

The Worship of God

September 6, 2015

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 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: Voluntaries

William Boyce

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Air

G. F. Handel

CHORAL INTROIT

Samuel S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou Lord, thou Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Psalms 5:8 and 4:8

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 491: "As Grain on Scattered Hillsides"

MERLE'S TUNE

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We come in worship to proclaim the goodness of God.

People: To celebrate life in its fullness and to acknowledge God's generous blessings.

Minister: We gather in worship to express our gratitude:

People: To celebrate through bread and cup the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, to whom we offer our praise and dedicate our lives.

Minister: We come in worship to declare God's love.

People: To share the abundance of his goodness with the world.

* 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.

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON:

Ephesians 4:11-18

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: Fanfare

G.F. Handel

* 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 the Conetoe Family Life Center and community garden which ministers to the mental, physical and spiritual health of the Conetoe community. The Acolyte brings forward a jar of honey and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "O Praise the Mighty Lord" from *Joshua*

G.F. Handel/arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

O praise the mighty Lord, our God, sing a joyful song. He reigns in majesty, forevermore. O praise the mighty Lord with joyful song. Hallelujah.

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Mark 4:30-32

SERMON:

"Bloom Where You're Planted"

Rev. Edwards

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE APPROACH TO THE TABLE: "Shepherd of My Heart"

Francis Patrick O'Brien

My shepherd is the Lord, for nothing shall I want; green are the pastures where I'm led to repose.

Near waters still and deep God will refresh my soul. I am led onward in ways true to the Name. If

I should walk one day into the vale of darkness, no evil shall I fear with God at my side. There with

your crook and staff you give me strength and comfort; you spread a banquet in the sight of my foes.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup is overflowing; goodness and kindness crown the days of my

life. Within the Lord's own house I dwell in peace for ever; within the house of God my soul is at

rest. *Guide me, O shepherd of my heart; lead me homeward through the dark, into everlasting day.*

Show me the way of truth and light; keep me always in your sight. May my life never part from the

shepherd of my heart.

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

God of all time and all creation, forgive us. You have offered grace to transform us and

make us new, but we confess that there is much of the old still within us. We carry old hurts

and anger. We carry old sins that have grown familiar and comfortable and safe. We carry

old habits and old ways of thinking that keep you and others at a safe distance. Forgive us,

Lord, for sometimes we would rather hold tightly to our sins than risk the transforming power

of your love. Forgive us, O God, and make of us new creations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

We believe in the Father who is faithful to his promises and unailing in his help, and who calls us to strive for justice and to seek an end to divisions.

We believe in God the Son who sanctified this world by his birth, ministry, death and resurrection, and who offers us redemption, reconciliation and peace.

We believe in the Spirit who gathered the first believers in Jerusalem as one, who unites us in faithfulness to God's teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer, and inspires us to share and live the Gospel.

We believe in the One God, Father, Son and Spirit, who blesses us and keeps us as we go forth to proclaim his Good News to the world. Thanks be to God.

Adapted from Week of Prayer for ChristianUnity

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 431: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

AR HYD Y NOS

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

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Ceremonial March

Herbert Sumsion

* 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
Chase Joyner
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Andersen 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

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.