

The Worship of God

September 14, 2014

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. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your friendship with those around you. Wireless hearing aids are available in the narthex.

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: Two Sinfonias

J.S. Bach/arr. E. Power Biggs

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Andante Religioso

Felix Mendelssohn

CHORAL INTROIT: "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" (*Hymn 44*)

M. Ippolitof-Ivanoff

Minister: All works of God: bless the Living God; praise and magnify God forever.

Choir: *Bless the Lord, O my soul, blessed art thou, O God.*

Minister: Servants of God: bless the Living God; praise and magnify God forever.

Choir: *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless God's holy name.*

Minister: Holy and humble of heart: bless the Living God; praise and magnify God forever.

Choir: *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless God's holy name.*

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 91: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

CORONATION

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Because we live in a world of boundless knowledge and infinite questions,

People: We need you, O God.

Minister: Because we need boundaries to identify what we believe,

People: We need you, O God.

Minister: Because no one of us has all of the truth and we must trust one another as we seek truth,

People: We need you, O God.

Minister: Because your Word is Living, Dynamic, and Creative,

People: We need you, O God.

Minister: Because we are an Easter people with hope in our eyes and faith in our hearts,

People: We need you, O God. Walk with us on our journey of faith and grant us the joy of your salvation.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATORIX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Franz Schubert

Holy, holy, holy! Holy is the Lord. Holy is the Father; Holy is the Son; Holy is the Spirit, blessed Three in One.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We know that we are being called to let go of old ways and celebrate new ways of saying and doing and being. We know that we are being called to be the ones who help others not to stumble, who bring comfort and consolation to those in distress; yet, we do not always want to respond to such challenges. Forgive our failure to hear your words addressed to us. Forgive our reluctance to respond even when we do hear them. Fill us with the refreshment and renewal that only you can give through the gracious gift of your Spirit.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE PSALTER LESSON:

Psalm 103:1-13

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Ubi Caritas"

Maurice Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Ubi caritas et amor Deus ibi est.

Where charity and love are, God is there. Christ's love has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be pleased in him. Let us fear and love the living God. And may we love each other with a sincere heart. Where charity and love are, God is there.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 485:

"Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race"

TALLIS' CANON

Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Fanfare in C

Steven Blackmon

* 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!

Today we give thanks for Meals on Wheels which enhances the quality of life of individuals at home by providing nutritious meals, personal contact, and related services. The Acolyte places a meal box on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "As I Went down in the River to Pray"

Traditional

As I went down in the river to pray studying about that good old way and who shall wear the starry crown, Good Lord, show me the way. O sisters let's go down, let's go down, come on down. O sisters, let's go down, down in the river to pray. O brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. Come on brothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray. O fathers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. O fathers, let's go down, down in the river to pray. O mothers, let's go down, come on down. Come on mothers, let's go down, down in the river to pray. O sinners, let's go down, let's go down, come on down. O sinners, let's go down, Down in the river to pray.

THE EPISTLE LESSON:

Romans 14:1-12

SERMON:

"Toleration or Transformation?"

Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, Creator and Redeemer, who has not divided us into rich and poor, owners and slaves, nor pitted us against one another because of race, color, religion, class, gender, or sexuality. We believe in Jesus Christ who suffered because of human sinfulness but has overthrown the rule of evil and injustice. We believe in the Spirit of God whose flame comforts us with divine presence and causes our hearts to burn for righteousness and justice. We believe in the reconciling power of God which can bring peace and hope, justice and equality, relief of suffering, and the final triumph of love and grace in our lives and for the whole world. Amen.

Bread for the World, adapted

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 487: "Help Us Accept Each Other" AURELIA
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Fugue in G Felix Mendelssohn
- * Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Dudley Whitley by his family.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Dalton Jordan <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Gansor <i>Organist</i>	Spencer Bulluck <i>Crucifer</i>

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.*

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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Craig and Brenda Cotton 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.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

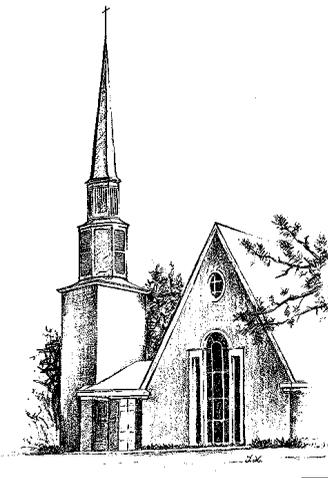
- 5:00 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir and Handbells
- 5:45 p.m. Dinner for Preschoolers and Children
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner for Youth
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Music and Activities, Children's Choir
- 6:15 p.m. Meeting for all Youth and parents, Lecture Room
- 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.



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