

The Worship of God

September 20, 2015

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: Toccata in F

Charles-Marie Widor

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Brother James' Air

Benjamin M. Culli

CHORAL INTROIT

Taizé

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 683: "O for a World" AZMON
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 84

Minister: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

People: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Minister: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

People: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Taizé

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, your love extends far beyond our comfortable boundaries. You are forever reaching out to include all of creation, while we would rather draw the circle small. We fall back into thinking that our way is the only way. Continually remind us that we are all in need of healing and forgiveness, that you gave your life for all sinners, and that our pride and arrogance block your flow of blessing. Help us to understand that your way is the way we all should follow. Forgive us, and grant us the grace to see you in the eyes and hearts of all people.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 12:1-18

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

arr. Austin Lovelace

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways! Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise. Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace. Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 606: "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" NETTLETON

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Now Thank We All Our God

J.S. Bach/arr. Virgil Fox

* 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 Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina which ministers to children and families in crisis. The Acolyte brings forward a house and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Lord of the Small"

Dan Forrest

Praise to the Lord of the small broken things, who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing. who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street, who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet. Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid, who girds them with courage and lends them his aid; he pours out his spirit on vessels so weak that the timid can serve and the silent can speak. Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill, who heals their afflictions or carries them till they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly, to never be sick and never to die. Praise him, O praise him, all ye who yet live, who've been given so much and can so little give, our frail, lisping praise God will never despise: he sees his dear children through mercy-filled eyes.

Johanna Anderson

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 7:36-50

SERMON: "Are You Different . . . Or Am I?"

Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God's image lies in the hearts of all people including those whose ways are different from ours, whose faiths are foreign to us, and whose tongues are unintelligible to us. We believe that God loves all people with a great love, that all religion is an attempt to respond to God, and that the yearnings of other hearts are much like our own and are known to God. We seek to recognize God in words of truth, in things of beauty, and in the actions of love about us. As we pray for one another, we pray through Christ, who is a stranger to no one land more than another, and to every land no less than to another. Amen.

Adapted from the World Council of Churches, Vancouver Assembly, 1983

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 494: "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" ST. BRENDAN'S
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Grand Choer Dialogué

Eugène Gigout

* Congregation stands.

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

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Anna Adkins
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Carson Browder
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.

SELMA

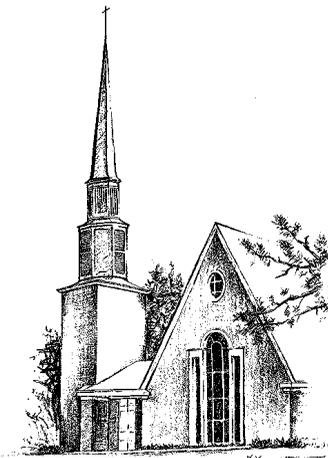
To prepare for Rev. Clark Olsen's visit with us in October, we will view the movie *Selma* next Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. in Robbins Hall. Rev. Olsen and his friends were in Selma preparing to participate in the civil rights march when they were attacked by vigilantes. One of his friends died and the course of his life and ministry was changed. Rev. Olsen will be with us October 11-12 as part of the Frederick E. Turnage Distinguished Speaker Series: Conversations on Christian Citizenship.

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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Lakeside*

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