

# *The Worship of God*

## *OUT OF THE MINDS OF CHILDREN: QUESTIONS OF FAITH*

August 9, 2015

THE ELEVENTH 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: Suite

Jacques Boyvin

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Antiphon

Eugene Gigout

CHORAL INTROIT: "Light of Light"

Nancy Gifford

Light of light, ever bright, bringing day to darkest night, ev'rywhere hear our prayer, give us eyes to see. Laudamus te. Blessed one, Mary's son, Savior of the world undone, ev'rywhere hear our prayer, give us hearts to love. Laudamus te. Evermore we adore God of majesty and awe, ev'rywhere hear our prayer, give us voice to praise. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him" HYFRYDOL  
*(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)*

Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore him; Praise him, angels in the height.  
Sun and moon, rejoice before him; Praise him, all ye stars of light.  
Praise the Lord! for he hath spoken; Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;  
Laws which never shall be broken For their guidance he hath made.

Praise the Lord! for he is glorious; Never shall his promise fail;  
God hath made his saints victorious; Sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation! Hosts on high, his power proclaim:  
Heaven, and earth, and all creation, Laud and magnify his name.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer unto thee;  
Young and old, thy praise expressing, In glad homage bend the knee.  
All the saints in heaven adore thee. We would bow before thy throne;  
As thine angels serve before thee, So on earth thy will be done.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: O, that our tongues were like bells to ring out the joy,

**People: And our hands like drums to beat out a holy rhythm.**

Minister: O, that our voices sounded like the heavenly choir,

**People: And our feet were young enough to dance through the night.**

Minister: O, that our knees were strong enough to kneel forever in wonder,

**People: And our hearts could forever ponder the joy and share the love.**

Minister: Holy God, take who we are and what we have to offer,

**People: And hear us as we sing, along with the heavenly voices, in exultation and joy:**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Michael O'Shields

I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised. So shall I be saved from my enemies. I will call upon the Lord. The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock, and let the God of my salvation be exalted.

### CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. At times we have been less than faithful followers. Forgive the limiting of our love, the inconsistency of our worship, the now-and-then nature of our prayers. We have sought you in our need but have been less than diligent to serve you in our abundance. Renew our faith, dispel our doubt, and assure us of your forgiving grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON:

I Corinthians 12:1-14

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 277: "Christians, We Have Met to Worship"

HOLY MANNA

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Allegro

G.F. Handel

\* 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 Bereavement Committee which ministers to grieving families through a meal and hospitality. The Acolyte brings forward a casserole dish and places it on the altar.*

### PROCLAMATION

DUET: "I Love You, Lord"

Laurie Klein/arr. Lloyd Larson

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, O my soul, rejoice! Take joy, my King, in what you hear, may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

Jaye Biggs and Amy Shortt

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 5:14-16

SERMON:

"Why Do We Acolyte?"

Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Psalm 145

**Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised! We declare God's mighty acts to one another. We meditate upon God's wondrous works and proclaim his amazing deeds. For the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of the faithful. He hears our cry, and he answers us. We shall speak the praise of the Lord and bless his holy name for ever. Amen.**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- \* RECESSIONAL HYMN 23: "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" LAUDA ANIMA  
*(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*
- \* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- \* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Postlude alla Marcia J. Lamont Galbraith
- \* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Betty Shuler Scott by Brian Scott.*

*The rosebud on the altar is given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birth of Maxwell Robert Miller, son of Kristen and Adam Miller, on August 2.*

**THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Spencer Edwards <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Gansor <i>Organist</i>	Will Hedgepeth <i>Crucifer</i>

Lakeside website: [lakesidechurchrmt.org](http://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.*

**SUMMER COMMUNITY WORSHIP**

The theme for this year's summer worship series is "The Church Tells a Different Story." Each week has focused on the contrasts we experience in life. This evening's service will be the last in this series:

August 9 – 6:00 p.m.

Host, Word Tabernacle Church

Preacher, Rev. Johnny Phillips, Interim Pastor, First Christian Church

Worship Theme:

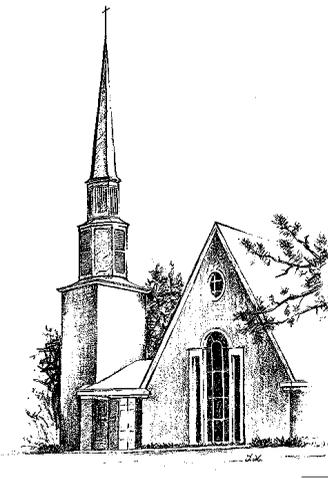
When the world tells a story of division,  
the Church tells a story of reconciliation.

**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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