

The Worship of God

August 11, 2013

THE TWELFTH 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: Rhosymedre, Hyfrodol Ralph Vaughn-Williams

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Converse Robert A. Hobby

CHORAL INTROIT Anonymous (ca. 1600)/ed. Maurice Bevan

This is the day which the Lord hath made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 66: "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise" ST. DENIO
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: The nations are blessed who follow the ways of the Lord and live as children of God.

People: For the Lord looks over all people who live upon the earth. The Lord God who created them knows their hearts and considers all they do.

Minister: Rulers and nations are not saved by their might. Warriors do not escape by their strength. Power is a vain hope for deliverance. It cannot save.

People: But the Lord looks upon those who live in awe and wonder of the Lord and trust in the unfailing love of God to help them in times of need.

Minister: We wait in hope for the Lord who is our help and shield. It is in the Lord that our hearts rejoice. It is in the Lord that we put our trust.

People: May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Eric Thiman

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift them up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of Hosts, he is the King of glory.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 15:1-18

ANTHEM: "I Will Arise" arr. Robert Shaw/Alice Parker

I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms, in the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! There are ten thousand charms. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above, praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace, streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms, in the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! There are ten thousand charms.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 576: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" OLIVET

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Rondeau Henry Purcell

* 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 Lakeside Preschool which has been providing education and nurture for young children in our community since 1992. The Acolyte brings forward building blocks and places them on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" arr. Larson

The text for the anthem is found on page 86 of the hymnal.

Ann Sawyer, soprano; Carol Lucas, alto

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 11:1-16

SERMON: "Things Not Seen" Rev. Edwards

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, the Creator of the universe, the Redeemer of humankind, and the Sustainer of life. We believe in humanity, dust of the earth, made in God's image, driven by dreams, hungry for faith, lonely with doubt, whom God has marked with the power to love or hate, to nurture or kill, and to bless or curse. We believe in Jesus Christ, God Incarnate, flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone, who came to reveal what God is like, and what we can become. We believe that Jesus was crucified and raised from the dead, and that through his victory over sin, death, and the grave we too shall live, and never die. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 638: "In the Bulb There is a Flower" PROMISE
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Fugue in G J. S. Bach

* 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 MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Henry Williams
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Barkley 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK-OFF

On Sunday, September 8, we will kick-off the new Sunday School year with a church-wide breakfast at 9:30 a.m. in Kincheloe Hall. Everyone is invited to a time of good food and fellowship as we celebrate the promotion of some of our youth and children, thank our teachers, and learn more about the Sunday School classes that are available at Lakeside. There is no charge for the meal, but we will need an accurate headcount by Wednesday, September 4. Please sign up by calling the church office or completing the Event Registration form on the Welcome Page of the church website.

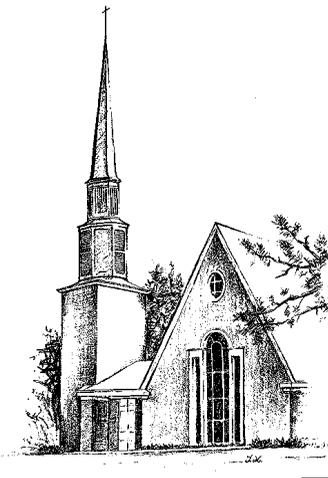
Regular Sunday evening activities for youth, children, and preschoolers will resume that day at 5:00 p.m.

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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