

The Worship of God

OUT OF THE MINDS OF CHILDREN: QUESTIONS OF FAITH

July 12, 2015

THE 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: Kyrie

Francois Couperin

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Passacaglia

Georg Muffatt

CHORAL INTROIT

UBI CARITAS

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity; God will dwell with you.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 59: "This Is My Father's World"
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

TERRA BEATA

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: The One who shaped the universe, molds us into a community of faith:

People: A people to shelter the homeless, a family to feed the hungry.

Minister: The One who made kittens and elephants, shapes us in the divine image:

People: So we can act with grace as we rejoice in the wonder of life.

Minister: The One who blesses us with flowers and friends, offers us the way, the truth, the life:

People: So we can tell the story and bring healing and hope to a broken world.

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* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Shaker Hymn/arr. Margaret W. Mealy

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be, and when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight. When true simplicity is gained to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed, to turn, turn, will be our delight till by turning, turning we come round right.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you search our hearts. You know us from the beginning. You see in us more good and beauty than we have dared to believe. You beckon us to do more than we have dared to try. Forever you call our names. But we have filled our ears with the sounds of the world; we have timidly spoken of your great love; we have doubted the gifts hidden within each of us. Have mercy upon us, and shine your forgiving light into our hesitancy through Jesus the Christ.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 22:34-40

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Look at the World"

John Rutter

Look at the world, ev'rything all around us: look at the world, and marvel ev'ry day.

Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way.

Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, give us thankful hearts, that we may see:

All the gifts we share, and every blessing, all things come of thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;

look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain.

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.

Ev'rything grows, ev'rything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold.

Ev'ry good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love;

we are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; his is the earth, and his the heav'ns above.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN: "Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant"

NETTLETON

**Sister, let me be your servant, brother, let me walk with you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow trav'lers on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey thro'.
When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of great love and agony.**

**God-created, earthly-fashioned, from the clay we are the same.
Though we look and speak uniquely, we all bear our Father's name.
Brother, let me be your servant, Sister, let me walk with you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.**

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Fugue in C

Dietrich Buxtehude

* 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 community of faith which bears witness to the Gospel in myriad languages and abundant ways. The acolyte brings forward a candle holder depicting people united in prayer.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Prayer of Consecration"

Deborah Dresie

Lord of life, sing through me. Give my heart a melody so sweet and pure, good and true that I may offer a song to you. Come to me and still my fear until my song is yours alone. Sing through me, Lord of life; make my voice your own. Lord of life, pray through me. Fill my mind with quiet peace so sweet and pure, good and true that I may have only thoughts of you. Come to me and still my doubt until my dreams are yours alone. Pray through me, Lord of life, make my mind your own. Lord of life, live through me. Keep my soul in harmony so sweet and pure, good and true that through my living I'll honor you. Come to me and still my will until my deeds are yours alone. Live through me, Lord of life; make my heart your own.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 11:1-9

SERMON: "Why Did God Create Me?"

Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the God who created us in his image, each unique and uniquely gifted with talents and tendencies, interests and attributes which allow us to fulfill God's purposes for our lives. We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, by whose life, death and resurrection we are redeemed and freed to live the abundant and joyful life God desires for us. We believe in the Holy Spirit who continues to dwell with us, who transforms us into vessels through which God's love and mercy can flow, and who unites us to work for the fulfillment of God's Kingdom in this life and in the life to come.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 453: "Called As Partners in Christ's Service" 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: Come, Holy Ghost J.S. Bach
- * Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of David J. McKnight by Rob and Terry Martin.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Connor Evans <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Gansor <i>Organist</i>	Katy Jaber <i>Crucifer</i>

Lakeside website: 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

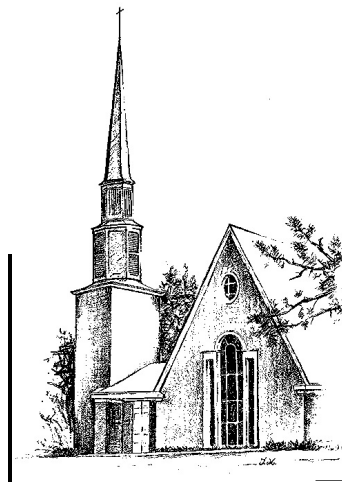
Worship bags are available in the narthex and have a variety of items that will help to make worship more meaningful for our children. Please return them to the narthex following worship.

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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