

The Worship of God

October 11, 2015

THE TWENTIETH 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: The King of Love My Shepherd Is arr. Albin C. Whitworth

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: I Need Thee Every Hour arr. Susan White
Lead Me to Calvary (based on Bach's Prelude in C) arr. Amy Shortt

CHORAL INTROIT Dutch Melody (16th century); arr. Edward Kremser, 1877

We gather together to ask for God's blessing; to turn to a wisdom surpassing our own; the pow'rs that oppress us now cease to distress us. O God, be present with us, and make your will known.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 284: "Gather Us In" GATHER US IN
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 86:11-17

Minister: Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;

People: Give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

Minister: For great is your steadfast love towards me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of despair.

People: O God, evil people rise up against me; enemies seek my life, and they take no thought of you.

Minister: But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

People: Turn to me and be gracious to me; give me your strength.

Minister: Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,

People: Because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me. Praise be to you forever!

* 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. People of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know? Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow? 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.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We have invested in lifestyles rather than character, and have traded favors instead of seeking justice. We have found it easy to live with half-truths and inconvenient to stand for your truth. We are eager to be liked and desperate to be successful. Remind us that there is no true success apart from our own integrity and that our ultimate audience consists not of the people around us but of your Spirit who surrounds us. Recall us to a sincerity of heart, mind and body, and grant us your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Proverbs 3:13

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "At the River" adapted Aaron Copland/arr. R. Wilding-White

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angel's feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God. Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river, gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease, soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 628: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" PRECIOUS LORD
Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Prelude in a Classic Style Gordon Young

* 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 The Baptist Center for Ethics which challenges people of faith to advance the common good. The Acolyte brings forward a figurine holding up the world and places it on the altar. This image, common in Ghana, is a reminder that we hold the world gently in our hands, like an egg.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Total Praise" Richard Smallwood/arr. Doreen Rao

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills knowing my help is coming from you. Your peace you give me in time of the storm. You are the source of my strength, you are the strength of my life. I lift my hands in total praise to you.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 18:7

SERMON: "In Selma 1965: A Tipping Point in History" Rev. Clark Olsen

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, Creator and Redeemer, who has not divided us into rich and poor, owners and slaves, nor pitted us against one another because of race, color, religion, class, gender, or sexuality. We believe in Jesus Christ who suffered because of human sinfulness but has overthrown the rule of evil and injustice. We believe in the Spirit of God whose flame comforts us with divine presence and causes our hearts to burn for righteousness and justice. We believe in the reconciling power of God which can bring peace and hope, justice and equality, relief of suffering, and the final triumph of love and grace in our lives and for the whole world. Amen.
Bread for the World, adapted

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 464: "God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM RHONDDA
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee arr. Amy Shortt

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in honor of Rev. Clark Olsen by Cassandra and Jerry Baker.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Reynolds Cobb
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Foster McAdams
Crucifer

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*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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children in kindergarten through grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Greyson Tillman 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.

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.

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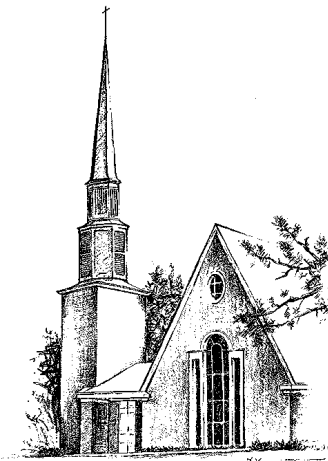
Wireless hearing aids are available in the Prayer Room off the narthex. Please ask an usher to assist you with a set. You may return the hearing aid to the Prayer Room following worship.

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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