

The Worship of God

July 6, 2014

THE FOURTH 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: Voluntaries

John Stanley

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Prelude

Gaston Litaize

CHORAL INTROIT

Taizé

The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 725: "God of the Ages Whose Almighty Hand"

NATIONAL HYMN

(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Before time existed and the universe began its long unfolding, God was God.

People: When the stars were finding their places, and planets their orbits, God was God.

Minister: When the earth took shape and life came in splendid profusion, God was God.

People: When Abraham and Sarah began their journey of faith, God was God.

Minister: When Jesus came among us, bearing and living the Gospel of peace, God was God.

People: When tomorrow you look back and remember today, you can say, God was God.

Minister: The holy One, the most merciful One, whom the human mind cannot comprehend, was before the beginning, will be after the end, and fills every present moment with Presence and Purpose. Praise be to God!

Bruce Prewer, alt.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Ippolitov-Ivanov

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all within me bless his holy name.

MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 22:15-22

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: Hornpipe

G. F. Handel

* 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 sister churches who are our partners in ministry in this community. The Acolyte brings forward a salt shaker, reminding us we are the "salt of the earth," 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:

Romans 7:15-25a

SERMON:

"Doing What We Ought"

Dr. Wright

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE APPROACH TO THE TABLE: "Angels of Heaven"

arr. Kevin Siegfried

The angels of heaven are marching around the borders of Zion's holy ground; their music harmonious how it doth ring, and this is the heavenly song they sing. Holy, holy, holiness unto the Lord, love ye, love ye, love ye, one another.

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We have exchanged approval by your Spirit for the acclamation of the world. We have mistaken power and success for blessing. We have mistaken patriotism for faith. We have neglected responsibility to our country under the guise of spiritual superiority. Help us to look to you for our guidance in life. Teach us humility through service and enable us to be good citizens of faith in this great land that is ours; through Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD: "This is my body which is broken for you."

THE SHARING OF THE CUP: "This is the new covenant of my blood."

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 491: "As Grain on Scattered Hillides"

MERLE'S TUNE

(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Postlude in D

C. Armstrong Gibbs

* Congregation stands.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Martha Jane and Morris Thompson by Helen Laughery.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Reynolds Cobb
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Sara Raper
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.*

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

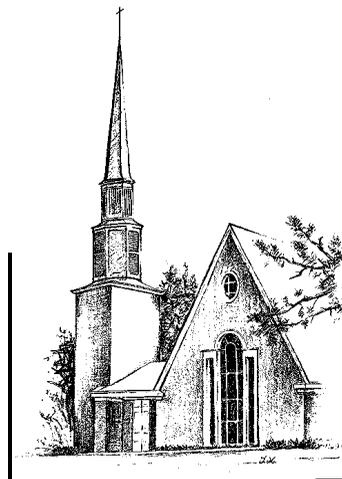
As we do each time we have communion during morning worship, today we will receive a Benevolent Offering for local ministries. Our youth will collect the offering at each of the exits as we leave worship.

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.



Worship at Lakeside

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