

The Worship of God

September 9, 2018

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: Voluntary in G John Stanley

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Le Prie-Dieu George Oldroyd

CHORAL INTROIT Lanny Wolfe

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 2: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" HYMN TO JOY
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP Rebecca Watkins

Deacon: Every day I will bless the Lord my God and will praise his name for ever and ever.

People: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. His greatness is beyond discovery!

Deacon: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

People: The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

Deacon: The Lord is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

People: My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, and I will call on everyone to bless his name forevermore.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION: "Thy Will, Thy Way" R.J. Fryson

Lord, I'm learning to love thy way. For with thy way, I cannot stray. Lord, continue to discipline me.

Thy will, thy way. Nothing else matters but that thy will be done. Thy will, thy way.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We count on you for constancy as well as for change. We want to trust you in all things, but fear and anxiety cloud our trust. Forgive us for our wavering faith. We want to trust you in all things, but when we face the uncertainty of change or run up on questions to which there seem to be no answers, our nights grow long with worry. Forgive us for our wavering faith. We stand before the churning waters of the river of new life. We look across to new lands filled with promise, but long for the familiarity of home. Forgive us for our wavering faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 35:4-7a

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "I Love the Lord" Richard Smallwood/arr. Tom Fettke

I love the Lord, he heard my cry and pitied ev'ry groan. Long as I live, when troubles rise, I'll hasten to his throne. Long as I live, when troubles rise, I'll hasten to his throne.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 62: "Creator God, Creating Still" ST. ANNE

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Psalm 81:3 Sound the Ram's Horn at the New Moon Gilbert Martin

* 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 Sunday School teachers and volunteers who guide us to explore our faith as we study scripture and its meaning for our lives. The Acolyte places a Bible on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Eric Nelson

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms. Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. Anna Jane Murray, cellist; Kathy Manning, flutist

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 7:24-37

SERMON: "Open Up!" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God calls his people to act in faith, to move in new directions, and to believe with fresh understanding.

We believe that God calls us to transform our world, equips us with the gifts and abilities to do so, and provides for us a vision of his community.

We believe that we are on a journey of discovery, seeking God's vision, and celebrating God's gift of life. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 274: "I Love Your Church, O God" ST. THOMAS
(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 John Stanley

* Congregation stands.

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

*The rosebud on the altar is placed in celebration of the birth of
Ayden Michael Trull, son of Ashley Waters and Alex Trull, on September 6.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Bo Browder
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Phil Valera
Guest Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Reynolds Cobb
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.

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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.

FIESTA!

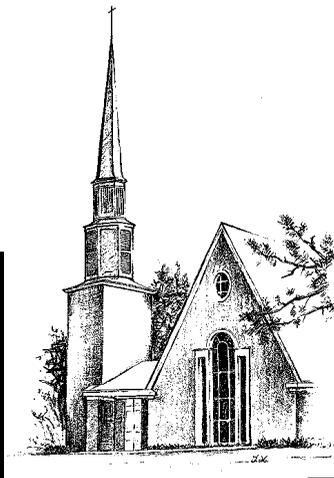
All children and youth, ages 3 through 12th grade are invited to join us this evening as we kick off the new year with a Fall Fiesta. We'll gather in Robbins Hall from 5:00 to 7:15 p.m. and enjoy a TexMex feast, games (including a piñata and maracas!), music, and tons of fun as we reconnect with friends and get excited about upcoming events and activities. We encourage you to invite friends and neighbors who are interested in learning more about our Sunday evening missions activities, choirs, and youth group. If you have not yet signed up and plan to come, please let Elizabeth Edwards know following worship today.

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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