

The Worship of God

July 22, 2012

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: The Flower of Love F. Melius Christiansen/arr. G. Winston Cassler
Beautiful Savior

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: He Leadeth Me Charles Callahan

CHORAL INTROIT 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!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 15: "Rejoice, You Pure in Heart" MARION
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Worship is a coming to our senses in the presence of Holy Love.

People: Worship is catching our breath in the presence of Pure Beauty.

Minister: Worship is an awareness that our frailty does not matter.

People: Worship is realizing that we are infinitely cherished.

Minister: Worship is our whole being alive with love and gratitude.

People: Worship is a pooling of our human love in a chorus of wonder and praise.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Ruth Artman

Come, Holy Spirit, come; till we are wholly thine. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, forgive us. With best intentions we try to do things you have not called us to do. We even try to save the world by ourselves, but end up tired and frustrated. Busy, fatigued, and impatient, we are unable to respond when you do call us to action and our pride keeps us from rest and your guidance. Help us to see the good we should do, the times we need rest, the ways we should trust. Grant us endurance, patience, and wisdom, we pray.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 104

ANTHEM: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" arr. John Rutter

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never, I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me. In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me. Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth; and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth! And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 64: "We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God" ELLACOMBE

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Adagio in A César Franck

* 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!**

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "The Church's One Foundation" Samuel Wesley/arr. John Ferguson

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word. From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died. Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued. Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?" and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song. How long, how long? Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war, she waits for peace forevermore; till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blessed, and the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest. Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace, that we like saints before us, may see you face to face.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 6:30-46

SERMON: "Lookers and Seers" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are people of ceaseless hope because God gifts us with generous hearts, forgiving spirits, trustworthy friends, supportive families, and healed relationships.

We are people of ceaseless hope because God raises up our discarded dreams, forgives our poor choices, brightens the dark corners of our lives, and offers us the promise of a better tomorrow.

We are people of ceaseless hope because God blesses our sorrow, promises an end to our grief, lifts our spirits, and restores our laughter.

We are people of ceaseless hope because God teaches us that harmony trumps conflict, compassion overturns apathy, and self-worth is rooted in God's redemptive love for us.

We are people of ceaseless hope because God lives among us, shares our lives, claims us as his own, surrounds us with his love, and offers us his salvation. Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 606: "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" NETTLETON
(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 g J. S. Bach

* 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
Michael Waters
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Marshall Ward
Crucifer

*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.

COMMUNITY WORSHIP

As we have for several years, we will join our sisters and brothers throughout the community for worship on the Sunday evenings in July. These worship experiences are a wonderful opportunity to join other believers in celebrating the grace of God in Rocky Mount and to encourage one another as we seek to make a difference in our community. Each service will be conducted in the manner of the host church's worship and will include the celebration of communion. A light reception will follow each worship service. This week's worship will be held at Word Tabernacle Church, 820 Nashville Road. Rev. Juliana Lindenberg, Assistant Rector at Church of the Good Shepherd, will preach.

JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD PILGRIMAGE

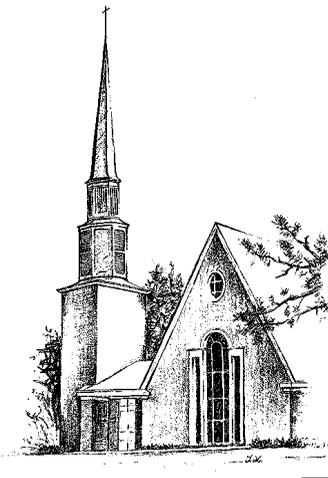
Last Friday eleven of our high school youth and their chaperones departed for their pilgrimage to San Francisco as part of their Journey To Adulthood experience. While there they will have an opportunity to experience the city and visit at least 14 different religious sites in order to better understand their own faith. They will return on Thursday.

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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