

The Worship of God

October 8, 2017

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 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: Come Sweetest Death, Come, Blessed Rest J.S. Bach/arr. Virgil Fox

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Prayer Alexander Guilmant

CHORAL INTROIT George Whelpton

Hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 67: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" ST. ANNE
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 19 Jerry Carter

Minister: The heavens are telling the glory of God, all creation speaks volumes of God's handiwork.

People: Each sunrise proclaims God's faithfulness and the night reveals the Creator's awe.

Minister: Without a word being spoken, all creation bears witness to the goodness of the Lord.

People: So, too, may we join in witness with all creation. May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be God's signature in the world.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Confitemini Domino

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We come together bringing with us handfuls of fear and superstition. We are afraid of the world around us and of the person inside us. We do not recognize your image within us. Strip away our masks and remove the props that we construct to fool our friends, our families, ourselves, and you. Leave us not broken but whole, not anxious but calm. Allow us a glimpse of who we are and, by your grace, of who we may become; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 3:4b-14

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "O, My God, Bestow Thy Tender Mercy" from *Stabat Mater* G.B. Pergolesi/arr. Hopson
O, my God, bestow thy tender mercy. Blot out my transgressions; cleanse my sin. O God, bestow thy tender love. Hear me, restore me, forgive me, uphold me; from all my sins, O hide thy face. O, my God, bestow thy tender mercy; cleanse my sin. Restore the joy; restore me, forgive me, uphold me, O God, hear me. O, my God, bestow thy tender mercy; cleanse my sin. Restore me, forgive me, uphold me, O God, hear me. I cry to thee. Hear thou my prayer. Cast me not away. Take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Open thou my lips, my mouth shall show forth thy praise. *Psalm 51*

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 546: "Amazing Grace!" NEW BRITAIN

* 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 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: "Lord of the Small" Dan Forrest

Praise to the Lord of the small broken things, who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing, who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street, who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet. Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid, who girds them with courage and lends them his aid; he pours out his spirit on vessels so weak that the timid can serve and the silent can speak. Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill, who heals their afflictions or carries them till they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly, to never be sick and never to die. Praise him, O praise him, all ye who yet live, who've been given so much and can so little give, our frail, lisping praise God will never despise: he sees his dear children through mercy-filled eyes. Johanna Anderson

THE PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 80

SERMON: "Hear Us, O God" Rev. Edwards

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High; God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God will help her when the morning dawns.

Be still and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth! The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 534: "When Our Confidence Is Shaken" LAUDA ANIMA
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

- * THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- * ORGAN POSTLUDE: In Paradisum (May the Choir of Angels lead you into paradise) Gregorian Chant
- * Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Martha Bulluck by Don Bulluck.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

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| Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i> | Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i> | Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i> |
| Catherine Cobb <i>Acolyte</i> | Mark Pichowicz <i>Organist</i> | Reynolds Cobb <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 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

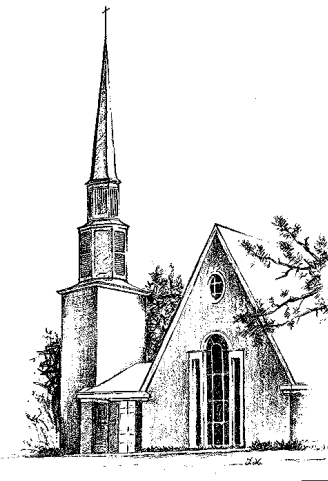
- 5:00 p.m. Preschool Games and Activities
- 5:00 p.m. Youth and Children's Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite
- 5:45 p.m. Supper for Preschoolers and Children
- 6:15 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities, SNL for Youth
- 7:00 p.m. Preschoolers Dismiss
- 7:15 p.m. Children Dismiss
- 7:15 p.m. Lakeside Youth Fellowship, Dunkin Donuts

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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