

The Worship of God

September 1, 2013

THE FIFTEENTH 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: Variations on Adoro Te Devote

Gerald Near

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Elegy

C. Hubert Perry

CHORAL INTROIT

Taizé

Adoremus te Jesu Christe. Alleluia, alleluia! Et laudemus te Jesu Christe, et laudemus te, alleluia!

Let us praise your name, God our Savior, Alleluia, alleluia! Praise and bless your name, God our Savior, praise and bless your name, alleluia!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 420:

“I Come With Joy”

DOVE OF PEACE

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 81

Minister: Come, you people of God, come and gather in God's holy presence.

People: God said, “Come and listen to my word of truth, and follow in my way.”

Minister: Come, you people of God, come and worship the God of the ages.

People: God said, “I am the God who rescued you and I will satisfy your needs.”

Minister: Come, you people of God, come, for God said, “I am the Lord your God.”

People: God said, “In my mercy I will accept you back from your wrong paths, and through my generosity, I offer you the anticipation of a new beginning—with every gift you need from God's bountiful store of grace and goodness.”

All: Thanks be to our generous and merciful God!

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Taizé

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid;

lift up your voices, the Lord is near; lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON:

Hebrews 13:1-16

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 284:

“Gather Us In”

GATHER US IN

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Caprice

Louis Clérambault

* 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 United Community Ministries which provides “a nurturing and supportive environment for homeless, and nearly homeless, families and individuals as they move toward wholeness.” The Acolyte brings forward a UCM Honor Card and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: “The Invited”

Hubert Bird

O thou who clotheth the lilies and feedeth the birds of the sky, who leadeest the lambs to the pasture and the hart to the waterside, who multiplied the loaves and fishes and converted the water to wine,

O do thou, come to our table, our table as Guest and Giver to dine.

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 14:1-14

SERMON:

“Wise Investments”

Rev. Edwards

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE APPROACH TO THE TABLE: “This Do in Remembrance of Me”

Judy Hunnicutt

This do in remembrance of me; keep this feast and together we'll be. This do in remembrance of me; till you come to my kingdom. This is my body, broken for you, take and eat in remembrance of me.

Broken that you might rise up from death into a life everlasting. This is my blood, I shed it for you.

Take and drink in remembrance of me. Shed that you might rise up from death into a life everlasting.

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

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

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

You are invited to come forward to receive communion. Forming two lines, please use the center aisle as you approach the altar and the side aisles as you return to your seat. If you prefer to remain seated, a Deacon will serve you. We will take the bread and the cup by intinction, dipping the bread into the common cup. You will take a piece of bread from the plate offered by a Deacon and dip it into the chalice offered by one of the ministers. You may then place the bread in your mouth. A common response when taking communion is to say, “Thanks be to God.” or a simple, “Amen.”

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 419: “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

HOLY MANNA

(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 in C

Théodore Salomé

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Jim McDevitt by Joanna McDevitt and family.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Reynolds Cobb
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Cameron Graham
Crucifer

*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.

BENEVOLENT OFFERING

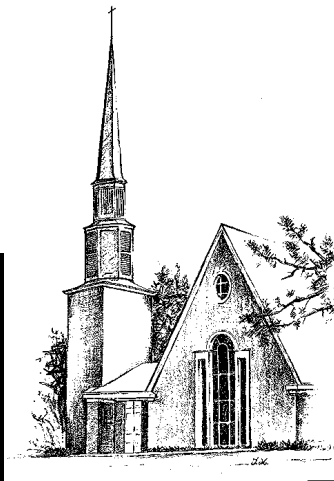
As we do each time we have communion during morning worship, today we will receive a Benevolent Offering for local ministries. Our youth will collect the offering at each of the exits as we leave worship.

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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