



# *The Community Worshiping Together*

Lakeside Baptist Church  
1501 Sunset Avenue  
Rocky Mount, North Carolina 27804

## *The Worship of God*

COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Six O'Clock

July 27, 2014

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: Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan-Williams

WORDS OF WELCOME

Dr. Jody Wright

ORGAN MEDITATION: Prelude

Gaston Litaize

CHORAL INTROIT: "Peace"

PEACE TO ZION/arr. Kevin Siegfried

Peace unto Zion. Peace to the faithful, and a crown of rejoicing from your Heavenly Father.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

*(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)*

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down;  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit, into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit; let us find that second rest.  
Take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Richard Joyner

Minister: Today we are invited to a joyful feast, hosted by Jesus Christ.

**People: All who are hungry will find the bread of life here.**

Minister: All who are thirsty will find will find a fountain of grace here.

**People: All who are lost will find safety here.**

Minister: All who are lonely will find a friend here.

**People: All who are broken will find healing here.**

Minister: All who have been wandering will find a home here.

**People: All who have been wandering will find a home here.**

Minister: For this is a heavenly banquet, and you are welcome here!

**People: Let us worship God!**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the father, and to the son, and to the holy ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

\* THE INVOCATION

Rev. Elizabeth Edwards

CHORAL ADORATION: “Day by Day”

Harold Friedell

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clearly,  
love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.

St. Richard of Chichester

**MEDITATION**

THE EPISTLE LESSONS:

Romans 5:1-5; Hebrews 11:1

Dr. Thomas Walker

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Matthew Johnson

\* HYMN 537:

“My Hope Is Built”

THE SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. *Refrain*

*Refrain: On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.

In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.

When all around my soul gives way he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!

Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Alice Johnson-Curl

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Christ Has Broken Down the Wall”

Mark A. Miller

Christ has broken down the wall. Let us join our hearts as one. Christ has broken down the wall.

We're accepted as we are. Through God's love all is reconciled. We're accepted as we are. Cast aside your doubts and fears. Peace and love, freely offered here. We will tear down the walls! We will tear down every wall. God has called us one and all. Christ has broken down the wall.

\* 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 evening we give thanks for My Sister's House which offers support and services for victims of domestic violence. The Acolyte places the “No More” logo and a purple ribbon on the altar.*

**PROCLAMATION**

YOUTH DANCE MINISTRY:

“God's Chosen Generation”

Mount Zion Christian Church

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Exodus 3:1-4

SERMON:

“Pay Attention to Your Burning Bush”

Rev. Garland Jones

**THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

THE APPROACH TO THE TABLE: “Stay With Us”

Egil Hovland

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us, it soon is evening, and night is falling. Jesus Christ, the world's true light! Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it! Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening. Stay with us, Lord Jesus, for night is falling. Let your light pierce the darkness and fill your church with its glory.

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Rev. Bettie Kirkpatrick

**Look deep, loving God, and see us as we really are – yearning to be close to you, yet fearful of what you may ask; desiring to be faithful, yet hesitant to go the extra mile; wanting to be loving, yet resistant to caring in some situations. Free our hearts and our minds to receive your grace and enjoy our faith through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Jim Bell

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise for you looked upon all your hands wrought and called it good.

Despite your created goodness, we use our freedom for ourselves alone without regard for your intentions for all. Still, you chase after us to save us from sin's harm, freeing us from slavery to give us a new world flowing with milk and honey.

When we chase after other gods, you call us back to you through cries of prophets, which we ignore, until at last you send your own child to be for us the goodness we refuse.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choir of creation and all the saints of all times and places who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, O Christ, for coming to us as a little child to live baptized in the muck of our fallen world. Embodying God's desire to bless all people you spoke peace to a war-mongering empire, and were blessed to be a blessing to all people. When threatened with the terror of crucifixion, you did not keep silent but stood up with resurrection new life to turn the bread of human affliction into manna from heaven, and to turn the bitter dregs of sin into the cup of joyful celebration. So as we await your coming among us.

In the fullness of your sovereign glory, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

Praised be you, Holy Spirit, blowing through time to enliven your people, the church, to live as Christ's body, in God's ministry of repairing our broken world. Come hover over us now with your bright brooding wings in the breaking of bread and in the celebration of this cup, that our eyes may be opened to recognize Christ among us and in all who share in this feast. Knit us more closely together in the fellowship of your sovereign Way. We offer ourselves, our lives, our resources, to be your hands reaching into the world with your unfathomable compassion. Fill us like breath fills flutes to be instruments of your peace. Where there is lack of regard for your creation,

**Prod us to speak up.**

Where people fail to see the dignity of all persons,

**Open blind eyes.**

Where there is silence about others being hurt,

**Impassion us with a desire for justice.**

Lord, your creation groans under abuse.

**Renew the earth with goodness.**

Your children are starving across this globe.

To those who hunger,

**Give bread.**

And to those who have bread,

**Give hunger for justice.**

People languish in prisons, some unjustly, some without repentance, and some for standing up for your Way.

**Release the captives, Lord.**

O God, our Sovereign, leaders in all lands take bribes and afflict their peoples.

**Topple oppressive powers with your rule and send the rich empty away.**

Your church luxuriates in the comfort of faith;

**Send us to be your servants in service to the world.**

The sick suffer forgotten in pain;

**Heal their hurts in body, mind, and spirit.**

People have solicited our prayers and others needing our prayers weigh heavy on our hearts, so we offer these, our prayers to you:

*(Name those for whom you are in intercession before God.)*

Gather all these prayers and praise and join them with those of all the saints and with our Great High Priest

who taught us to pray, saying,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.**

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Dr. Jody Wright

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

*You are invited to come forward to receive communion. Forming two lines, please use the center aisle as you approach the altar and the side aisles as you return to your seat. If you prefer to remain seated, a minister will serve you. This evening we will take the bread and the cup by intinction, dipping the bread into the common cup. You will take a piece of bread from the plate offered by one of the ministers and dip it into the chalice offered by another minister. You may then place the bread in your mouth. A common response when taking communion is to say, "Thanks be to God." or a simple, "Amen."*

MEDITATION:

"Light Dawns on a Weary World"

William P. Rowan

Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.

Light dawns on a weary world: The promised day of justice comes.

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;  
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!

We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,

as all the world in wonder echoes.

Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed.

Love grows in a weary world: The promised feast of plenty comes.

Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn.

Hope blooms in a weary world: The promised green of Eden comes.

*Mary Louise Bringle*

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. James Gailliard

**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.**

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 464: "God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;

crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail thy ways!

From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;

shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy righteous goal, lest we miss thy righteous goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; fill our lives that we may be

strengthened with all Christ-like graces pledges to set all captives free.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we fail our call from thee, lest we fail our call from thee.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;

let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

\* THE BENEDICTION

Rev. Dan Davis

\* CHORAL RESPONSE

\* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata in F

Charles-Marie Widor

\* Congregation stands.

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*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.*

*Please join us for a reception following worship in Kincheloe Hall.  
Kincheloe Hall is located in our Education Building.  
Please follow the sidewalk to the right when leaving the courtyard  
and enter the double doors at the entrance to the building.  
We are happy to have you join us this evening.*

#### **OFFERING**

The offering collected at each of the Community Worship services will be donated to My Sister's House, an agency that provides effective, comprehensive, inclusive, and holistic services for women, children, and men who are survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. With offices in Nashville and Tarboro and a shelter/safe house in Rocky Mount, My Sister's House offers advocacy, support, and education, believing that everyone deserves a violence-free life. If writing a check, please make it out to "Trinity Lutheran Church" with "My Sister's House" in the memo line.

#### **ABOUT THE JULY COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICES**

Established to assist a community in need, the July Community Worship Services has evolved to stand for worship, prayer and community. The organization is open to all clergy and congregations in Rocky Mount and functions as an independent group dedicated to services of unity.

The cornerstone of the July Community Worship Services are shared worship services traditionally held during the month of July which feature pulpit sharing, unity offerings and unified messages of faith throughout the community. The group is now responsible for numerous services dedicated to unity held throughout the year.

"The Call to Worship," Rick Neale, 2013, Church of the New Covenant, Doraville Georgia.

"The Great Thanksgiving" from Katie Holmes and Teresa Stricklen who adapted it from "Sacred Spaces and an Abundant Life: Worship Spaces as Stewardship," 2010 National Council of Churches' Eco-Justice Program, Earth Day Resource, which, in turn, was adapted from the U.N. Environmental Sabbath, Earth Gospel 120.

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#### **THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

Jody C. Wright, Senior Minister  
Elizabeth Edwards, Associate Minister  
Amy Shortt, Minister of Music  
Mark Gansor, Organist  
Rev. Jim Bell, First United Methodist Church  
Rev. James Gailliard, Word Tabernacle Church  
Rev. Matthew Johnson, Church of the Good Shepherd  
Rev. Alice Johnson-Curl, Trinity Lutheran Church  
Rev. Dan Davis, Bethlehem Presbyterian Church  
Rev. Garland Jones, Mt. Zion Christian Church  
Rev. Richard Joyner, Conetoe Missionary Baptist Church  
Rev. Bettie Kirkpatrick, Presbyterian Minister  
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