

# The Worship of God

August 30, 2015

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: Festival Alleluia Dan Miller

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Be Thou My Vision Paul Manz

CHORAL INTROIT: "Thy Will, Thy Way" R.J. Fryson

Lord, I'm learning to love thy way. For with thy way, I cannot stray. Lord, continue to discipline me.

Thy will, thy way. Nothing else matters but that thy will be done. Thy will, thy way.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 714: "For the Fruit of All Creation" AR HYD Y NOS  
*(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We gather to praise the God of our salvation.

**People: Our help in times past, our hope in days to come.**

Minister: We gather to remember who we are:

**People: A mixture of hopes and fears, of dreams and frustrations, of joys and sorrows.**

Minister: We gather to hear the word of the Lord:

**People: Which calls us to live as faithful followers of Jesus Christ, and inspires us for the living of these days.**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Shaker Tune arr. Kevin Siegfried

Love is little, love is low, love will make my spirit grow. Grow in peace, grow in light, love will do the thing that's right. Love is little, love is low, love will make our spirit grow. Grow in peace, grow in light, love will do the thing that's right.

*(Ushers will seat those waiting.)*

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We profess to love you, but continue to dislike our brothers and sisters, created in your image, but different from us. We give lip service to unity, but remain divided, often contradicting your will and impeding our common witness. We promise to love our neighbors, but so often live beside each other as strangers. Create within us a new and contrite heart, be merciful to us, and transform us, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: James 1:17-27

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: "Angels of Heaven" arr. Kevin Siegfried

The angels of heaven are marching around the borders of Zion's holy ground; their music harmonious how it doth ring, and this is the heavenly song they sing. Holy, holy, holiness unto the Lord, love ye, love ye, love ye, one another.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 566: "Be Still, My Soul" FINLANDIA

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: We Pray Now to the Holy Ghost Dietrich Buxtehude

\* 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 office volunteers who help publish The Link and assist with a variety of church projects.. The Acolyte brings forward a copy of our newsletter and places it on the altar.*

## PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Look at the World" John Rutter

Look at the world, ev'rything all around us: look at the world, and marvel ev'ry day.

Look at the world: so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way.

*Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation, give us thankful hearts, that we may see:*

*All the gifts we share, and every blessing, all things come of thee.*

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower; look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;

look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain.

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.

Ev'rything grows, ev'rything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold.

Ev'ry good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of his love;

we are his hands, stewards of all his bounty; his is the earth, and his the heav'ns above.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

SERMON: "Where Did Summer Go?" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We affirm that love is the doctrine of this church, the quest of truth is its sacrament, and service is its prayer. To dwell together in peace, to seek knowledge in freedom, to serve human need, to the end that all souls shall grow into harmony with the Divine. Thus do we covenant with each other and with God.**  
*Covenant Church, Houston, Texas*

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 665: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" GERMANY  
*(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*

\* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

\* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name Flor Peeters

\* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jean Smith on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by her children.*

## THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright  
*Senior Minister*  
Edward Evans  
*Acolyte*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*  
Mark Gansor  
*Organist*  
Clyde Patterson  
*Guest Organist*

Amy Shortt  
*Minister of Music*  
Georgia Morris  
*Crucifer*

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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.*

### 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

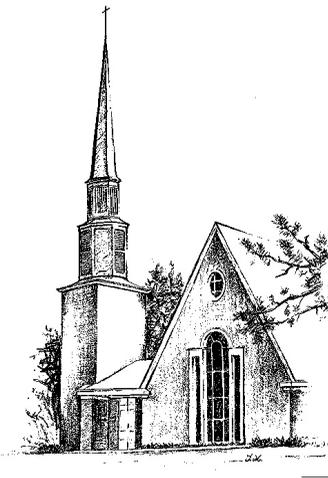
Wireless hearing aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship.

### 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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