

The Worship of God

August 5, 2012

THE TENTH 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: Prélude

Théodore Dubois

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Impromptu

Charles Callahan

CHORAL INTROIT

Richard Warner

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! In his temple God be praised;

In the high and heavenly places be the sounding anthem raised.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 709: “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

AUSTRIAN HYMN

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Come, sisters and brothers, gather together.

People: From all the bruises of a busy week, gather.

Minister: Plunge your sorrow and worry into the fountain of life.

People: Here, find comfort and hope.

Minister: Place your dreams and concerns on the table of blessing.

People: Here, find courage and renewal.

Minister: Give your questions and doubts to the heart of God.

People: Here, find a peace that lightens the load and restores the faith.

Minister: Come all of you in this place;

People: Become a family of faith, a people of prayer, a community of song.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Donald Kettring

Come, let us worship God. Come, let us worship and bow down before the Lord.

God is in his holy temple, keep ye silence before Him.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Amos 5:21-24

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 73: “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

WELLESLEY

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Alleluias

Robert Lau

* 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: “Forever Blest Is He”

G. F. Handel

Forever blest is he who serves the Lord, The loving God of all mankind.

Joy shall be his reward, living to serve the Lord.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 13:10-17, 31-35

SERMON: “Finding the Kingdom”

Rev. Edwards

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE APPROACH TO THE TABLE: “Amazing Grace”

arr. John Rutter

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed! Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; ‘tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace. When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgive us, O God, for choosing to protect our faith rather than live it, to admire it rather than to be molded by it. Forgive us when we cling to a faith too small for the challenge of this life and the hope of the life to come. Forgive us, and renew within us a great and living faith through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD: “This is my body which is broken for you.”

THE SHARING OF THE CUP: “This is the new covenant of my blood.”

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 16: “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” 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: Toccata on Nettleton

Marilyn Biery

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Faye Cooper Reese by Hope Reese and John Farmer.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Henry Williams
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Jackson Browder
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.

BENEVOLENT OFFERING

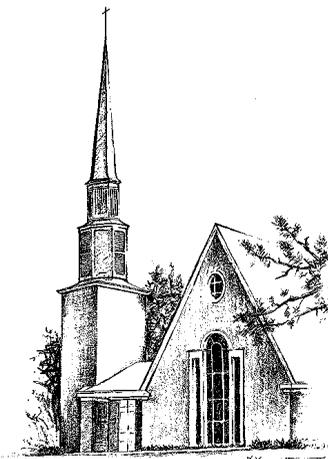
Each Sunday that we celebrate communion, a Benevolent Offering is received at the conclusion of worship. This offering is collected by our youth who stand at each of the exits as we leave worship. The funds are collected in RAINBOWs which our children and youth made for the purpose of raising funds for missions. All funds are used in support of local ministries. Out of our gratitude for what God has done for us, we help our neighbors with what they need.

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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