

The Worship of God

September 10, 2017

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 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: Prelude & Fugue in E^b Dietrich Buxtehude

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Voluntary Charles Zeuner

CHORAL INTROIT John L. Bell

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: The new day reveals itself in every moment, and by the grace of God all things are made possible. Come, let us give thanks.

People: We give thanks to you, O God, for one more day to experience the miracle of creation.

Minister: With every breath we remember that life is a gift, and we give thanks.

People: With every step we know the wonder of walking on the Earth, and we give thanks.

Minister: With every word we affirm God's transforming love for each of us, and we give thanks.

People: Gracious Creator, through you all things are made new. Creation is full of your glory. All praise be yours!
Seekers Church, 2003, adapted

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION: "Peace" PEACE TO ZION/arr. Kevin Siegfried

Peace unto Zion. Peace to the faithful, and a crown of rejoicing from your Heavenly Father.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most faithful God, we confess that our deeds rarely match our good intentions, and often our intentions do not measure up to our words. We have called you "Father," but do not live like your delighted children. We have claimed Christ as our Savior, but keep some things to ourselves. We call on the Holy Spirit, but often live as though you were at the other end of the universe. Have mercy on us. Recall us to our faith, and let it penetrate deep within us, so that from the depths of our being we may be inspired to love and serve you.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 3:1-15

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Zion's Walls" John G. McCurry/adapted Aaron Copland/arr. Glenn Koponen

Come fathers and mothers, come sisters and brothers, come join us in singing the praises of Zion. O fathers, don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion? We'll shout and go round the walls of Zion.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 322: "O Word of God Incarnate" MUNICH

* 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 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: "Serve the Lord with Gladness" Rollo Dilworth

Serve the Lord. Serve the Lord with gladness. Serve Him with gladness. Come before His presence with singing, glorious singing. Praise the Lord, O praise ye the Lord. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Know that the Lord is God: it is He that hath made us. We are the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and praise: give thanks and bless His name. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him, above ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
based on Psalm 100:2-4

THE EPISTLE LESSON: I Peter 2:1-10

SERMON: "Who, Me?" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We thank Thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seed time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food;
No gifts have we to offer, for all thy love imparts,
But that which Thou desirest, our humble, thankful hearts.
All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all His love. Amen.**

Matthias Claudius

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 699: "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!" DARWALL'S 148TH
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Now Thank We All Our God J.S. Bach/arr. Virgil Fox

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Jim Dickens by a friend.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Chase Joyner
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Pichowicz
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Jacob Watkins
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.*

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.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

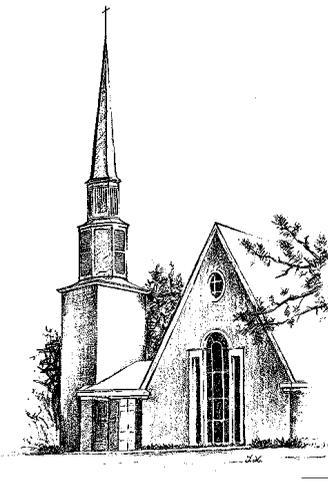
- 5:00 p.m. Preschool Games and Activities
- 5:00 p.m. Youth, Children, and Parents' Open House, Youth and Music Building
- 5:45 p.m. Youth Depart for Lake Outing at the Barker's Home
- 5:45 p.m. Supper for Preschoolers and Children
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities
- 7:00 p.m. Preschoolers Dismiss
- 7:15 p.m. Children Dismiss
- 8:00 p.m. Youth Return from Lake Outing

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.



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