

The Worship of God

OUT OF THE MINDS OF CHILDREN: QUESTIONS OF FAITH

August 16, 2015

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 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: Prelude on *Hyfrydol* Carol Muehlig

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Andante Felix Mendelssohn

CHORAL INTROIT Robert Lau

Come and sing, make a joyful noise, sing alleluia! Sing, O sing for joy all nations of the earth.
Sing, O sing, alleluia!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 6: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" MIT FREUDEN ZART
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 96

Minister: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation day after day.

Minister: Sing a new song of joy,

People: For we have good news to proclaim!

Minister: Sing a new song of celebration,

People: For God has heard our cries and our hope has been restored!

Minister: Sing a new song of resurrection,

People: For Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

All: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation day after day.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Mary McDonald

I will joyfully sing in the morning; I will joyfully sing all the day; I'll sing praises to thee in the morning, for the Lord is the strength of my day. I will lift up my eyes in the morning, for the Lord will not turn me away; I'll sing praises to thee in the morning, for the Lord is the strength of my day. I will sing! I will sing! I will sing of praises, his goodness to me. I will sing!

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We come together bringing with us handfuls of fear and superstition. We are afraid of the world around us and of the person inside us. We do not recognize your image within us.

Strip away our masks and remove the props that we construct to fool our friends, our families, ourselves, and you. Leave us not broken but whole, not anxious but calm. Allow us a glimpse of who we are and, by your grace, of who we may become; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 150

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "O How Amiable" Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings: thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they will be always praising thee. The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. Prosper thou our handiwork. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 619: "My Life Flows On" HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Beside Still Waters Alice Jordan

* 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 Music Committee which assists in planning and implementing the music program of the church. The Acolyte brings forward a hymnal 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 EPISTLE LESSON: Colossians 3:12-17

SERMON: "Why Do We Have Music? Why Do We Have to Sing?" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**All praise to God, whose sacred word has brought good news to all who heard.
We worship God and sing with joy, and instruments of praise employ.
God gave us music, gave us voice; sing alleluia and rejoice!
We lift in faith secure and strong the sacred word through sacred song.**

Carlton C. Buck

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 7: “When in Our Music God is Glorified” ENGELBERG
(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 Théodore Dubois
- * Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Pat Culpepper by Dennis Culpepper.*

*The rosebuds on the altar are placed in celebration of the births of:
Mya James Gunn, daughter of Ann and Beau Gunn, on August 7,
grandparents: Nancy and Dick Berry;
John Worth Freeman, son of Mary and Nelson Freeman, on July 24,
grandparents: Debbie and John Kincheloe.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright	Elizabeth Edwards	Amy Shortt
<i>Senior Minister</i>	<i>Associate Minister</i>	<i>Minister of Music</i>
Madi Adkins	Mark Gansor	Sara Raper
<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Organist</i>	<i>Crucifer</i>

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*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

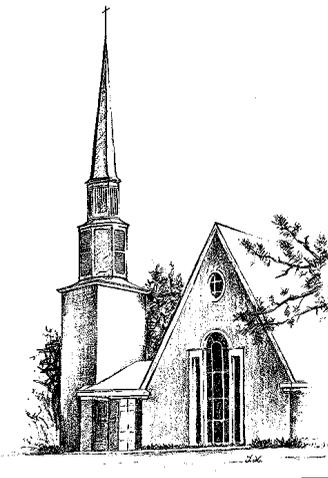
Worship bags are available in the narthex and have a variety of items that will help to make worship more meaningful for our children. Please return them to the narthex following worship.

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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