

The Worship of God

August 19, 2012

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: Suite in C

Jacques Boyvin

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Amazing Grace

arr. Hal Hopson

CHORAL INTROIT

Traditional

Come, let us gather now to sing praises and thanks to God, our King. God's love surpasses everything.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 17: "O Worship the King" LYONS
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Happy are the people who have learned to worship God.

People: Happy are those who walk in God's presence.

Minister: In his name they shall rejoice all the day.

People: His righteousness shall lift them up forever.

Minister: Let us worship and rejoice!

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Franz Schubert

Holy, holy, holy! Holy is the Lord. Holy is the Father; Holy is the Son; Holy is the Spirit, blessed Three in One.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most loving God, among us there are many shades of both strength and need. We are the people of much knowledge who lack wisdom, the people of many possessions who lack fulfilment, the people of abundant technology who lack hope, the people of pleasures who lack contentment, the people of many comforts who lack peace, the people of much pride who lack dignity, the people of ideals who lack vigor, the people of belief who lack faith, the people of faith who lack grace.

Most merciful God, forgive our sins, clean up our ugly motives, refresh that which is stagnant, and invigorate everything that shows promise in your eyes; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Bruce Prewer, adapted

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 5:15-20

ANTHEM: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" arr. Austin Lovelace

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways! Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise. Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace. Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 558: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" BRADBURY

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: The Rejoicing Charles Callahan

* 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!**

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Alice Parker

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art, thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my Great Father, I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art. Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heav'n's joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: I Kings 3:3-14

SERMON: "The Work of Wisdom" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

As people of faith, we embrace fully the promise of God, not as a mere pledge to be fulfilled, but as a distinct change from the past for the present. God's promise to us is light, not darkness; order, not chaos; peace, not war; righteousness, not sin; salvation, not estrangement; hope, not despair.

As people of faith, we enter joyfully into covenant with God, that his promise might be realized in us. Therefore, we are now united with God, and our covenant is bound by Jesus the Christ, whose example we emulate and whose path we follow. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 618: "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: How Firm a Foundation arr. Benjamin M. Culli

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Christine Smith and Dorothy Maynard by Frank and Ginger Maynard.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Carson Browder
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.

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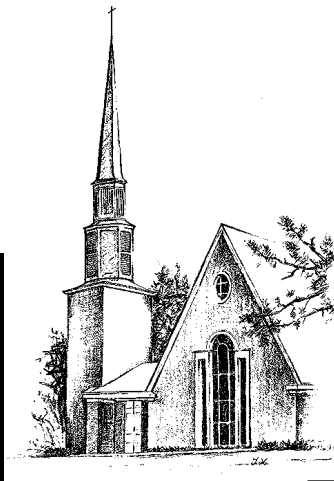
Wireless hearing aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship.

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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