

The Worship of God

November 13, 2016

THE TWENTY-SIXTH 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: Chant de Paix (Song of Peace)

Jean Langlais

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Trio No.1

Joseph Rheinberger

CHORAL INTROIT

Joachim Neander

Gracious God, I come before thee, come thou also unto me; where we find thee and adore thee, there a heaven on earth must be. To my heart O enter thou, let it be thy temple now.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 491: "As Grain on Scattered Hillsides"

MERLE'S TUNE

(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Inflaming Fire, Source of our courage,

People: Holy Spirit, we worship you.

Minister: Inflowing Mercy, Source of our healing,

People: Holy Spirit, we worship you.

Minister: Inflooding Joy, Source of our outgoing love,

People: Holy Spirit, we worship you.

Minister: Holy Friend, we approach you with the humility of the blessed. Enlighten our minds to perceive you, enlarge our capacity to receive you, and bring us together by that Holiness which makes everything fresh again.

People: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION

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.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You, O Lord, have created us for goodness and to live in peace with one another and with you. Yet we have ignored your teachings and substituted our own self-serving goals. As a result we have inherited and perpetuated a world torn by violence, oppression, and strife. And, at the heart, we are estranged from our Creator and from the true selves you intended us to be. Wash us, we pray, with the healing of your grace. Renew us by the power of your Spirit and guide our feet in the way of peace.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 65:17-25

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "And I Saw a New Heaven"

Edgar L. Bainton

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. Revelation 21:1-4

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 453: "Called As Partners in Christ's Service"

BEECHER

Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.

* 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 the Lakeside Family and our commitment to God's ministry. The Acolyte places on the altar a pictorial directory, a list of committees, our Ministry Plan, and an offering envelope.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Gentle Words"

Shaker Tune/arr. Kevin Siegfried

What the dew is to the flower, gentle words are to the soul, and a blessing to the giver, and so dear to the receiver, we should never withhold. Gentle words kindly spoken often soothe the troubled mind, while links of love are broken by words that are unkind. Then O, thou gentle spirit, my constant guardian be, "Do to others," be my motto, "as I'd have them do to me."

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS: I Timothy 2:1-6; Acts 4:32-37

SERMON: "What Now?"

Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,
confessing our frailty, admitting our sin, amazed by God's grace.
As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,
opening eyes and ears, unclenching hands and hearts, sharing the wonders of God's world.
As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,
asking difficult questions, admitting our doubts, reaching for hope.
As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,
seeking closeness with God, fearful of intimacy, astonished by God's love.
As people of faith, we lean into the heart of the Holy,
and risk the wonder of falling into the loving and steadfast arms of God.**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 494: "They'll Know We Are Christians"

ST. BRENDAN'S

(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Trumpet Voluntary

John Stanley

* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Buck Overton
by Ann Winstead, Libba Robbins, Sue Daughety and their families.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Daniel Edwards
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Mark Pichowicz
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Sara Raper
Crucifer

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 CHURCH

Children in Kindergarten–Grade 5 are invited to participate in Children's Church with Nancy Parker this morning. They will leave worship during the second hymn and may be picked up following worship in the Youth 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

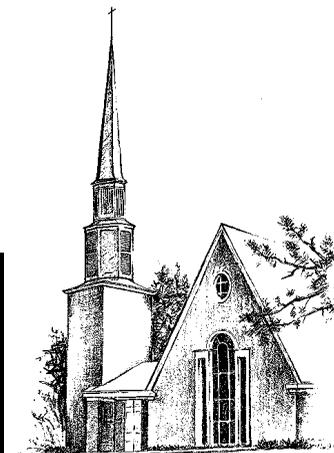
5:00 p.m. . . . Forum on the Nominating Reports and Ministry Plan, Lecture Room
5:00 p.m. . . . Preschool Storytime, Children's Mission Activities, Youth Choir
5:30 p.m. . . . Neighborhood Ministry Committee, Conference Room
5:45 p.m. . . . Dinner for Youth and Children, Robbins Hall
6:15 p.m. . . . Preschool Games 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.



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