

The Worship of God

August 27, 2017

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 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: Prelude on *Hyfrydol*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Fuga

P. Czernohorsky

CHORAL INTROIT

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!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 22: "All Creatures of Our God and King"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 138

Minister: With all my heart I praise you, Lord. In the presence of angels I sing your praises.

People: I worship at your holy temple and praise you for your love and your faithfulness.

Minister: You were true to your word . . . When I asked for your help, you answered my prayer and gave me courage.

People: All in authority have heard your promises, Lord, and they will praise you. They will sing about the things you have done.

Minister: Though you are above us all, you care for humble people, and you keep a close watch on everyone who is proud.

People: I am surrounded by trouble, but you protect me against my angry enemies. With your own powerful arm you keep me safe.

Minister: You, Lord, will always treat me with kindness. Your love never fails.

People: You have made us what we are. Don't give up on us now.

Contemporary English Version (CEV)

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Eric Thiman

O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O Lord, for we have sinned: We have seen the gospel through the eyes of the world, instead of seeing the world through the eyes of the gospel. We have sought the easy way rather than your way. We confess our sins, O Lord, asking that with your forgiveness we also receive a wider vision: a picture of humanity that is more varied than the faces we encounter each day, a sense of history and future much larger than our tiny moment in time, and an understanding of your love and mercy that is greater than we can imagine. Grant to us faith to accept your Word, and hope that comes from its presence in our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Peggy Haymes, adapted

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 16:13-20

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Domine Fili Unigente" from *Gloria*

Antonio Vivaldi

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 254:

"Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

TRENTHAM

* 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 Backpack Buddies which provides weekend meals and snacks for Benvenue Elementary children who are at risk for hunger. The Acolyte brings forward a bottle of juice and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me"

arr. K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee; and with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal; and with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak. Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee; and, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear; and with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity. Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee; separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good, and whatever I can be give him who gave me thee. Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be; help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee; 'gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield; Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory. Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

THE EPISTLE LESSON:

Romans 12:1-8

SERMON:

"Through the Lens of Faith"

Rev. Edwards

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God who calls us to a journey of faith, promising his presence with us through the wilderness places of our lives. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God, who came to experience the joy and sorrow, the certainties and the mysteries of our humanity and to redeem all of life for us. We believe in the Holy Spirit who gives us strength as we travel through this day, courage as we sojourn toward tomorrow and hope for all our days to come. We believe God's promises "that there is a better place, a Promised Land, and that there is no way to get from here to there without joining hands, marching together."

Michael Walzer, Mishkan T'filah, adapted

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 195: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” HAMBURG
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Rigaudon Andre Campra
- * Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Harry Howell by Daisy Howell.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Elizabeth Paszek
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Pichowicz
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Sara Raper
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

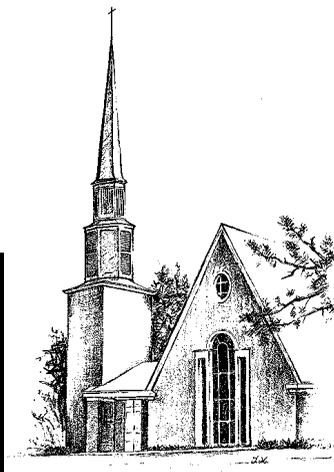
Wireless hearing aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship.

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 at Lakeside

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