

# *The Worship of God*

August 21, 2016

THE FOURTEENTH 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: Capriccio

Johann Jacob Froberger

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Kyrie

Francois Couperin

CHORAL INTROIT

John Darwall

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore; rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 679: "God the Omnipotent!" RUSSIAN HYMN  
*(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm46

Minister: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**People: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Minister: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city, it shall not be moved, God will help it when the morning dawns. The nations are in uproar, the kingdoms totter, He utters his voice, the earth melts.

**People: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Minister: Come, behold the works of the Lord, see what desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth: He breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

**People: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

arr. J.S. Bach

All things are thine; no gift have we, Lord of all gifts, to offer thee; and hence with grateful hearts today, thine own before thy feet we lay. Amen.

*John Greenleaf Whittier*

*(Ushers will seat those waiting.)*

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We enjoy the goodness of life without giving thanks. We overlook so much of the beauty that surrounds us. We give little thought to the love offered so freely by others. We accept, but do not sincerely acknowledge, all of the help you offer day by day. O God, come with forgiveness to our cluttered and confused lives and grant us your pardon and your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## MEDITATION

THE HISTORY LESSON:

Acts 12:6-17

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 80: "My Shepherd, You Supply My Need" RESIGNATION

\* 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 Wedding Guild which assists couples and ministers in planning and directing weddings. The Acolyte brings forward a Bible and wedding rings and places them on the altar.*

## PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "All Good Gifts"

arr. Penny Rodriguez

All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above; then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love. We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand; he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain. Come, all thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin; God, our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied. Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home. We thank you then, O Father, for all things bright and good: the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food. No gifts have we to offer for all your love imparts, but that which you desire, our humble, thankful hearts.

THE PSALTER LESSON:

Psalm 46:1-3

SERMON:

"Some Ways God Helps"

Dr. Marion Lark

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God the Father who created the world out of love, fashioned humanity with the artistry of his hands, and breathed into us the very essence of life.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ who was born into our world, brought hope to life through his compassion and grace, and restored joy to life through his gift of salvation.**

**We believe in the Spirit of God who is always present with us, reminds us of the peace that is ours, and beckons us to trust the power of God's love.**

**We believe that life is more than miracle, that it is born in the heart of God, held in the hands of God, and will one day be received back by the mercy of God.**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- \* RECESSIONAL HYMN 86: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS  
*(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 in D Dietrich Buxtehude
- \* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Seymour Dribin by Deb and Dale Parker.*

**THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

	Marion D. Lark <i>Guest Preacher</i>	
Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Edward Evans <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Pichowicz <i>Organist</i>	Georgia Morris <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.*

**WE WELCOME OUR GUEST PREACHER**

Dr. Marion Lark is a native of South Carolina and a graduate of Furman University (B.A.) and Southeastern Theological Seminary (B.D. 1961 and D. Min. 1974). He and his wife Jean have two adult children, Jonathan and Jeanne, both married.. The Larks are proud grandparents of 16 year old Ian. Dr. Lark served as pastor of Hillcrest Baptist in Raleigh, First Baptist in Farmville, and First Baptist in Henderson. He retired from First Baptist Henderson in 2002 after a pastorate of almost 30 years. Since then he has served interims at Wake Forest Baptist, Liberty Christian and Wise Baptist Churches.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BAGS**

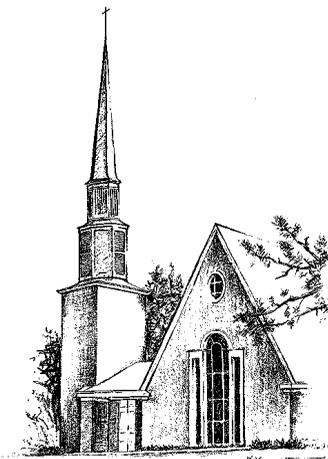
Worship bags are available in the narthex and have a variety of items that will help to make worship more meaningful for our children. Please return them to the narthex following worship.

**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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