

The Worship of God

July 7, 2013

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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: Arabesque

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Pastorale

CHORAL INTROIT

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

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We came from all places and all peoples to gather here today.

People: Some of us traveled across the ice, others came later in boats, still others of us waded rivers or arrived in planes.

Minister: We found a land blessed.

People: Blessed with mountains and valleys, rivers and oceans, fertile earth, wonderful woods, and promising cities.

Minister: Here, a dream was born.

People: A dream of freedom from all oppression, a dream of hope for our children, a dream of people in community under God.

Minister: We have turned to nations and peoples who gave us birth:

People: Send us the voiceless. Send us the fearful. Send us the oppressed.

Minister: And so the dream continues . . .

People: And so the dream of America continues . . .

All: God, help us to do your work until your dreams come true.

Eleven O'Clock

Louis Vierne

Richard Purvis

Austin Lovelace

NATIONAL HYMN

Rev. Nathan Decker

GREATOREX

Matthew Lundquist

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 11:1-16

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 722: "This Is My Song"

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Rondeau

FINLANDIA

Jean Joseph Mouret

* THE DOXOLOGY

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 military chaplains who serve as the presence of Christ to the women and men of our armed forces throughout the world and in the most traumatic of times. The Acolyte brings forward a prayer book and places it on the altar.

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "An American Hymn"

Cecil Effinger

The congregation will stand and sing the final stanza when directed.

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 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 GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 22:15-22, 34-40

SERMON: "What Does Belong to God?"

Dr. Wright

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE APPROACH TO THE TABLE: "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Dale Wood

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone; chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one; holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone. To this temple where we call thee, come O Lord of hosts today; with thy wonted loving kindness hear thy servants as they pray, and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son, laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one, one in might and one in glory, while unending ages run.

UNISON CONFESSON OF SIN

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. At times we have accepted the goodness of our life and have taken it for granted; at other times we have despaired of the inequities of life and have not appreciated what we have. Often we have simply neglected to think about life and its significance. Sensitize us to the realities of each and every day; fill us with gratitude for who we are; and grant us your mercy through Jesus the Christ.

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.

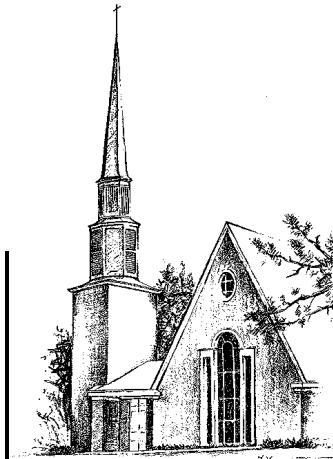
THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 491: "As Grain on Scattered Hillsides" 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: Fugue in C Felix Mendelssohn
- * 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 <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Beth Seagroves <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Gansor <i>Organist</i>	Charlie Lane <i>Crucifer</i>
	Jim Wiggs <i>Guest Conductor</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.*

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.

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 worshiping 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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