

# The Worship of God

July 9, 2017

THE FIFTH 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: Ricercare

Annibale Padovano

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Preludio

C. Adolfo Bossi

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 100: "When Morning Gilds the Skies"  
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

LAUDES DOMINI

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: With word and song, we gather to praise God

**People: Who has blessed us with the gift of life in Jesus Christ.**

Minister: We are drawn into God's presence through him,

**People: And the burdens we carry he takes upon himself.**

Minister: We are truly blessed, for God has listened and responded to our prayers.

**People: We worship you, O God, with gladness in our hearts and songs of praise on our lips.**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATORUM

\* 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.

*(Ushers will seat those waiting.)*

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We have enjoyed the cleansing freshness of baptism and then played in the dirt of evil intentions. We have pledged commitment but have been unfaithful. We have promised compassion then refused forgiveness. We have offered lip service to unity but have drawn the lines of division. We have repeated words of righteousness but in tones of anger and judgment. Restrain our hands from dishonest action; keep our tongues free of unkind words; open our minds to the truth of your Gospel; and permeate our hearts with the fullness of your love through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON:

Romans 7:15-25a

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: "O Praise the Mighty Lord" from *Joshua* G.F. Handel/arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

O praise the mighty Lord, our God, sing a joyful song. He reigns in majesty, forevermore.

O praise the mighty Lord with joyful song. Hallelujah.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 337: "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" GALILEE

\* 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 Ethiopian Family Fund which provides for education for young girls in Ethiopia. The Acolyte brings forward a picture of Bethlehem Tekle and places it on the altar.*

## PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "O Christ the Healer, We Have Come" Richard W. Gieseke

O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends? From ev'ry ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed; yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need. In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease; our common life declares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these? Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach and prosper humankind.

Fred Pratt Green

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

SERMON: "Yokefellows" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God our Father and in his grace made known to us in Jesus Christ. We believe that God's Spirit is with us in this present moment, offering comfort, courage, vitality, love and peace. We believe that God enables us to become useful persons, hopeful in outlook and open to the possibilities of each new day. We accept his grace, celebrate his presence, and dedicate our lives in his service.**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 517: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" BEECHER  
*(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*

\* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

\* ORGAN POSTLUDE: The Kingsfold Trumpet Alfred Fedak

\* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Robbie Robbins by Libba Robbins.*

*The rosebud on the altar is placed in celebration of the birth of Nash Daniel Harrold, son of Kassie and Jason Harrold, on June 14 in St. Louis, Missouri. Michele Harrold is the proud grandmother.*

## THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright  
*Senior Minister*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*

Amy Shortt  
*Minister of Music*

Mark Pichowicz  
*Organist*

Jim Wiggs  
*Summer Choir Director*

Will Robillard  
*Acolyte*

Charlie Lane  
*Crucifer*

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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

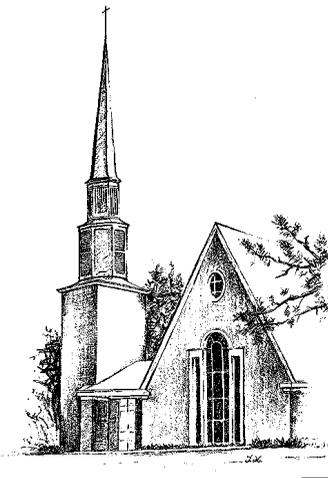
Wireless hearing aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship.

## 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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