

The Worship of God

September 2, 2012

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. 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: Deck Thyself, Beloved Soul, with Gladness J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Break Bread Together arr. Dale Wood

CHORAL INTROIT Garth Edmondson

The Lord is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 21: "Let the Whole Creation Cry" LLANFAIR
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: This is the day our God has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

People: For we are God's people, the work of the Creator's hands!

Minister: We gather to feast on the goodness of God.

People: To dine at his table, to share in his grace, to celebrate his love.

All: Let us celebrate the goodness of God and the fellowship of faith that binds us together.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Claude Means

God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

MEDITATION

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

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 576: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" OLIVET

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Trumpet Tune Charles Callahan

* 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!

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" R. Walker Robson

Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine; Word of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight. Holy Spirit, Love divine, glow within this heart of mine; Kindle ev'ry high desire, perish self in thy pure fire. Holy Spirit, Joy divine, gladden thou this heart of mine; In the desert ways I sing, spring, O Well, forever spring.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: James 1:17-27

SERMON: "What's Your Religion Worth?" Dr. Wright

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE APPROACH TO THE TABLE: Bicentennial arr. Jeffrey Honoré

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister: Jesus, Savior and Lord, we confess that it is not always easy to pray - even the prayer you taught us has its difficulties.... You invite us to address God in intimate family terms and then immediately to pray that God's name will be holy and that God's kingdom will be experienced here on earth. Sadly it seems that all too often we hear God's name being used in unholy ways, and again, all too often we fail to speak up to condemn such language.

People: Forgive our failure to speak up and be counted as your followers Lord, in more than name only.

Minister: We pray that God's kingdom will come, yet we confess that for so many people, the kingdom values of justice and righteousness, mercy, love and peace are not known and not expected because of our failure to make these values visible in and through our lives.

People: Forgive us when our apathy and inaction have contributed to the continued suffering of people in need.

Minister: When we move from contemplating God's holiness to recognizing our needs, how often do we acknowledge that being fed, nourished and forgiven by God calls forth a like response from us toward others?

People: Forgive us for being quite content to receive these gifts, but hesitant to give and forgive.

Minister: We confess that none of us wants to be brought to a time of trial - when our faith may be tried and tested - fearing that we may fall away from faithful discipleship.

People: Forgive our weaknesses and strengthen us with your Spirit.

Minister: Help us to pray your prayer with the heightened expectation that you can and do use us to fulfill your purposes here and wherever you call us to be and to act in your name.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD: "This is my body which is broken for you."

THE SHARING OF THE CUP: "This is the new covenant of my blood."

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 420: "I Come with Joy" DOVE OF PEACE
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Praeludium in G J. S. Bach

* 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 rosebud on the altar is placed in celebration of the birth of
Cole Davis Spencer, son of Ann Lee and Brian Spencer, on August 28 in Raleigh.
The proud grandparents are Marion and Ray Weathers.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Eli Bass
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Chandler Cobb
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

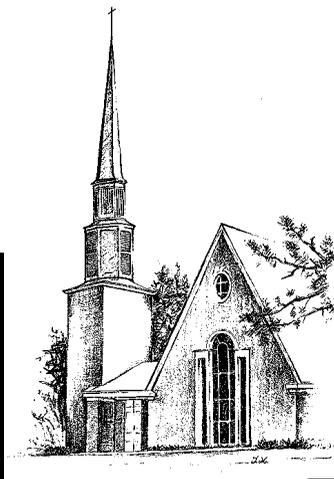
Each Sunday that we celebrate communion, a Benevolent Offering is received at the conclusion of worship. This offering is collected by our youth who stand at each of the exits as we leave worship. The funds are collected in RAINBOWs which our children and youth made for the purpose of raising funds for missions. All funds are used in support of local ministries. Out of our gratitude for what God has done for us, we help our neighbors with what they need.

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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