

The Worship of God

July 30, 2017

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 and turn off or silence all electronic devices. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your friendship with those around you.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Be Thou My Vision Traditional Irish Melody

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 90: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" MADRID
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Because we live in a world bursting with information, entertainment, and influence,

People: We need you, O God.

Minister: Because we are taught by persons we have never met and learn from experiences that are not our own,

People: We need you, O God.

Minister: Because we live in a creative and dynamic world, brimming with influences good and bad,

People: We need you, O God.

Minister: Because we are an Easter people with hope in our eyes and faith in our hearts,

People: We need you, O God. Journey with us and grant us the joy of your salvation.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION William Byrd

Non nobis, Domine, non nobis, sed nomini tu o da gloriam.

Not unto us, O Lord, not to us, but unto thy name be the glory.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We have been less than our best in thought, word, and deed. We have said things that we should not have said. We have been silent when we should have offered words of praise or words of correction.

We now acknowledge all the goodness of life that we have received without giving thanks, all the beauty around us that we have overlooked, and all of the love offered by others that we have accepted without thought.

O God, come with forgiveness to our cluttered and confused lives and grant us your pardon and your peace; 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: "All Good Gifts" arr. Penny Rodriguez

All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above; then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love. We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand; he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain. Come, all thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home. All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin; God, our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied. Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home. We thank you then, O Father, for all things bright and good: the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food. No gifts have we to offer for all your love imparts, but that which you desire, our humble, thankful hearts.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 102: "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" ST. AGNES

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Improvisation Mark Pichowicz

* 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 Hope Initiative which offers a safe way to seek help for addiction without fear of incarceration and access to resources giving individuals hope of becoming independent. The Acolyte brings forward the Hope Initiative Logo and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Look at the World" John Rutter

Look at the world, ev'rything all around us: look at the world, and marvel ev'ry day.

Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way.

Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, give us thankful hearts, that we may see:

All the gifts we share, and every blessing, all things come of thee.

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;

look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain.

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.

Ev'rything grows, ev'rything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold.

Ev'ry good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love;

we are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; his is the earth, and his the heav'ns above.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 29:15-28

SERMON: "The Kingdom of God Is . . . Surprise!" 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 559: "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" ALL THE WAY
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Now Thank We All Our God J.S. Bach/arr. Virgil Fox
- * Congregation stands.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jeanne and Joel Locke by a friend.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Chase Joyner <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Pichowicz <i>Organist</i>	Spencer Edwards <i>Crucifer</i>

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.*

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.

2017 SUMMER COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICES

Who is at the Table? Who is Missing?

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another." John 13:34

July 30 • 6:00 P.M.

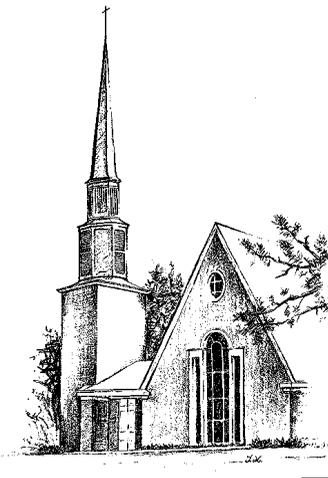
West Haven Presbyterian Church, 1001 West Haven Boulevard, Rocky Mount, host
Rev. Audrey McCarter-Hedgpeth, Greater Love Christian Community Church, preacher

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

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