

# The Worship of God

September 30, 2018

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 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: Prelude on *Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Andante from *Sonata in A, op. 1, #14*

G. F. Handel

CHORAL INTROIT

Taizé

The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 464: "God of Grace and God of Glory"  
*(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)*

CWM RHONDDA

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Berry

Deacon: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord. The earth is full of the glory of God.

**People: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come.**

Deacon: Come to Christ the living stone, the rock on which God builds the church.

**People: Once we were no people, but now we are God's people.**

Deacon: Once we knew no mercy, but now we know God's mercy.

**People: Once we were dead in our sin, but now we have been washed in Christ.**

Deacon: The Spirit of God has been poured out on us.

**People: The breath of God invigorates our lives.**

Deacon: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**People: We present our bodies as a living sacrifice and our hearts and minds for God's renewing.**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

Rowland H. Prichard

Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore him; praise him, angels, in the height; sun and moon, rejoice before him, praise him, all ye stars and light. Praise the Lord! for he hath spoken; worlds his mighty voice obeyed; law which never shall be broken for their guidance hath he made.

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, Triune God, for we have sinned. We have sinned against you, O Father, by exploiting your creation and not taking proper care of our world. We have sinned against you, O Christ, by forgetting that we are sisters and brothers to one another and united by your love. We have sinned against you, O Spirit, by failing to recognize our calling to proclaim your grace in word and action. Forgive us, we pray, and renew us to life that is full and complete.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Mark 9:38-50

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM: "O Love"

Elaine Hagenberg

O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be. O Joy that seeks me through the pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be. O love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, and in thy ocean depths its flow shall richer, fuller be.

*George Matheson*

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 578: "I Need Thee Every Hour" NEED

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Vivace from *Sonata in A, op. 1 #3*

G. F. Handel

\* 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 our Senior Adult Ministry which offers a range of activities for our older adults. The Acolyte brings forward a candle, symbolic of life and wisdom, and places it on the altar.*

## PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Prayer for Today"

Margaret Tucker/arr. Michael Kemp

God in heaven, I make my prayer for all the people everywhere who live in fear or pain or doubt; whose homes are gone, and hopes run out. God in heaven, I make my prayer for all the children everywhere who live in terrible, warring places; who live with hunger and strange, sad faces. God in heaven, I make my prayer for all good people everywhere who live in comfort, love, and peace and pray sincerely for strife to cease; but who do not always hear the call of those who live with nothing at all. God in heaven, hear my prayer! Help all people everywhere to come closer together in plenty and need, and to make our world your home, indeed.

*Mary M. Coulson*

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

SERMON: "When Memory Becomes Grace"

Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Spirit, who calls us to abandon our pride, and to embrace people in every condition.**

**We believe that when we see persons who are hungry, we must feed them. Those who are thirsty, we must give to drink. The homeless we must house. The naked we must clothe. The sick, the imprisoned, the stranger – whatever the need we must address it.**

**We believe that whatever we do for one of God's children, we are doing for God. If we should turn our backs, or harden our hearts, to the cries of any of God's children, we have then rejected the very God who has redeemed us. But if we minister in his name, we shall receive eternal life, prepared for those who honor God with their deeds, as well as their words.**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 463: "Renew Your Church" ALL IS WELL  
*(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*

\* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

\* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Allegro Maestoso from *Water Music*

G. F. Handel

\* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of Mac Carpenter by Margaret Carpenter, Jo C. Webb, and Jill C. Ward.*

**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>	Phil Valera <i>Guest Organist</i>	Sara Raper <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.  
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**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**

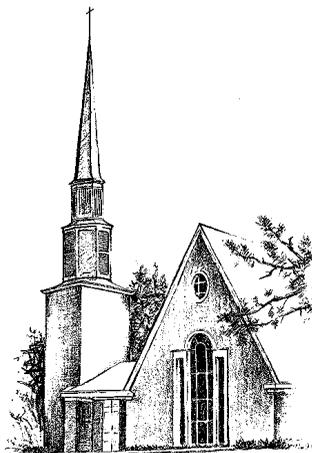
12:15 p.m. . . . . Heartworks Orientation, Children's Classroom  
5:00 p.m. . . . . Cherub Choir, Preschool Building  
5:00 p.m. . . . . Alleluia Choir, Children's Choir Room  
5:45 p.m. . . . . Supper for Youth and Children  
6:15 p.m. . . . . Children's Activities, Lakeside Youth Fellowship  
7:15 p.m. . . . . Preschoolers and Children, and 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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