

The Worship of God

September 29, 2013

THE NINETEENTH 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: Little Prelude and Fugue in a

J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Psalm XVIII

Benedetto Marcello

CHORAL INTROIT

Shaker Tune arr. Kevin Siegfried

Love is little, love is low, love will make my spirit grow. Grow in peace, grow in light, love will do the thing that's right. Love is little, love is low, love will make our spirit grow. Grow in peace, grow in light, love will do the thing that's right.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 699: "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!" DARWALL'S 148TH
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We worship God as One who comes to us.

People: He comes to us in gentle nudges and quiet inclinations.

Minister: He comes to us through prayer and scripture, through hymns and spoken word.

People: He comes to us in the reverence of worship and in the friendship of fellow believers.

Minister: We come now to God, to offer our praise, to deepen our faith, and to dedicate our lives.

People: Receive our worship, O God, as you have received us, through Jesus the Christ.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION (*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. How shall our life fulfill God's law so hard and high? Let Christ endue our will with grace to fortify. Then justly, in mercy, we'll humbly walk with God.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We gather today as a community dedicated to the gift of ministry you have given us. We claim the power of your love and forgiveness, and want to move forward in the work of redeeming all of life. But even as our hearts stir, we feel the tugging strings of fear and doubt. As we plan and organize, we sense the disdain of a world that will not welcome our work. As we act to make life better for some people, we are repulsed by the life others have chosen to live. Banish our fears and insecurities. Remove our selfish needs and wants. Open our hearts to the love and support we have in one another, and teach us the creative beauty of your self-giving love; through Jesus Christ.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

ANTHEM: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

arr. John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon, and stars of light, Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise. For each perfect gift of love to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 538: "Hope of the World" VICAR

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Berceuse

Louis Vierne

* 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 Teen Court which helps first time juvenile offenders learn to accept responsibility for their actions by completing various sanctions imposed by a jury of their peers. The Acolyte brings forward a gavel and places it on the altar.

PROCLAMATION

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 GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 16:19-31

SERMON: "What Will It Take?" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We confess that our faith is in God who creates and sustains life, who intends that life is to possess meaning and purpose, and who calls us to a new way of life through Jesus Christ.

We profess that faith is something we do resulting from what we believe; that it must be forged in Scripture, nurtured by the Holy Spirit, enlightened through reason, guided by the tradition of the Church universal, and practiced within the local community of faith. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 651: "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" HOLY MANNA
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Improvisation on *Miles Lane* Maurice Whitney

* 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
Senior Minister
Connor Evans
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Gansor
Organist
Clyde Patterson
Guest Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Jackson Browder
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.*

The paraments on the altar and pulpit, along with the ministers' stoles provide us with visual cues about the meaning of our faith. The color of the season is green, a reminder of the life of the church and the growth of each believer. The triangle and trefoil are symbols of the Trinity, reminding us that God is revealed to us as Father, Son, and Spirit. In the center is the cross, the key symbol of the Christian faith, summarizing the life and ministry, death and resurrection, incarnation and coming in glory of Jesus the Christ. The Acolyte brings light to the altar as a reminder of Christ, the Light of life, and leads us out of the sanctuary as a reminder that we are to take this light to the world. In the same way, we begin and end our worship following the cross as a symbol of God's self-giving love for us all.

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

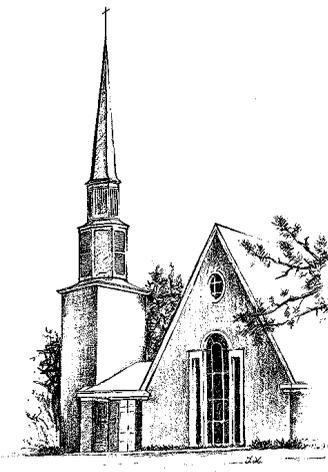
- 12:15 p.m. Christian Education Committee, Conference Room
- 5:00 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir and Handbells
- 5:45 p.m. Dinner for Preschoolers and Children
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner for Youth
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Music and Activities, Children's Choir
- 6:30 p.m. SNL
- 7:00 p.m. Preschoolers and Children Dismiss
- 7:30 p.m. Youth Dismiss

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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