

The Worship of God

August 13, 2017

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 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: Symphonie Nicolas Lebègue

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Récit Tendre Gaspard Corrette

CHORAL INTROIT Anonymous

Dona nobis pacem Grant us your peace.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 2: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" HYMN TO JOY
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Welcome to this sanctuary,

People: Where we are caught in the web of grace, spun in a dance of joy.

Minister: Welcome into this house of blessing,

People: Where children's laughter chases away dark clouds and quiet prayers lead us to still waters and green pastures.

Minister: Welcome to this holy space,

People: Where we are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses and lifted up as children of the Most High,

Minister: Come, let us rejoice and be glad together as we worship the Lord our God!

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION: "Peace" PEACE TO ZION/arr. Kevin Siegfried

Peace unto Zion. Peace to the faithful, and a crown of rejoicing from your Heavenly Father.

FAMILY DEDICATION

*Today we celebrate the dedication of Holly Joy Wright,
born on August 18, 2016, to Lenka and Robert Wright.*

HOMILY

THE COVENANT

Minister: Do you parents present your child before God, in solemn dedication?

Parents: We do.

Minister: Do you commit yourselves as parents to bring up your child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Parents: We do.

Minister: Do you promise to instruct your child in the teachings of Jesus Christ and in the practice of prayer, and to provide guidance in the development of a Christlike character?

Parents: We do.

Minister: Do you promise, to the best of your ability, so to shape your home life, by your words and by your example, that your child will naturally come to an open confession of Christ as Lord and enter into the fellowship and service of the church?

Parents: We do.

Minister: As a congregation, what pledge do you make to these parents?

People: We rejoice in this new life that has come into your family, and we pledge to you our support, encouragement, and prayers as you seek to raise your child in a Christian home. We further pledge to do our part in nurturing your child's growing faith through worship, teaching, and service.

THE UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, our heavenly Parent, we have received our children in trust from you. Acting as stewards of this holy trust, help us to love our children unselfishly, and to guide them into righteous living. We pledge our lives to the fulfillment of this holy calling, and pray for your divine help through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE BLESSING OF THE CHILD

ANTHEM: "Children of the Heavenly Father" Swedish Folk Melody/arr. Jeremy S. Bakken

Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given. God his own shall tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them. Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth. Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh, his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 14:22-33

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 56: "For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX

* 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 our Nursery Ministry which cares for our youngest children in a safe, nurturing environment. The Acolyte places a baby blanket and rattle on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Even Here" Mark A. Miller

At the land's dark roots, in the farthest deep, where the daylight dims, where no one can reach, can the hand of God, can the voice of love find me even here? I have turned away, I have set my fate, I have run too far, I repent too late, can the hand of God, can the voice of love find me even here? O, to climb again where the eagle flies, where its nest is set in the sunlit skies! Can the hand of God, can the voice of love find me even here? Will the hand of God, will the voice of love find me even here? O forgive me, Lord, may I see your face, may I die in peace with a song of praise, may the hand of God, may the voice of love find me even here.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-14, 17b-28

SERMON: "Selling Our Dreams" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God who spoke into the silence and creation was born, who reached into emptiness and filled the universe with wonders, who set aside divinity and became human.

We believe in God who calls the first to be last and invites the last to be first, who urges us to lose our lives in order to save them, who died and rose again so that we might live forever.

We believe in one God revealed in three Persons, one faith in many manifestations, one hope amid many fears, one Lord and Savior for all the world. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 288: "O God of Vision" LOBE DEN HERREN
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee 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 <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Will Robillard <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Pichowicz <i>Organist</i>	Andersen Cobb <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.

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

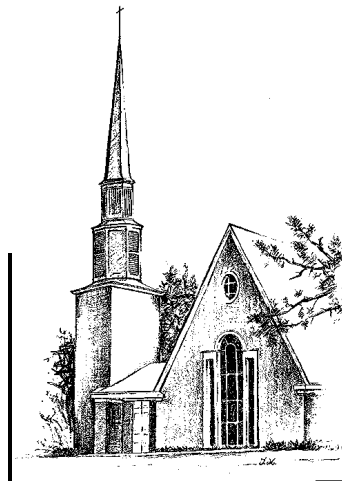
Wireless hearing aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship.

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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