

# The Worship of God

September 28, 2014

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. 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: Préludes Liturgiques

Gaston Litaize

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Antiphon

Marcel Dupré

CHORAL INTROIT

John Darwall

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore; rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 16: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"  
*(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)*

NETTLETON

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: The joyful spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you!**

Minister: Friends, let us be reminded today that it is not we who chose Christ,

**People: But Christ who chose us,**

Minister: That we are not here because of our goodness,

**People: But because of Christ's grace,**

Minister: That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

**People: But to allow Christ to enlighten us,**

Minister: That we have not come to be entertained,

**People: But to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Camille Saint-Saëns

Praise ye the Lord of hosts, sing his salvation; bless his name, show forth his praise in his holy house!

Rejoice, ye heav'ns, and be joyful on earth. Rejoice in the face of the Lord, for he cometh. Alleluia.

*(Ushers will seat those waiting.)*

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, to whom our hearts are open, hear us as we honestly confess our sin. With our tongues we have spoken words we would like to recall. In our hearts we have despised those who did us wrong. Our minds have been the breeding ground of irritations and grievances that have robbed us of the joy of living.**

**You have given us life but we have not truly lived. You have called us to sing but the song has been muted by worries and cares. Cleanse us of our wrongdoing. Bless us with the gift of a fresh start and a new resolve, to the end that our flawed lives may declare your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: "None Other Lamb"

Craig Courtney

None other Lamb, none other Name, none other Hope in heav'n or earth or sea, none other hiding place from guilt and shame, none beside thee. My faith burns low, my hope burns low; only my heart's desire cries out in me, by the deep thunder of its want and woe cries out to thee. Lord, thou art life, tho' I be dead; Love's fire thou art, however cold I be: nor heav'n have I, nor place to lay my head, nor home, but thee. None other Lamb.

Christina G. Rossetti

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 601: "I Am Thine, O Lord" I AM THINE  
*Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.*

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Let the Merry Organ Sound

Colin Mawby

\* 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 United Community Ministries which provides a "nurturing and supportive environment for homeless, and nearly homeless, families and individuals as they move toward wholeness." The Acolyte brings forward a candle holder depicting the community united in prayer and support.*

## PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Amazing Grace"

arr. John Rutter

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed! Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 21:23-32

SERMON: "Feeling Trapped?" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in the Creator, compassionate and wise, who shapes the world and all that is in it, who gives life and cradles it lovingly. We believe in the Redeemer, righteous and just, who liberates his people from tyranny and sin, who demands repentance and offers forgiveness. We believe in the Sustainer, comforting and near, who transforms the lives of all people, who nurtures faith and evokes commitment. We believe in God—Father, Son, and Spirit—who establishes a new community in our midst, and invites us to live freely and abundantly in his grace.**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 337: "Jesus Call Us O'er the Tumult" GALILEE  
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

\* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

\* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Bells in Seven Andrew Fletcher

\* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mark Briggs Strickland (September 29, 1975 - May 12, 1996) by his parents, Rita and Hank Strickland.*

**THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Eliza Craig Parker <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Gansor <i>Organist</i>	Andersen Cobb <i>Crucifer</i>

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.*

**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 through grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Leslie and Matt Paszek 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.

**MEETING OUR MINISTRIES**

Chris Battle, Director of United Community Ministries, is our guest today. He will be in the narthex following worship to answer your questions about UCM. Please welcome Chris to Lakeside and find out more about this important ministry and its work.

**TODAY AT LAKESIDE**

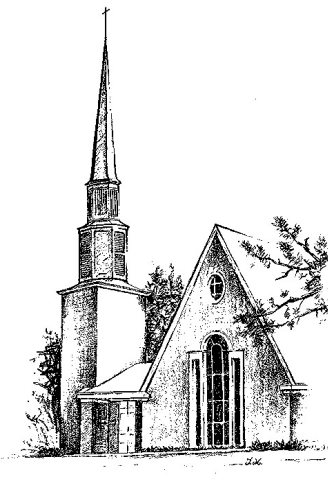
5:00 p.m. . . . . Nominating Committee, Conference Room  
5:00 p.m. . . . . Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities  
5:00 p.m. . . . . Youth Choir and Handbells  
5:45 p.m. . . . . Dinner for Preschoolers and Children  
6:00 p.m. . . . . Dinner for Youth  
6:15 p.m. . . . . Preschool Music and Activities, Children's Choir  
6:30 p.m. . . . . SNL

**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 worshiping 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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