

# The Worship of God

September 23, 2018

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: "The Peace May Be Exchanged" from *Rubrics* Dan Locklair

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: "Silence May Be Kept" from *Rubrics* Dan Locklair

CHORAL INTROIT Daniel Iverson

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 6: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" MIT FREUDEN ZART  
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Come in. Come into this place which we make special by our presence.

**People: Come into this place made sacred by the presence of God.**

Minister: Come into this place, where the ordinary is sanctified, the divine is experienced, the human is celebrated, and the compassionate is expected.

**People: Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of this holy moment and rejoice in the privilege of communing with one another and God.**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Samuel S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. Amen.

Psalm 5:8

## REFLECTION AND MEDITATION

THE CALL TO LAKESIDE Vel Johnson, Chair, Search Committee

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 1:1-22

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 276: "We Gather Together" KREMSEK  
*Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.*

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Prelude on *St. Columba* Healey Willan

\* 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!**

*We give thanks for the NC Baptist Men's Disaster Relief Ministry which provides food, laundry services, and volunteer help when natural disasters occur. The Acolyte places the logo of this ministry on the altar.*

## PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "O God Beyond All Praising" arr. Richard Proulx

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord. The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die, its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high; but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown: for Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free, and we through him are given the final victory. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our King; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION Theo Pitt, Chair, Diaconate

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 15:8-10

SERMON: "Happy To Be Found" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that we are created by God, gifted with dignity, endowed with purpose, and blessed with skills, talents, and opportunities for a full and complete life.**

**We believe that God loves and watches over us as our Divine Parent, that Jesus came to offer us abundant life now and forever, and that the Spirit remains with us as Guardian and Guide.**

**We believe that we honor God best in the sanctuary of our hearts, and bear witness to God's love through our prayers brought to life.**

PRESENTATION Sam Johnson, Chair, Board of Finance

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 108: "Lift High the Cross" CRUCIFER  
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

\* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

\* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Chorale Prelude on *If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee* 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 MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

Jody C. Wright  
*Senior Minister*  
Anna Adkins  
*Acolyte*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*  
Eddie Abernathy  
*Guest Organist*

Amy Shortt  
*Minister of Music*  
Madi Adkins  
*Crucifer*

Lakeside website: [lakesidechurchrmt.org](http://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.  
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**WE WELCOME OUR GUEST ORGANIST**

Eddie Abernathy is a native of Morganton, NC and studied music education and organ playing at Lenoir Rhyne University in Hickory NC, and the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati. He served as the full-time music associate at White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, as a choir member and assistant organist at Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill, and as the Choirmaster/Organist at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Durham. Most recently, Eddie served as the interim organist at Edenton Street United Methodist Church in Raleigh. A full-time sales representative at Red Hat, he and his partner Chad live in downtown Raleigh with their Weimaraner, Clark.

**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.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Children in Kindergarten–Grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Jessica Evans this morning. They will leave worship during the second hymn and may be picked up following worship in the Youth Building.

**TODAY AT LAKESIDE**

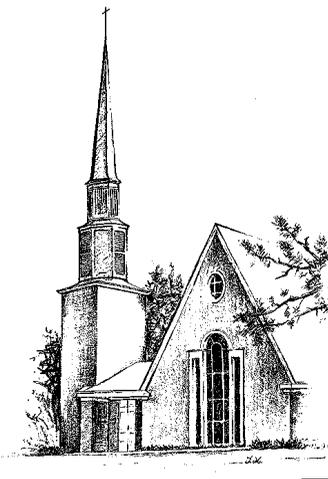
- 12:15 p.m. . . . . Church Wide Covered-Dish Luncheon, Robbins Hall
- 1:30 p.m. . . . . Diaconate, Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. . . . . Cherub Choir, Preschool Building
- 5:00 p.m. . . . . Alleluia Choir, Children's Choir Room
- 5:45 p.m. . . . . Supper for Youth and Children
- 6:15 p.m. . . . . Children's Activities, Lakeside Youth Fellowship
- 7:15 p.m. . . . . Preschoolers and Children Dismiss
- 7:15 p.m. . . . . Lakeside Youth Fellowship at Dunkin Donuts

**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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