

# *The Worship of God*

September 21, 2014

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. 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: Pièces

Henri Gagnon

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Prélude

Frédéric Chopin/arr. Franz Liszt

CHORAL INTROIT (*Hymn 659*)

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. People of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know? Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow? Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 90: “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” MADRID  
(*The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.*)

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Let us sing praise to our Creator, who dared to take on human flesh and share the burdens of ordinary life with us.

**People: Praise be to you, O God!**

Minister: Let us sing praise to our Redeemer, who endured ultimate suffering and betrayal so that hatred and evil will have no hold on us.

**People: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Minister: Let us sing praise to our Sustainer, who appeared to the disciples that first Easter morn showing that God’s love is victorious even over death.

**People: Praise be to you, O Spirit!**

Minister: Praise to the living God, who was, and is, and shall be forever more.

**People: Alleluia! Amen!** *Katherine Hawker, adapted*

\* 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.

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We bring to you our folly and evil ways, and rest the troublesome load of frustration, disappointment, regret, and guilt in your hands. Wash the grime and infection from our wounds, and anoint us with the salve of forgiveness. Take us gently by the chin and lift up our faces so we can look into the face of Christ without shame or fear. Help us recover our true humanity and face all coming challenges with strength and hope.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Mark 4:21-25

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” Kentucky Harmony, 1817/arr. John Ferguson

The Lord’s my shepherd; I’ll not want. He makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by. My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, e’en for his own name’s sake. Yea, though I walk in death dark vale, yet will I fear no ill; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still. My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows. Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me, and in God’s house forevermore my dwelling place shall be!

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 566: “Be Still, My Soul” FINLANDIA

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Basse de Trompette

Louis Clérambault

\* 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 My Sister's House which offers support and services for victims of domestic violence. The Acolyte brings forward the “No More” logo and places it on the altar.*

## PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: “Children of the Heavenly Father” arr. Jeremy S. Bakken

Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e’er was given. God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them. Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth. Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne’er forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

Carson Browder, Soloist

THE PSALTER LESSON:

Psalms 55:1-2, 5-14, 16-22

SERMON:

“O That I Had Wings”

Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We confess that to be a child of God is to live with awareness of God’s presence, to act with understanding of God’s will, and to love with assurance of God’s blessing.**

**We also confess that to be a child of God is to experience the fear of abandonment, to know the anxiety of doubt, and to feel the sting of rejection and guilt.**

**We rejoice that as children of God our fears are soothed, our anxiety is diminished, and our wounds are healed through the grace of Jesus the Christ. Thanks be to God!**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN: "O Christ, the Healer" HAMBURG  
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored, when reached by love that never ends?  
From every ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed;  
yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.  
How strong, O Lord, are our desires, how weak our knowledge of ourselves!  
Release in us those healing truths unconscious pride resists or shelves.  
In conflicts that destroy our health, we diagnose the world's disease;  
our common life declares our ills: is there no cure, O Christ, for these?  
Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find  
the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.

\* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

\* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on *Lasst uns erfreuen* Charles Callahan

\* 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.  
Rosebuds are placed on the altar in celebration of the births of:  
Elizabeth Gray Strickland, daughter of Lindsay and Steven, on September 15;  
Kathryn Grace Tillman, daughter of Greyson and Michael, on September 15.*

**THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Madi Adkins <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Gansor <i>Organist</i>	Jackson Browder <i>Crucifer</i>

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*Children's worship aids are available in the narthex.  
Childcare is available in the Preschool Building.*

**TODAY AT LAKESIDE**

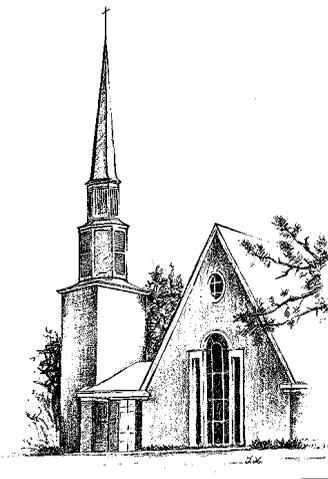
5:00 p.m. . . . . Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities  
5:00 p.m. . . . . Youth Choir and Handbells  
6:00 p.m. . . . . Covered Dish Fellowship Picnic, Lawn  
6:15 p.m. . . . . Children's Choir  
6:30 p.m. . . . . Pilgrimage Presentation, Lecture Room  
7:00 p.m. . . . . Children Dismissed  
7:30 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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