

The Worship of God

September 24, 2017

THE SIXTEENTH 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: Nimrod from *Enigma Variations*

Sir Edward Elgar

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Cavatina

Charles Darnton

CHORAL INTROIT

African American Spiritual/arr. Roland M. Carter

No harm have I done you on my knees. When you see me on my knees, dear Lord, come here, Jesus, if you please. Amen.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 25: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

LOBE DEN HERREN

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: God of hope and healing, breathe the power of your love into our wounded and weary souls.

People: Unlock the doors of our hearts and let us drink from the bottomless well of your embracing Spirit.

Minister: Touch us. Fill us. Renew us, God, and lead us in the ways of your justice and your peace.

People: For now is the time of our faithfulness.

Schuyler Rhodes, adapted

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Franz Schubert

Holy, holy, holy! Holy is the Lord. Holy is the Father; Holy is the Son; Holy is the Spirit, blessed Three in One.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, our deep pessimism and our shallow optimism; our impatience born of perpetual despair and our refusal to be inspired; our loss of belief and our lack of honesty about our unbelief; our demand that life be easy and our resentment when it is not. Grant to us a broader vision wherein your grace meets all of our needs and our faith becomes the pulse of life.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 20:1-16

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Come, Ye Disconsolate"

Terre Johnson

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish; come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel; here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish; Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal. Joy of the desolate, Light of the straying, Hope when all others die, fadeless and pure! Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying, "Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure." Here see the Bread of Life; see waters flowing forth from the throne of God, pure from above. Come to the feast of love; come, ever knowing earth has no sorrow but heav'n can remove.

Thomas Moore, 1816

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 540:

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

ST. MARGARET

Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* 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 CareNet Counseling which offers confidential, faith-based individual, couple, family, and group counseling to the people in our church and community. The Acolyte brings forward the CareNet logo and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"

arr. Zebulon M. Highben

"Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty; drink the water I will give. If you knew what gift I offer, you would come to me and live." *Jesus, everflowing fountain, give us water from your well. In the gracious gift you offer, there is joy no tongue can tell.* "Come to me all trav'lers weary; come that I may give you rest. Drink the cup of life I offer; at this table be my guest." "Come to me, believers burdened; find refreshment in this place. Come, receive the gift I offer, turn to me and seek my face." "Come to me, repentant sinners; leave behind your guilt and shame. Come and know divine compassion, turn to me, I call your name." "Come to me, distressed and needy; I would be your trusted friend. Come and seek the gift I offer, come, your open hands extend." Jesus! Jesus! Give us water from your well. In the gracious gift you offer, there is joy no tongue can tell. "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned; lonely ways no longer roam. Come and take the gift I offer; let me make in you my home."

Anna Jane Murray, violinist

Delores Dufner

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 16:2-15

SERMON:

"Harvesting Hope"

Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,
confessing our frailty, admitting our sin, amazed by God's grace.
As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,
opening eyes and ears, unclenching hands and hearts, sharing the wonders of God's world.
As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,
asking difficult questions, admitting our doubts, reaching for hope.
As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,
seeking closeness with God, fearful of intimacy, astonished by God's love.
As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,
and risk the wonder of falling into the loving and steadfast arms of God.**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 464: “God of Grace and God of Glory” CWM RHONDDA
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Rondeau from *Abdelazar* Henry Purcell
- * Congregation stands.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. Gaylord L. Lehman (1932-2013) on the occasion of his 85th birthday by the Lucas, Lehman, and Emack families.

The flowers in the Narthex are giving to the glory of God and in memory of Dudley Whitley by his family.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Will Robillard <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Pichowicz <i>Organist</i>	Carson Browder <i>Crucifer</i>

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.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

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

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.

TODAY AT LAKESIDE

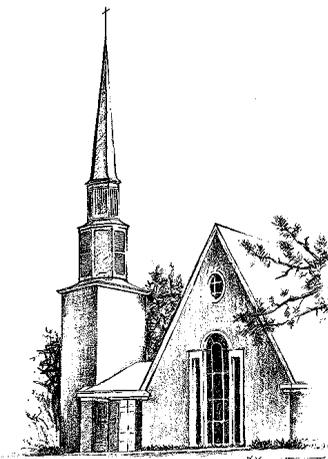
- 5:00 p.m. Preschool Games and Activities
- 5:00 p.m. Youth and Children’s Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite
- 6:00 p.m. Covered Dish Fellowship Supper, Robbins Hall
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children’s Missions Activities

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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