes in the morning, for the Lord will not turn me away; I'll sing praises to thee in the morning, for the Lord is the strength of my day. I will sing! I will sing! I will sing of praises, his goodness to me. I will sing!

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Mark 5:21-43

SERMON:

"God's Ironic Grace"

Dr. Wright

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE APPROACH TO THE TABLE: "Gather Your Children"

Allan Mahnke

Gather your children, dear Savior, in peace, and draw us to you with your passionate pleas; still seek us and call us to come and be blessed to find in your arms, Lord, safety, comfort, and rest. Knowing you, loving you, naming you Lord, we cluster around you, and grow by your Word, one day to remember these moments so rare, of caring and closeness, just because you are there. Love be our banner, forgiveness our theme, compassion our nature, your vision our dream; who knows what the Spirit of God yet can do, what joy can be tasted, or what promise come true? Host at our table in our house and yours, here bind us together with love that endures; like parents, like children, let this be our fame, that, blest, we bless many, to the praise of your name.

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgive us, O Lord, for we have sinned. We praise you for the blessings we have received, but we do not always share our abundance with others. We delight in the beauty and wonder of creation, but we do not always take care of the earth that is our home. We celebrate our acceptance as your children, but we do not always recognize others who are your children as well. We claim you as our God, but we want you only for ourselves.

Open our minds to understand how truly blessed we are. Open our eyes to all of the wonders of your world. Open our hearts to the ties that bind us to one another. And open our souls to your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

This morning, we will take the bread and the cup by intinction, dipping the bread into the common cup. At the invitation of the ministers, and as the organ begins playing, you are invited to come forward for communion. Forming two lines, please use the center aisle as you approach the altar and the side aisles as you return to your seat. If you prefer to remain seated, a Deacon will serve you. You will take a piece of bread from the plate offered by a Deacon and dip it into the chalice offered by one of the Ministers. You may then place the bread in your mouth. A common response when taking communion is to say, "Thanks be to God." or a simple, "Amen."

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 25: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Chorale Prelude on *Lobe den Herren* J. G. Walther

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Mary Lib Pitt by Theo and Molly Pitt.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Ramsey Ward
Acolyte

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

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Jacob Watkins
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.
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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.

BENEVOLENT OFFERING

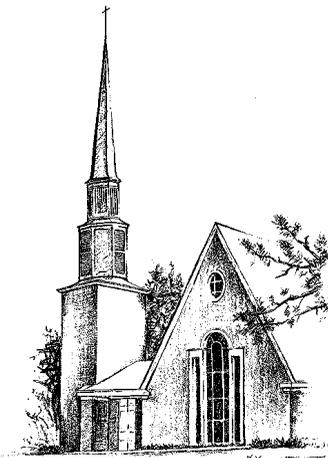
As we do each time we have communion during morning worship, today we will receive a Benevolent Offering for local ministries. RainBowls will be available at each of the exits to receive your offerings as we leave worship.

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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