

# The Worship of God

September 22, 2013

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. 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: Magnificat

Nicholas Lebègue

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Récit for the Nazard

Gaspard Corrette

CHORAL INTROIT

Taizé

The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.  
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 276: "We Gather Together" KREMSER  
*(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Because we so often take our world and all that is in it for granted,

**People: We need you, O God.**

Minister: Because you have endowed us with creativity and ingenuity to master our world,

**People: We need you, O God.**

Minister: Because we often mar what is good and distort what is true,

**People: We need you, O God.**

Minister: Because ultimately we cannot provide the meaning and value essential to life,

**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 through the desert of our frustration and restore to us the joy of your salvation.**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

William Byrd

*Non nobis, Domine*

Not unto us, O Lord,

*non nobis,*

not to us,

*sed nomini tu o da gloriam,*

but unto thy name be the glory.

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned: We have failed to love you with all our heart and to be good stewards of your creation; we have failed to take up the cross of discipleship and to be good stewards of your gospel; we have failed to be faithful members of your church and to be good stewards of your spiritual gifts; we have failed to remember that all good gifts come from you and to be good stewards of our money. Have mercy upon us and grant us your grace through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON:

I Timothy 2:1-7

ANTHEM: "Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake"

Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives. To decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 602: "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" MARYTON  
*Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.*

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Basse de Trompette

Francois Couperin

\* 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 our Property Committee which oversees the care and upkeep of our facilities. The Acolyte brings forward a screwdriver and a paintbrush and places them on the altar.*

## PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "O Praise the Mighty Lord" from *Joshua*

G.F. Handel/arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

O praise the mighty Lord, our God, sing a joyful song. He reigns in majesty, forevermore. O praise the mighty Lord with joyful song. Hallelujah.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 16:1-13

SERMON: "Strange Wisdom"

Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**As people of faith, we embrace fully the promise of God, not as a mere pledge to be fulfilled, but as a distinct change from the past for the present. God's promise to us is light, not darkness; order, not chaos; peace, not war; righteousness, not sin; salvation, not estrangement; hope, not despair.**

**As people of faith, we enter joyfully into covenant with God, that his promise might be realized in us. Therefore, we are now united with God, and our covenant is bound by Jesus the Christ, whose example we emulate and whose path we follow. Amen.**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* RECEPTIONAL HYMN 683: "O For a World" AZMON  
*(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

J. S. Bach

\* Congregation stands.

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

*The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in celebration  
of the marriage of Travis and Witten Duffy Ward who were wed yesterday at Lakeside.*

**THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

Jody C. Wright  
*Senior Minister*  
Carson Browder  
*Acolyte*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*  
Mark Gansor  
*Organist*

Amy Shortt  
*Minister of Music*  
Mary Frances Raper  
*Crucifer*

*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.*

**CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE**

There will be a called church conference following worship today for the purpose of voting on the proposed changes to our Bylaws. These changes have to do with the procedure for electing Deacons. In brief, instead of electing five Deacons from a slate of ten nominees, the congregation would vote to approve a slate of five nominees who have been nominated by the congregation and the Deacon Nominating Committee.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Children in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with 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.

**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**

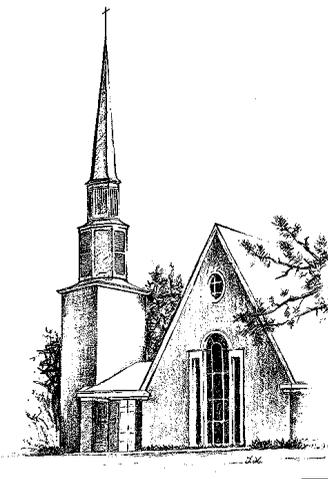
- 12:00 p.m. . . . . Called Church Conference
- 12:15 p.m. . . . . Children's Committee Meeting, Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. . . . . Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities
- 5:00 p.m. . . . . Youth Choir and Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. . . . . Covered Dish Fellowship Dinner, Kincheloe Hall
- 6:15 p.m. . . . . Children's Choir

**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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