

The Worship of God

September 17, 2017

THE FIFTEENTH 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 Krieger

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Trio No.1

Joseph Rheinberger

CHORAL INTROIT

Confitemini Domino

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 17: "O Worship the King" LYONS
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 95

Minister: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Minister: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

Minister: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

People: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

All: O come, let us sing to the Lord and make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Taizê

Alleluia!

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O Lord, for we have sinned. For our lack of faith that fills each day with tension and worry, for our lack of hope that clouds our future with despair and anxiety, for our lack of love that fails to place you at the center of our lives, forgive us, O Lord. Merciful God, hear our prayer, for in your forgiveness, we are renewed and made whole, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peggy Haymes, adapted

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 14:19-31

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Prayer of Consecration"

Deborah Dresie

Lord of life, sing through me. Give my heart a melody so sweet and pure, good and true that I may offer a song to you. Come to me and still my fear until my song is yours alone. Sing through me, Lord of life; make my voice your own. Lord of life, pray through me. Fill my mind with quiet peace so sweet and pure, good and true that I may have only thoughts of you. Come to me and still my doubt until my dreams are yours alone. Pray through me, Lord of life, make my mind your own. Lord of life, live through me. Keep my soul in harmony so sweet and pure, good and true that through my living I'll honor you. Come to me and still my will until my deeds are yours alone. Live through me, Lord of life; make my heart your own.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 545: "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!" HE LEADETH ME

* 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: "Gather Your Children"

Allan Mahnke

Gather your children, dear Savior, in peace, and draw us to you with your passionate pleas; still seek us and call us to come and be blessed to find in your arms, Lord, safety, comfort, and rest. Knowing you, loving you, naming you Lord, we cluster around you, and grow by your Word, one day to remember these moments so rare, of caring and closeness, just because you are there. Love be our banner, forgiveness our theme, compassion our nature, your vision our dream; who knows what the Spirit of God yet can do, what joy can be tasted, or what promise come true? Host at our table in our house and yours, here bind us together with love that endures; like parents, like children, let this be our fame, that, blest, we bless many, to the praise of your name.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 14:1-12

SERMON: "Potluck Faith?" 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

* RECEPTIONAL HYMN 618: "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Postlude Arnold Cooke

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Mac Carpenter by Margaret Carpenter, Jo C. Webb, and Jill C. Ward.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Bo Browder
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Pichowicz
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Charlie Lane
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

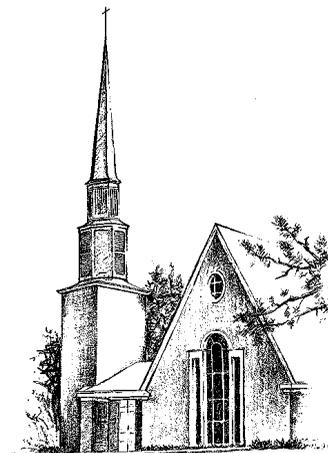
- 12:15 p.m. Diaconate, Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. HeARTw♥rks Volunteer Training, Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. Preschool Games and Activities
- 5:00 p.m. Youth and Children's Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite
- 5:45 p.m. Supper for Preschoolers, Children, and Youth
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities, SNL for Youth
- 7:00 p.m. Preschoolers Dismiss
- 7:15 p.m. Children and 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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