

The Worship of God

July 20, 2014

THE SIXTH 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: Aria Paul Manz

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: If You Will Only Let God Guide You Paul Manz

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 86

Minister: Listen, Lord, and answer my prayer! Protect me and save me because you are my God.
I am your faithful servant, and I trust you.

People: Be kind to me! I pray to you all day. Make my heart glad! I serve you, and my prayer is sincere.

Minister: No other gods are like you; only you work miracles. You perform great wonders because you alone are God.

People: Teach me to follow you, and I will obey your truth. Always keep me faithful.

Minister: With all my heart I thank you. I praise you, Lord God.

People: Your love for me is so great that you protected me from death and the grave.

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* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Lanny Wolfe

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, whose Spirit keeps working in us and calling us to a loving fellowship, we acknowledge our failures and confess our sins. Sometimes our faith is weak, our prayers are few, our words are sharp, our tempers are short, our egos are large, and our hopes are dim. Forgive us all that is past, and let your pardoning and restoring love instill in us the will to begin again through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "O How Amiable"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. Prosper thou our handiwork. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 714: "For the Fruit of All Creation" AR HYD Y NOS

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Awake, My Heart, with Gladness Flor Peeters

* 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: "The Last Words of David"

Randall Thompson

He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain. Alleluia, Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 28:10-19a

SERMON: "True Colors" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the love of God out of which we are created, by which we live, and through which we are granted the gift of life eternal; thus, our only and proper response is complete devotion, demonstrated through the gifts of personality God has given each of us:

We love God with our hearts, bound to the Father in unfailing loyalty and commitment, and opening ourselves to the full range of his emotions;

We love God with our minds, eager to know the fullness of God's reality, unafraid to confront difficult and troubling questions, and believing that the Truth shall set us free;

We love God with our strength, offering the talents, resources, and abilities bequeathed to us in the service of love, thereby becoming the "hands of God."

We love God with our souls, rejoicing in the uniqueness he has created in us, honest about who we are, anticipating who we are yet to become.

We love God by loving one another, celebrating our kinship as children of the Father, and caring for one another's needs.

By our faith, by our attitudes, and through our actions we fulfill the great imperative of our Lord: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength, and your neighbor as yourself."

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 609: "Take My Life" HENDON
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Postludium

Gordon Young

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Barbara Biggs
by James, Jaye, and Alex Biggs, Alison Biggs and Michael Larkin.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Henry Williams
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Beth Seagroves
Crucifer

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.

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.

GUEST ORGANIST

We welcome back Clyde Patterson as our guest organist today. Mr. Patterson is a graduate of Westminster Choir College and was Organist and Minister of Music at First Baptist Church in Wilson for 32 years. He and his wife, Dorothy (who is also an organist and piano teacher) have two children and three grandchildren. Since retiring in 2002 he has substituted at the organ for various churches in the area. He currently serves part-time as organist at Nashville Baptist Church.

COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICES

*"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen." - Hebrews 11:1*

Each summer we join fellow believers throughout the community to celebrate our common faith through worship. Each service will be offered in the tradition of the host congregation and we will share communion. An offering will be received which will benefit My Sister's House. Please join us at 6:00 p.m. each week of the following schedule:

July 20 - Ebenezer Baptist Church, 702 W. Raleigh Boulevard

Rev. Tyler Williams, First United Methodist Church, preacher

July 27 - Lakeside Baptist Church, 1501 Sunset Avenue

Rev. Garland Jones, Mount Zion Christian Church, preacher

August 3 - Greater Love Christian Community Church, 4341 S. Church Street

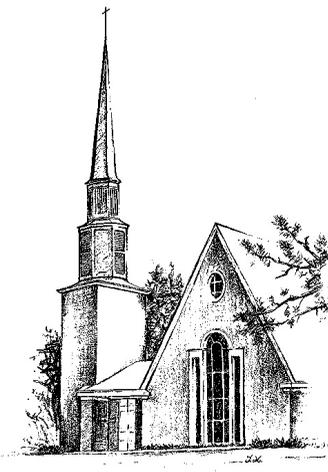
Rev. Alice Johnson-Curl, Trinity Lutheran Church, preacher

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

Lakeside Baptist Church
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