

# The Worship of God

September 13, 2015

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: Fugue in b

J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Shall We Gather at the River

arr. John G. Barr

CHORAL INTROIT

YISRAEL V'ORAITA

Open your ears, O faithful people, open your ears and hear God's word. Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you. They who have ears to hear the message, they who have ears, now let them hear; they who would learn the way of wisdom, let them hear God's word.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 464: "God of Grace and God of Glory"  
*(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)*

CWM RHONDDA

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 139

Minister: Search us, O God, and know our hearts; try us, and know our thoughts!

**People: O Lord, you have searched us and known us. Even before a word is on our tongues, O Lord, you know it completely.**

Minister: Remind us, Father, that we cannot hide from you,

**People: And reassure us that there is no need for us to hide from you,**

Minister: Because you desire not to condemn but to forgive,

**People: To heal and not to wound,**

**All: For your love, revealed in Jesus the Christ, is faithful and everlasting.**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

William Byrd

*Non nobis, Domine, non nobis, sed nomini tu o da gloriam.*

Not unto us, O Lord, not to us, but unto thy name be the glory.

*(Ushers will seat those waiting.)*

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We have delighted in the gifts of creation all summer without giving thanks to the Creator. We have enjoyed time with family and friends without acknowledging our Heavenly Parent and True Friend. We have called to you for help without offering our services in return. We have spoken your name thoughtlessly without seeking to know you better.**

**Forgive our selfishness; pardon our rudeness; remove our thoughtlessness; and enable us to see you with us through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Proverbs 1:20-33

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: "Be Thou My Vision"

arr. Alice Parker

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art, thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my Great Father, I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art. Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heav'ns joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 88: "All My Hope on God Is Founded" NEANDER  
*Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.*

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Fanfare

Antonio Soler/arr E. Power Biggs

\* 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 Nominating Committee which invites us to participate in the various committees which carry out the ministry of our church.. The Acolyte brings forward a list of the church committees and places it on the altar.*

## PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Gentle Words"

Shaker Tune/arr. Kevin Siegfried

What the dew is to the flower, gentle words are to the soul, and a blessing to the giver, and so dear to the receiver, we should never withhold. Gentle words kindly spoken often soothe the troubled mind, while links of love are broken by words that are unkind. Then O, thou gentle spirit, my constant guardian be, "Do to others," be my motto, "as I'd have them do to me."

THE EPISTLE LESSON:

James 3:1-12

SERMON:

"Words or Wisdom?"

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 276: "We Gather Together" KREMSE  
*(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*

\* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

\* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on Divinum Mysterium

John McCreary

\* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Dudley Whitley by Beth, Dwayne, Will and Lisa Pridgen.*

## THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright  
*Senior Minister*  
Eliza Craig Parker  
*Acolyte*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*  
Mark Gansor  
*Organist*

Amy Shortt  
*Minister of Music*  
Carson 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.*

## 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.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Nancy Parker today. The children will leave from the sanctuary during the second hymn by the south door to the right of the chancel area. Parents may meet their children in the Youth Building following worship.

## OUT IN LEFT FIELD

*Out in Left Field*, a short play by Lela Chesson, will be directed by Lawrence Goering in Robbins Hall, Lakeside Baptist Church, Friday, September 18, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, September 20, at 2:00 p.m.

The play centers on the plight of a young left-hander in the 1940's and points to the struggles of all who face the pain of feeling different. It is a light look at the deep pain young Billy Ray experiences as he faces rejection in school, his church and community. These painful experiences of yesterday run parallel to the suffering experienced by many people today.

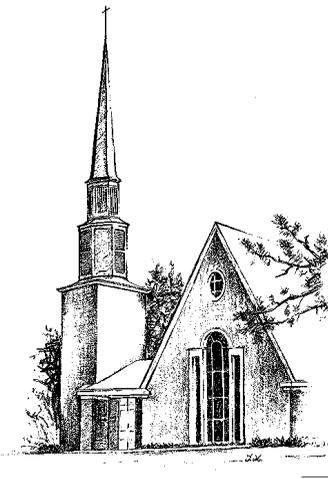
Reservations are required and may be made by calling Lakeside (252-446-0126) or by visiting the church website: [lakesidechurchrmt.org](http://lakesidechurchrmt.org). There is no admission fee. Donations will be accepted to support a playground and meditation garden at My Sister's House.

## 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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