

The Worship of God

July 14, 2013

THE EIGHTH 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: Praeludium and Fugue in e Nikolaus Bruhns

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Adagio Felix Mendelssohn

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 95: "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" DUKE STREET
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP Adapted from Psalm 107

Minister: Give thanks to our God who is so good,

People: Whose love stands firm forever.

Minister: From Little Easonburg to Little Raleigh, from Candlewood to Clark Street,

People: Let everyone that draws breath give thanks to our God, whose love stands firm forever!

Minister: Let those who have called this community their home from birth say it;

People: Let those who have settled here from far-away places say it;

Minister: Let mill workers and migrant workers, farmers and physicians say it;

People: Let those who live in comfortable homes and those who rest their heads on park benches say it;

Minister: Let young and old, rich and poor, healthy and sick, black and white and brown say it;

People: Let people all across this community say it:

All: Give thanks to our God who is so good, whose love stands firm forever!

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Silesian Melody

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We claim that we travel a life-long journey of faith, but we have learned well to demand a quick fix and expect instant gratification. We sprint through our days—anxious, hurried, distracted and tired. We give up easily when the challenges we face require care and perseverance. Teach us, O Lord, to be patient in waiting on your Spirit, to be attentive to meeting the needs around us, to be persistent in seeking justice for those who are exploited, and to be diligent in showing mercy to those who cannot repay our kindness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ecclesiastes 11:6

ANTHEM: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen! *Isaac Watts*

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 611: "Rise Up, O Saints of God!" FESTAL SONG

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Pasticcio Jean Langlais

* 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 Gatekeepers Workcamp which repairs homes for elderly and disabled homeowners in our community. The Acolyte brings forward this year's t-shirt and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

WORKCAMP EXPERIENCES Carol Barker, Adult Volunteer
Barkley Browder, Andersen Cobb, Youth Volunteers

ANTHEM: "A Heart to Serve" Valerie Showers Crescenz

O Lord, if I will wait for thee, my heart's desire you'll give to me; what I desire, Lord, most of all is but a heart that hears your call. O Lord, create in me anew a heart that's honest, pure and true; a heart to love, a heart to learn, a heart to share, a heart to serve. Whatever joy my future brings will not be found in earthly things; I'll have the greatest of rewards: a heart whose joy is in the Lord. Give me a heart that loves you best, a heart that finds you in my rest, a heart to love, a heart to learn, a heart to share, a heart to serve.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 12:4-8

SERMON: "The Power of One" Rev. Edwards

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God who created the world and all that is in it, in the Son he sent to redeem the world, and in the Holy Spirit who is his presence in the world today. We believe that everything we have belongs to God, given into our keeping for the good of the world. We believe that we are to live spiritually in the world, deal justly with all persons, and contribute to the care of the needy and poor among us. We believe that through our faithfulness and stewardship we are blessed with abundant life. Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 658: “Restless Weaver” BEACH SPRING
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Grand Choeur Théodore Salomé
- * Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Elizabeth Edwards by Workcamp Crew #1.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Reynolds Cobb <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Gansor <i>Organist</i>	Trevor Graham <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 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

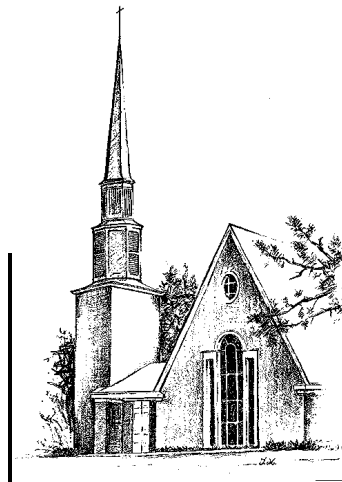
Wireless hearing aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship.

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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