

The Worship of God

November 15, 2015

THE TWENTY-FIFTH 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

PIANO PRELUDE: For the Beauty of the Earth Conrad Kocher/arr. William Henry Monk
Elizabeth Paszek, pianist

ORGAN PRELUDE: Prelude and Fugue in g J.S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Choral in a/Adagio Cesar Franck

CHORAL INTROIT Silesian Melody

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 59: "This Is My Father's World" TERRA BEATA
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

People: There is a feeling of life and wholeness here that we need for living.

Minister: There is a sense of Christ's presence here that renews our spirits.

People: There is a commitment to service here that responds to the call of God.

Minister: Let us rejoice and sing praises for all of God's goodness to us!

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION M. Ippolitof-Ivanoff

Bless the Lord, O my soul, blessed art thou, O God. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless God's holy name.

(Ushers will seat those waiting.)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We gather today as a community dedicated to the gift of ministry you have given us. We claim the power of your love and forgiveness, and want to move forward in the work of redeeming all of life. But even as our hearts stir, we feel the tugging strings of fear and doubt. As we plan and organize, we sense the disdain of a world that will not welcome our work. As we act to make life better for some people, we are repulsed by the life others have chosen to live. Banish our fears and insecurities. Remove our selfish needs and wants. Open our hearts to the love and support we have in one another, and teach us the creative beauty of your self-giving love; through Jesus Christ.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 12:1-3

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "I Will Lift Mine Eyes to the Hills"

David N. Childs

I will lift mine eyes to the hills, whence cometh my help? My help comes from God, the Maker of heaven and earth. The Lord God watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from harm; your Maker will watch over you; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forever more.

Psalm 121, paraphrased

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* HYMN 241: "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" MERCY

* OFFERTORY PRAYER Vel Johnson

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 the commitment we have to God's ministry through us. The Acolyte places on the altar a pictorial directory, a list of committees, our Ministry Plan, and an offering envelope.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Alice Parker

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art, thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my Great Father, I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always; thou and thou only, first in my heart, Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art. Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heav'n's joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 10:25-37

SERMON: "What If?" Dr. Wright

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God calls his people to act in faith, to move in new directions, and to believe with fresh understanding.

We believe that God calls us to transform our world, equips us with the gifts and abilities to do so, and provides for us a vision of his community.

We believe that we are on a journey of discovery, seeking God's vision, and celebrating God's gift of life. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 274: "I Love Your Church, O God" ST. THOMAS
(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 Tune Roger C. Hannahs

* Congregation stands.

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

*The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Tim Valentine by his family.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Dalton Jordan <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Pichowicz <i>Interim Organist</i>	Barkley Browder <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.*

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.

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

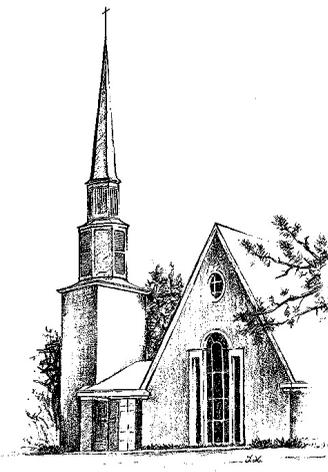
12:00 p.m. Annual Church Conference
5:00 p.m. Preschool Storytime, Children's Missions Activities; Youth Choir
5:45 p.m. Dinner for Preschoolers and Children
6:00 p.m. Dinner for Youth
6:15 p.m. Preschool Music and Activities, Children's Choir
6:30 p.m. SNL
7:00 p.m. Diaconate, Conference Room

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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