

The Worship of God

July 27, 2014

THE SEVENTH 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: Suite in d Louis Clérambault

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Aria G.F. Handel

CHORAL INTROIT William Byrd

Non nobis, Domine Not unto us, O Lord,
non nobis, not to us,
sed nomini tu o da gloriam, but unto thy name be the glory.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 22: "All Creatures of Our God and King" LASST UNS ERFREUEN
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We come to this place to worship the God made known in Jesus Christ.

People: We come seeking Christ, the Light of the world.

Minister: We come to worship God, and to seek God's presence.

People: Our eyes are used to the darkness. The light of God's presence may be painfully bright.

Minister: Our lives have grown easy in the darkness. The light of God's presence may be uncomfortable.

People: Even so, we come to worship. Even so, we seek God's presence, for in this Light we discover our true lives.

Minister: Let us worship God together.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Taizé

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Father, whose judgments are merciful and whose love is forgiving, we confess the thoughts we have hidden and the deeds we wish we could undo. We admit that we have honored the words of the Gospel but have not always lived by its truth. We are too much like the culture that conditions us: hurried, anxious, and distraught. We have wasted our gifts, misdirected our enthusiasm, neglected our faith, and fallen short of our potential. Forgive us our sins through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Beautiful Savior" Chester L. Alwes

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of Creation, Son of God and Son of man. Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the flow'rs of blooming spring. Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes the sorrowing spirit sing. Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations! Son of God and Son of man. Glory and honor, praise adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 683: "O for a World" AZMON

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Caprice Louis Clérambault

* 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 our Flower Committee which provides beauty from nature to enhance our worship week by week.. The Acolyte brings forward a flower and places it on the altar.

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 29:15-28

SERMON: "Looking through Leah's Eyes" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God's image lies in the hearts of all people including those whose ways are different from ours, whose faiths are foreign to us, and whose tongues are unintelligible to us. We believe that God loves all people with a great love, that all religion is an attempt to respond to God, and that the yearnings of other hearts are much like our own and are known to God. We seek to recognize God in words of truth, in things of beauty, and in the actions of love about us. As we pray for one another, we pray through Christ, who is a stranger to no one land more than another, and to every land no less than to another. Amen.

Adapted from the World Council of Churches, Vancouver Assembly, 1983

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 595: "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE
(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 J.N. Willcox by a friend.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Madison Adkins
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Mary Frances Raper
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.

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 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 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

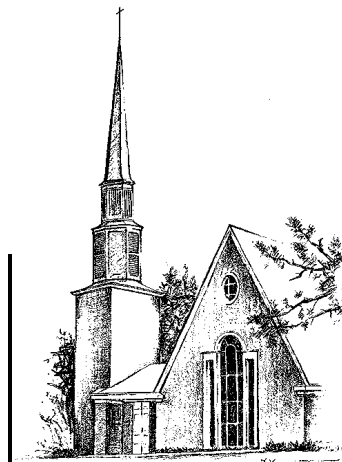
Rev. Alice Johnson-Curl, Trinity Lutheran Church, preacher

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.



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Lakeside*

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