

The Worship of God

August 26, 2018

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: Suite in D

Leonardo Vinci

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Largo from *Concerto in D*

Antonio Vivaldi

CHORAL INTROIT

William H. Bradbury

Sing and rejoice, let all things living now sing and rejoice!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him" Hyfrydol
(*The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.*)

Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore him; Praise him, angels in the height.
Sun and moon, rejoice before him; Praise him, all ye stars of light.
Praise the Lord! for he hath spoken; Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken, for their guidance he hath made.

Praise the Lord! for he is glorious; Never shall his promise fail;
God hath made his saints victorious; Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation! Hosts on high, his power proclaim:
Heaven, and earth, and all creation, Laud and magnify his name.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer unto thee;
Young and old, thy praise expressing, In glad homage bend the knee.
All the saints in heaven adore thee. We would bow before thy throne;
As thine angels serve before thee, So on earth thy will be done.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We worship God as One who comes to us.

People: He comes to us in gentle nudges and quiet inclinations.

Minister: He comes to us through prayer and scripture, through hymns and spoken word.

People: He comes to us in the reverence of worship and in the friendship of fellow believers.

Minister: We come now to God, to offer our praise, to deepen our faith, and to dedicate our lives.

People: Receive our worship, O God, as you have received us, through Jesus the Christ.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Franz Joseph Haydn/arr. Charles F. Manning

Great and glorious is the Lord in majesty; call upon him, mighty and loving, glorious ever in majesty.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O Lord, for we have sinned. Sometimes we doubt your ability to work in the world, wonder where you are, and disbelieve that anything good can happen. We are too often short of hope, tired of doing good, and skeptical of miracles. Deepen our trust in your promises and open our eyes to every sign of your love and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON:

Ephesians 6:10-20

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "None Other Lamb"

Craig Courtney

None other Lamb, none other Name, none other Hope in heav'n or earth or sea, none other hiding place from guilt and shame, none beside thee. My faith burns low, my hope burns low; only my heart's desire cries out in me, by the deep thunder of its want and woe cries out to thee. Lord, thou art life, tho' I be dead; Love's fire thou art, however cold I be: nor heav'n have I, nor place to lay my head, nor home, but thee. None other Lamb.

Christina G. Rossetti

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 566: "Be Still My Soul" FINLANDIA

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Prelude on *Hyfrydol*

Paul Manz

* 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 school teachers, administrators, and staff who guide our children in the development of mind, body, and character. The Acolyte places a text book, an apple, and a ruler on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Warren Martin

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend; I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my Guide. O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee, that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be; and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend. Amen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

John 6:56-69

SERMON: "When the Going Gets Tough, Where Do We Go?" Dr. Wright

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 431: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" AR HYD Y NOS
(*Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.*)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Psalm XIX: The Heavens Declare the Glory of God Benedetto Marcello

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of our deceased Lakeside members by Emily and Leon Henderson.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Edward Evans
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Phil Valera
Guest Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Spencer Edwards
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.
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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

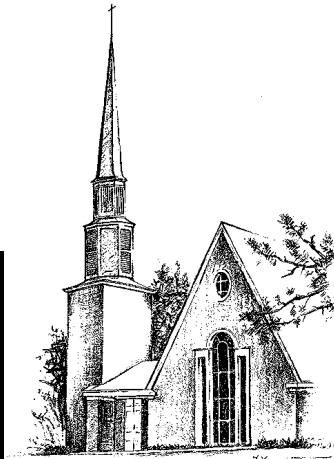
Wireless hearing aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship.

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
at
Lakeside*

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