

The Worship of God

September 18, 2016

THE EIGHTEENTH 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

C.S. Lang

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Fugue in E^b

Johann Pachelbel

CHORAL INTROIT

Norman L. Warren

What does the Lord require for praise and offering? What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?
Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with your God!

Micah 6:8

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 288:

“O God of Vision”

LOBE DEN HERREN

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Friends, hear this good news: What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, this was the Word of Life.

People: This life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it.

Minister: We share with the world the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us.

People: We declare what we have seen and heard so that all people may rejoice together.

Minister: Truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

People: Let us share this good news so that our joy may be complete!

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION: “Thy Will, Thy Way”

R.J. Fryson

Lord, I'm learning to love thy way. For with thy way, I cannot stray. Lord, continue to discipline me.
Thy will, thy way. Nothing else matters but that thy will be done. Thy will, thy way.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We have considered you to be like fine art, something to be admired and cherished from a distance, but too precious to enjoy in daily life. We have taken a hands-off approach, fearing that our clumsy hands might break the fragile image we have created for you.

Tap us on the shoulder of our souls that we might turn and look full into your adoring eyes. Grip us with the strong hands of your Spirit that we might understand the power of your creativity. Re-shape us according to your image and breathe into us once again your life-giving Spirit.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON:

I Timothy 2:1-7

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

Howard Helvey

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills the breast; but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest. No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the memory find a sweeter sound than Jesus' name, the Savior of mankind! O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how kind thou art: how good to those who seek! But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show; the love of Jesus, what it is, none but who love him know. Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be; in thee be all our glory now, and through eternity.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 576:

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

OLIVET

* 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 Meals on Wheels which enhances the quality of life of individuals at home by providing nutritious meals, personal contact, and related services. The Acolyte brings forward a meal box and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

arr. Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

Isaac Watts

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Luke 16:1-8

SERMON:

“Shrewd Faith”

Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We confess that our faith is in God who creates and sustains life, who intends that life is to possess meaning and purpose, and who calls us to a new way of life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We profess that faith is something we do resulting from what we believe; that it must be forged in Scripture, nurtured by the Holy Spirit, enlightened through reason, guided by the tradition of the Church universal, and practiced within the local community of faith. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 534:

“When Our Confidence Is Shaken”

LAUDA ANIMA

(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

Johann Krieger

* Congregation stands.

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

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Madi Adkins
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Pichowicz
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Andersen Cobb
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

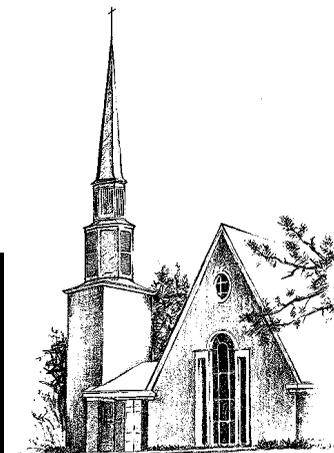
3:30 p.m. . . . Youth Committee Meeting, Conference Room
5:00 p.m. . . . Preschool Storytime, Children's Mission Activities, Youth Choir
5:45 p.m. . . . Dinner, Robbins Hall
6:15 p.m. . . . Preschool Music and Activities, Children's Choir
6:15 p.m. . . . Youth and Parent Meeting, Lecture Room
7:00 p.m. . . . Preschoolers and Children Dismiss
7:00 p.m. . . . Diaconate, Conference Room

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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