

The Worship of God

August 24, 2014

THE ELEVENTH 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: What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Give Me Jesus

Marilyn Biery
Richard Billingham

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Sarabande

Louis Couperin

CHORAL INTROIT

Samuel S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou Lord, thou Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety. Psalms 5:8 and 4:8

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

People: Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Minister: God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

People: Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

Minister: There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.

People: We love because he first loved us.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Ludwig van Beethoven

Joyful, joyful, we adore you, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flow'rs before you, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living One, Holy One, you are completely present in every moment of our lives, but we refuse to notice that you are near. We forget that every moment is filled with grace. You call us to move from fear to hope, to help bring about your day of peace and justice, but we remain stuck in our old ways, putting our comforts before the needs of others, following our habits rather than seeking the salvation of the world. Forgive us. Transform us. Grant us courage so that we might live out your peace in the world.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 12:9-21

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

arr. Virgil Thomson

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his Name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake his ways. He leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay. One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away, thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread. My cup with blessings over flows, thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days, O may thy house be my abode and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come, no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 575: "Come and Find the Quiet Center" BEACH SPRING

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Gigue

G. F. Handel

* 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 Baptists Today, a news journal which provides reliable information, thoughtful analysis, helpful resources, and inspiring features of importance to Baptist Christians. The Acolyte brings forward a copy of Baptists Today and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "A Heart to Serve"

Valerie Showers Crescenz

O Lord, if I will wait for thee, my heart's desire you'll give to me; what I desire, Lord, most of all is but a heart that hears your call. O Lord, create in me anew a heart that's honest, pure and true; a heart to love, a heart to learn, a heart to share, a heart to serve. Whatever joy my future brings will not be found in earthly things; I'll have the greatest of rewards: a heart whose joy is in the Lord. Give me a heart that loves you best, a heart that finds you in my rest, a heart to love, a heart to learn, a heart to share, a heart to serve.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 1:8-2:10

SERMON: "The Great Motivator" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Psalm 46

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.

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 her, she shall not be moved; God will help her when the morning dawns. Be still and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth! The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 464: "God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM RHONDDA
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Grand Choeur Alexandre Guilmant

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Walt Conner by Faye and family.
August 28, 1936 – February 9, 2012*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Anna Adkins
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Will Hedgepeth
Crucifer

Lakeside website: 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

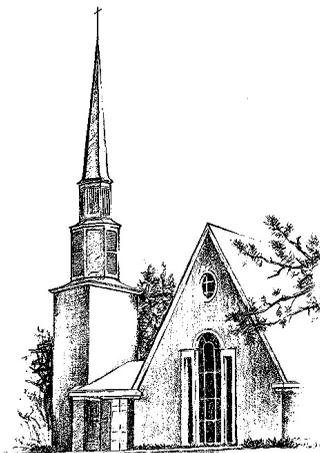
Wireless hearing aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship.

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
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Lakeside*

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