

The Worship of God

August 31, 2014

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. 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: Sheep May Safely Graze
Air in D

J.S. Bach
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WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Adagio in C

W.A. Mozart

CHORAL INTROIT

William H. Doane

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee! Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee. This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 25: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We are gathered for worship.

People: In a world of half-truths, we need a time of truth-telling.

Minister: In a world of many gods, we need an encounter with the one true God.

People: In a world that demands so much—and yet so little of us—we need to be confronted with a gospel that will ask of us our very lives.

All: Come, let us worship the Lord our God.

* 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 mumble rote verses over a hurried meal and think we have prayed. We inventory our wants and needs at the close of the day and believe we have communed with you. We shout your name in anger or sprinkle it over our humor and wonder why you do not respond.

Grant us a glimpse of the joy you feel when we speak directly to you. Teach us the openness of life and thought that is continual prayer. And enable us to pray honestly through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 3:1-15

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Creation Will Be at Peace"

Anna Laura Page

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease; in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace. The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and bear will feed, their young will play together; a little child will lead. The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw. They will war no more; a child will lead them all.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 636: "Abide with Me" EVENTIDE

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Fanfare

Kenneth Leighton

* 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 Lakeside Preschool which has been providing education and nurture for young children in our community since 1992. The Acolyte brings forward building blocks and places them on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Come to Zion"

arr. Kevin Siegfried

Come to Zion, sinsick souls in sorrow bound. Lay your cares upon the altar where true healing may be found. Shout Alleluia, Alleluia. Praise resounds o'er land and sea. All who will may come and share the glories of this jubilee.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 16:13-20

SERMON: "What's Your Question?" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from Psalm 145

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised! We declare God's mighty acts to one another. We meditate upon God's wondrous works and proclaim his amazing deeds. For the Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. The Lord is near to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of the faithful. He hears our cry, and he answers us. We shall speak the praise of the Lord and bless his holy name for ever. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 618: "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Marilyn Biery

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Elizabeth Edwards by a friend.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Spencer Edwards
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Charlie Lane
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.

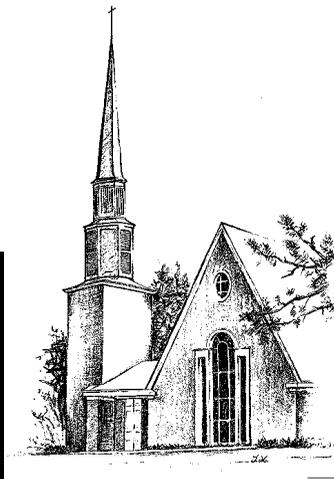
The church office will be closed on Monday, September 1, in honor of Labor Day.

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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