

# *The Worship of God*

September 11, 2016      **THE SEVENTEENTH 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: Doppelfuge      Johann Pachelbel

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Intermezzo      Charles Darnton

CHORAL INTROIT      Cleland B. McAfee

O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God, hold us who wait before you near to the heart of God.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 66: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”      ST. DENIO  
*(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP      Psalm 16 CEV

Minister: You, Lord, are all I want! You are my choice, and you keep me safe.

**People: You make my life pleasant, and my future is bright.**

Minister: I praise you, Lord, for being my guide. Even in the darkest night, your teachings fill my mind.

**People: I will always look to you, as you stand beside me and protect me from fear.**

Minister: With all my heart, I will celebrate, and I can safely rest. You have shown me the path to life, and you make me glad by being near to me.

**People: Close beside you, I will always be joyful!**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35      GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION      arr. Donald Moore

Bless the Lord, O my soul; bless his holy name. Amen.

## **CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we confess that we are people of many moods and sins. Sometimes we become so contented with our lot that we forget the concerns of others. Sometimes we become so discontented with our life that we make life hard for others. We take great blessings without gratitude, exercise our gifts without thankfulness, use up our friends without appreciation, and go to church without any sense of privilege and wonder and joy. By the mercy of Christ Jesus, purge all that is rotten in our lives, straighten that which is crooked, and quench our thirst for righteousness.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## **MEDITATION**

THE EPISTLE LESSON:      I Timothy 1:12-17

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: “The Church’s One Foundation”      Samuel Wesley/arr. John Ferguson  
*The text of the anthem is hymn 272.*

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 280:      “God Is Here!”      ABBOT’S LEIGH

\* 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 the men and women who protect our community. The Acolyte brings forward our First Responder logos and places them on the altar.*

## **PROCLAMATION**

ANTHEM: “Jubilate Deo”      Peter Anglea

*Jubilate Deo, omnis terra; servite Domino in laetitia.*

*Introite in conspectu ejus in exultatione.*

*Quoniam suavis est Dominus: in aeternum misericordia ejus,  
et usque in generationem et generationem veritas ejus.*

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

THE GOSPEL LESSON:      Luke 15:1-10

SERMON:      “What Are You Looking For?”      Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in the love of God out of which we are created, by which we live, and through which we are granted the gift of life eternal; thus, our only and proper response is complete devotion, demonstrated through the gifts of personality God has given each of us:**

**We love God with our hearts, bound to the Father in unfailing loyalty and commitment, and opening ourselves to the full range of his emotions;**

**We love God with our minds, eager to know the fullness of God’s reality, unafraid to confront difficult and troubling questions, and believing that the Truth shall set us free;**

**We love God with our strength, offering the talents, resources, and abilities bequeathed to us in the service of love, thereby becoming the “hands of God.”**

**We love God with our souls, rejoicing in the uniqueness he has created in us, honest about who we are, anticipating who we are yet to become.**

**We love God by loving one another, celebrating our kinship as children of the Father, and caring for one another’s needs.**

**By our faith, by our attitudes, and through our actions we fulfill the great imperative of our Lord: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength, and your neighbor as yourself.”**

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: Prelude in C J.S. Bach
- \* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given  
to the glory of God as a prayer for peace.*

#### THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright  
*Senior Minister*  
Anna Adkins  
*Acolyte*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*  
Mark Pichowicz  
*Organist*

Amy Shortt  
*Minister of Music*  
Barkley Browder  
*Crucifer*

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Lakeside website: [lakesidechurchrmt.org](http://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.*

#### TODAY AT LAKESIDE

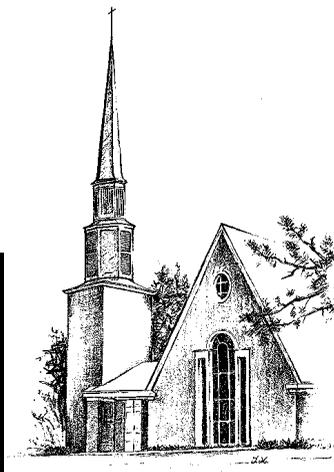
5:00 p.m. . . . Preschool Storytime, Children's Mission Activities, Youth Choir  
 5:45 p.m. . . . Cookout for Preschoolers, Children, and Youth  
 6:15 p.m. . . . Preschool Music and Activities, Children's Choir  
 6:00 p.m. . . . Dinner for Youth  
 6:30 p.m. . . . SNL  
 7:00 p.m. . . . Preschoolers and Children Dismiss  
 7:30 p.m. . . . Youth Dismiss

#### 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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