

The Worship of God

July 3, 2016

THE SEVENTH 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: Processional Grayston Ives

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Variation 1 from Variations on *America* Charles Ives

CHORAL INTROIT (*Hymn 283*) Friedrich Filitz

Jesus, stand among us in your risen power. Let this time of worship be a holy hour. Breathe the Holy Spirit into ev'ry heart. Bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 30, adapted

Minister: Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to God's Holy name.

People: O God, your anger lasts but a moment, but your mercy is for a lifetime.

Minister: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes in the morning.

People: You have turned my mourning into dancing and clothed me with joy,

All: Our praise cannot be kept silent. Let us sing praise to the Lord forever:

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION "Day by Day" Harold Friedell

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day. St. Richard of Chichester

MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 8:31-36

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: 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 Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty which seeks to "defend and extend God-given religious liberty for all, furthering the Baptist heritage that champions the principle that religion must be freely exercised, neither advanced nor inhibited by government." The Acolyte brings forward a copy of the Bill of Rights of our Constitution and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "An American Hymn" Cecil Effinger

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea! O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress a thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness! America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law! O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife. Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life! America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness and every gain divine! O beautiful for patriot dream that sees, beyond the years, thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea. Amen.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

SERMON: "Know Your Rights" Rev. Edwards

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE APPROACH TO THE TABLE: "I Love You, O My God Most High" arr. David Hogan

I love you, O my God most high, for first your love has captur'd me; I seek no other liberty: bound by your love, I shall be free. All mine is yours: say but the word, say what you will it shall be done; I know your love, most holy one, I know you seek my good alone. May memory no thought suggest but shall to your pure glory tend, may understanding find no rest, except in you, its only end. Apart from you, nothing can be, so grant me this, my only wish, to love you, Christ, eternally, you give me all in giving this.

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We confess to you the wrongs in our country and in our lives. Too often we have chosen the way of violence or greed instead of your way of peace and generosity. We have built weapons of war and systems of prejudice rather than putting a stop to the injustice and cruelty which divide the human family. Give us a glimpse of the Kingdom you are bringing to earth, where death and violence and hunger will be no more, and where all nations gather in the light of your presence. Renew us and our nation, O God, that we may reach across old boundaries as brothers and sisters in your love, and teach us that there is no law or liberty apart from you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

You are invited to come forward to receive communion. Forming two lines, 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. We will take the bread and the cup by intinction, dipping the bread into the common cup. 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. Appropriate responses upon receiving the bread or the cup are "Thanks be to God." or "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 668: "For the Healing of the Nations" CWM RHONDDA
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Fanfare Paul Dukas
- * Congregation stands.

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

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Chase Joyner <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Pichowicz <i>Organist</i>	Carson Browder <i>Crucifer</i>

*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 day is red, a reminder of fire which symbolizes the Spirit of God, and of blood which symbolizes the life created and redeemed by God for which Christ and other martyrs of the faith have died. The Jerusalem Cross, comprised of one large cross surrounded by four smaller crosses, reminds us of the spread of the Gospel to the four corners of the earth. 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.

BENEVOLENT OFFERING

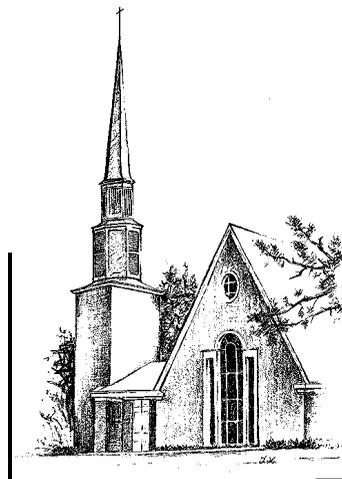
As we do each time we have communion during morning worship, today we will receive a Benevolent Offering for local ministries. Our youth will collect the offering at each of the exits as we leave worship.

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.



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at
Lakeside*

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