

The Worship of God

September 4, 2016

THE SIXTEENTH 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: Ricercare

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Andante Religioso

S. Bath

CHORAL INTROIT

Taizé

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 284:

“Gather Us In”

GATHER US IN

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: This is the day our God has made!

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Minister: For we are God's people!

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

GREATOR EX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the wellspring of life.

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON:

Philemon 1:1-21

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 429:

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

FINEST WHEAT

* 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 all of the people whose work contributes to the enrichment, comfort, safety, and well-being of our lives. The Acolyte brings forward an arrangement of “tools” and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: “Amazing Grace”

arr. John Rutter

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed! Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Jeremiah 18:1-11

SERMON:

“In Your Hands”

Dr. Wright

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE APPROACH TO THE TABLE: “The Invited”

Hubert Bird

O thou who clotheth the lilies and feedeth the birds of the sky, who ledest 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.

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We have accepted your generosity with open hands, but are not always as eager to help others. When we have opened our hands in service to another, we have not been so willing to open our hearts. We have too often been shortsighted about the benefits of our kindness. Remove the scales of indifference from our eyes. Loose the shackles that bind our hands. And free our hearts to love others as you have loved us; through Jesus the Christ.

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 330:

“Alleluia! Hear God's Story”

W ZLOBIE LEZY

(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Trumpet Tune in D

David N. Johnson

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and
in memory of Jim McDevitt by Joanna, Leslie, Ashley, Sean, Eli, Shan, and Addison*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Daniel Edwards
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Pichowicz
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Beth Seagroves
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.

YOUTH SWIM PARTY

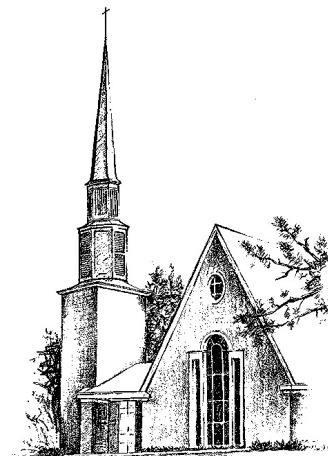
You are invited to enjoy one last splash of summer this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. at the Barker's home on the reservoir. If you'd like to ride together, plan to meet at the church at 2:45. We'll swim, kayak, eat, and enjoy having the group back together. Bring your church-appropriate swimsuit and a snack to share with the group. Feel free to invite a friend.

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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