

# The Worship of God

November 17, 2013

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. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your friendship with those around you. Wireless hearing aids are available in the narthex.

## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: Livre d'Orgue de Montreal Anonymous 17th-18th Century

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Air Jean-Baptiste de Bousset

CHORAL INTROIT Friedrich Filitz

Jesus, stand among us in your risen power. Let this time of worship be a holy hour. Breathe the Holy Spirit into ev'ry heart. Bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 25: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN  
(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: God who is the source of all life, and the lover of all creation, you are a God of mystery.

**People: May our worship be filled with wonder.**

Minister: You are a God of truth.

**People: In our worship we seek the truth about who we are and whose we are.**

Minister: You are a God of wisdom.

**People: May we not settle for merely being clever.**

Minister: You are a God whose kingdom has no end.

**People: May we be kingdom people.**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Harold Friedell

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,  
follow thee more nearly, day by day. St. Richard of Chichester

## FAMILY DEDICATION

*Today we celebrate the dedication of John Aidan Croom,  
born on July 31, 2013, to Amy and Brandon Croom.*

HOMILY Rev. Edwards

THE COVENANT

Minister: Do you parents present your child before God, in solemn dedication?

Parents: We do.

Minister: Do you commit yourselves as parents to bring up your child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Parents: We do.

Minister: Do you promise to instruct your child in the teachings of Jesus Christ and in the practice of prayer, and to provide guidance in the development of a Christlike character?

Parents: We do.

Minister: Do you promise, to the best of your ability, so to shape your home life, by your words and by your example, that your child will naturally come to an open confession of Christ as Lord and enter into the fellowship and service of the church?

Parents: We do.

Minister: As a congregation, what pledge do you make to these parents?

**People: We rejoice in this new life that has come into your family, and we pledge to you our support, encouragement, and prayers as you seek to raise your child in a Christian home. We further pledge to do our part in nurturing your child's growing faith through worship, teaching, and service.**

THE UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O God, our heavenly Parent, we have received our children in trust from you. Acting as stewards of this holy trust, help us to love our children unselfishly, and to guide them into righteous living. We pledge our lives to the fulfillment of this holy calling, and pray for your divine help through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

THE BLESSING OF THE CHILD

CHORAL BLESSING: "Jesus, Friend, So Kind and Gentle" Traditional French Carol

Jesus, Friend, so kind and gentle, little ones we bring to thee; grant to them thy dearest blessing,

Let thine arms around them be; now enfold them in thy goodness, from all danger keep them free.

## REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

LET US BE . . . COMMITTED Cassandra Baker

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 6:1-14

## MEDITATION

ANTHEM: "Anthem of Dedication" arr. Warren Martin

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my lips, and let them be fill'd with messages from thee, take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. Take my will, and make it thine: it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own: it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever , only, all for thee.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 606: "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" NETTLETON

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Grand Dialogue et Trio Jacques Boyvin

\* 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 Lakeside's Columbarium which allows us to minister to one another in life and in death and to provide a place for families to honor their loved ones. The Acolyte brings forward the urn pall and places it on the altar.*

## PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "The Gift of Love" Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

THE EPISTLE LESSON:

I Corinthians 12:12-31

SERMON:

“Let Us Be . . . Appreciative of Our Gifts”

Jerry Baker

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in the love of God out of which we are created, by which we live, and through which we are granted the gift of life eternal. We believe that our only and proper response to such love is complete devotion, demonstrated through the gifts of personality God has given to each of us:**

**We love God with our hearts, bound to the Father in unfailing loyalty and commitment, and opening ourselves to the full range of his emotions;**

**We love God with our minds, eager to know the fullness of God’s reality, unafraid to confront difficult and troubling questions, and believing that the Truth shall set us free;**

**We love God with our strength, offering the talents, resources, and abilities bequeathed to us in the service of love, thereby becoming the “hands of God.”**

**We love God by loving one another, celebrating our kinship as children of the Father, and caring for one another’s needs.**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\* RECESSIONAL HYMN 658:

“Restless Weaver”

BEACH SPRING

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

\* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

\* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Marche Pontificale

Ferdinand de la Tombelle

\* Congregation stands.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God*

*and in honor of Bill and Marty Kincheloe by Jerry and Alicia Hamrick.*

*The rosebud on the altar is placed in celebration of the birth of Powers Macfarlane Berry, son of Ashley and Bruce Berry, born on November 1.*

**THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

Jody C. Wright  
*Senior Minister*  
Madi Adkins  
*Acolyte*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*  
Mark Gansor  
*Organist*  
Jerry Baker  
*Pulpit Guest*

Amy Shortt  
*Minister of Music*  
Will Hedgepeth  
*Crucifer*

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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.*

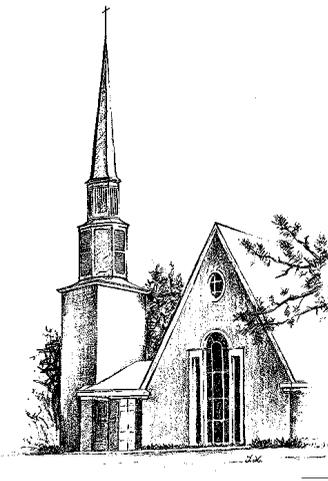
*Childcare is available in the Preschool Building.*

**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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Lakeside*

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