

The Worship of God

September 30, 2012

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. 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: Two Preludes on American Hymn Tunes Gilbert Martin

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Chant de Paix Jean Langlais

CHORAL INTROIT George F. Root

O Jesus, sweet Jesus, we sing now to thee. We praise thee and thank thee for all that we see.

Jesus, make us happy and free.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 272: "The Church's One Foundation" AURELIA
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Friends in Christ, we are gathered to give thanks for all we have received from God's good hands:

People: To praise God's holy name; to acknowledge and confess our sins;

Minister: To hear God's holy word;

People: And to ask those things needful for life.

Minister: Let us draw near to God in humility and celebrate God's infinite goodness and mercy.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Camille Saint-Saens

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

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We have been less than our best in thought, word, and deed. We have said things that we should not have said. We have been silent when we should have offered words of praise or words of correction.

We now acknowledge all the goodness of life that we have received without giving thanks, all the beauty around us that we have overlooked, and all of the love offered by others that we have accepted without thought.

O God, come with forgiveness to our cluttered and confused lives and grant us your pardon and your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: James 5:13-20

ANTHEM: "Beautiful Savior" Chester L. Alwes

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of Creation, Son of God and Son of man. Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the flow'rs of blooming spring. Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, he makes the sorrowing spirit sing. Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations! Son of God and Son of man. Glory and honor, praise adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 241: "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" MERCY
Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Fanfares Jean Joseph Mouret

* 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!**

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "O Thou the Central Orb" Charles Wood

O thou, the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most High, eternal Light of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine. Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move, as stars about thy throne, set in the height Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove. Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with thee, transforming clay to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9:38-50

SERMON: "Maimed . . . for Life" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in the love of God out of which we are created, by which we live, and through which we are granted the gift of life eternal; thus, our only and proper response is complete devotion, demonstrated through the gifts of personality God has given each of us:

We love God with our hearts, bound to the Father in unflinching loyalty and commitment, and opening ourselves to the full range of his emotions;

We love God with our minds, eager to know the fullness of God's reality, unafraid to confront difficult and troubling questions, and believing that the Truth shall set us free;

We love God with our strength, offering the talents, resources, and abilities bequeathed to us in the service of love, thereby becoming the "hands of God."

We love God with our souls, rejoicing in the uniqueness he has created in us, honest about who we are, anticipating who we are yet to become.

We love God by loving one another, celebrating our kinship as children of the Father, and caring for one another's needs.

By our faith, by our attitudes, and through our actions we fulfill the great imperative of our Lord: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength, and your neighbor as yourself."

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- * RECESSIONAL HYMN 431: “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” AR HYD Y NOS
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)
- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: Praeludium in d Johann Pachelbel
- * 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>
Spencer Edwards <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Gansor <i>Organist</i>	Charlie Lane <i>Crucifer</i>

*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 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

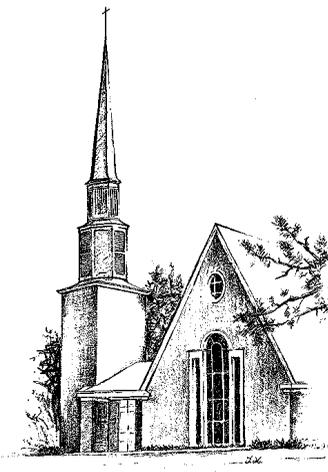
Wireless hearing aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship.

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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