

The Worship of God

August 18, 2013

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. 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: Voluntaries

Sir Edward Elgar

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

John Leavitt

CHORAL INTROIT

Traditional African-American Song

Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord. Been so good, been so good, been so good, I just want to thank you, Lord.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 6: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

MIT FRUEDEN ZART

(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 11:28-30

Minister: Come unto me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

People: And I will give you rest.

Minister: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;

People: For I am gentle and lowly in heart,

Minister: And you will find rest for your souls.

All: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* CHORAL ADORATION

Silesian Melody

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and son of Man!

Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O Lord, for we have sinned. For our lack of faith that fills each day with tension and worry, for our lack of hope that clouds our future with despair and anxiety, for our lack of love that fails to place you at the center of our lives, forgive us, O Lord. Merciful God, hear our prayer, for in your forgiveness, we are renewed and made whole, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peggy Haymes, adapted

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Isaiah 46:1-4

ANTHEM: "Come to the Water"

John Foley, S.J./arr. Lynda Hasseler

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord? And let all who seek, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord? And let all who toil, let them come to the water. And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord: without labor, without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord? And let all the poor, let them come to the water. Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord: bring the children without might. Easy the load and light, come to the Lord

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 566:

"Be Still, My Soul"

FINLANDIA

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: March in C

Sir William Walton

* 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 Baptist Women in Ministry, in this their 30th anniversary year, for seeking to "be a catalyst in Baptist life, drawing together women and men in partnership with God, to illuminate, advocate, and nurture the gifts and graces of women.." The Acolyte brings forward pottery that was made for BWIM's 20th anniversary and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Come to Zion"

arr. Kevin Siegfried

Come to Zion, sinsick souls in sorrow bound. Lay your cares upon the altar where true healing may be found. Shout Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise resounds o'er land and sea. All who will may come and share the glories of this jubilee.

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 11:28-30

SERMON:

"Come Unto Me"

Dr. Williams

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We confess that to be a child of God is to live with awareness of God's presence, to act with understanding of God's will, and to love with assurance of God's blessing.

We also confess that to be a child of God is to experience the fear of abandonment, to know the anxiety of doubt, and to feel the sting of rejection and guilt.

We rejoice that as children of God our fears are soothed, our anxiety is diminished, and our wounds are healed through the grace of Jesus the Christ. Thanks be to God!

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

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

REST

(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Ceremonial March

Herbert Sumsion

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of
Linda and Bill Hoyle's 50th anniversary by their children and grandchildren.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Eliza Craig Parker
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Spencer Bulluck
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.

WE WELCOME OUR GUEST PREACHER

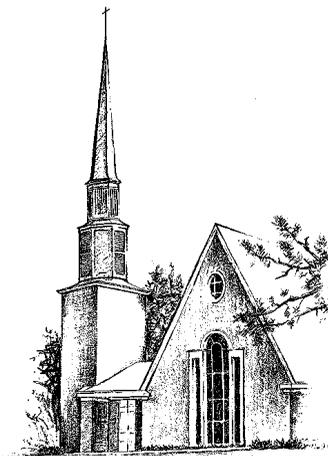
We are delighted to have as our guest preacher today the Rev. Dr. Larry C. Williams of Louisburg, North Carolina. Dr. Williams was the Pastor of the Louisburg Baptist Church for nineteen years and the Chaplain at Meredith College for eight years. He is currently involved in mentoring young ministers as a Spiritual Director. A native of Burlington, North Carolina, he is a graduate of Wake Forest University and Southeastern Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Zelma, have two adult children and four grandchildren.

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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