

# The Worship of God

August 14, 2016

THE THIRTEENTH 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: Sonatina

Christian Ritter

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Invocation

W. H. Burt

CHORAL INTROIT

Taizé

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 618: "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION  
*(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Jeremiah 31

Minister: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

**People: It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.**

Minister: But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

**People: No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord;**

Minister: For I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**People: Thanks be to God. Let us worship the Lord with songs of praise!**

\* 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 confess that there is sometimes a dark and unpleasant side of our lives. There are times when our judgments are critical and our outlook negative. We often imagine the worst even when you desire for us the best. Sometimes we build ourselves up by putting other people down. We have not believed in Christ's redeeming power and healing love. Correct our moods. Lift our spirits. Change our hearts. Forgive our sins; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 23:23-29

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: "Gather Your Children"

Allan Mahnke

Gather your children, dear Savior, in peace, and draw us to you with your passionate pleas; still seek us and call us to come and be blessed to find in your arms, Lord, safety, comfort, and rest. Knowing you, loving you, naming you Lord, we cluster around you, and grow by your Word, one day to remember these moments so rare, of caring and closeness, just because you are there. Love be our banner, forgiveness our theme, compassion our nature, your vision our dream; who knows what the Spirit of God yet can do, what joy can be tasted, or what promise come true? Host at our table in our house and yours, here bind us together with love that endures; like parents, like children, let this be our fame, that, blest, we bless many, to the praise of your name.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 594: "Dear Lord, and Father of Mankind" REST

\* 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 Ethiopian Family Fund which provides for education for young girls in Ethiopia. The Acolyte brings forward a picture of Bethlehem Tekle and places it on the altar.*

## PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Sometimes a Light Surprises"

J. Jerome Williams and James Gossler

Sometimes a light surprises God's children when they sing; it is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings. When comforts are declining, God grants the soul again a season of clear shining to cheer it after rain. In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue the theme of God's salvation, and find it ever new. Set free from present sorrow we cheerfully can say, let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may. Sometimes a light surprises God's children when they sing; it is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings; and God the same abiding, whose praise shall tune my voice; and while in him confiding, I cannot but rejoice.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 12:49-56

SERMON: "When God Has a Bad Day" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Minister: When our hope stretches thin and the divide between the human and the divine appears broader than our faith can bridge, God reveals himself in our midst.

**People: "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all."**

Minister: When our perception of God's love is based upon who we are, what we do, or what we have, God reveals himself in our midst.

**People: "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all."**

Minister: When life is empty of joy and devoid of all contentment, when God's favor seems reserved for a select few, God reveals himself in our midst.

**People: "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all."**

Minister: When illness, stress, misfortune, and grief turn our lives into chaos, when we cry for peace but there is none to be found, God reveals himself in our midst.

**People: "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all."**

Minister: When we feel alone, unable to speak to God or hear any response, when light is absent and darkness prevails, God reveals himself in our midst.

**People: "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all." Thanks be to God!**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- \* RECESSIONAL HYMN 491: “As Grain on Scattered Hillsides” MERLE’S TUNE  
*(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 c Johann Christian 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>
Elizabeth Paszek <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Pichowicz <i>Organist</i>	Charlie Lane <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.*

**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**

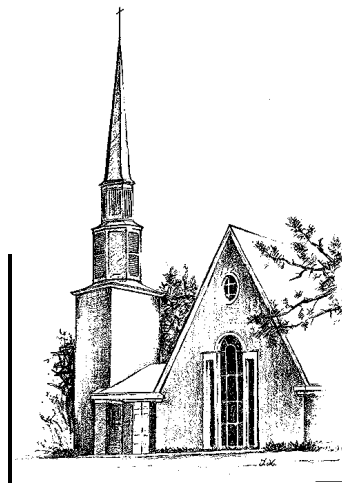
Wireless hearing aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship.

**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.



*Worship  
at  
Lakeside*

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