

# *The Worship of God*

November 24, 2013

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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: Voluntary in F John Bennett

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ORGAN MEDITATION: Intermezzo Hermann Schroeder

CHORAL INTROIT Shaker Tune arr. Kevin Siegfried

Love is little, love is low, love will make my spirit grow. Grow in peace, grow in light, love will do the thing that's right. Love is little, love is low, love will make our spirit grow. Grow in peace, grow in light, love will do the thing that's right.

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 718: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR  
*(The congregation rises as the organist begins the hymn.)*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Something inside, so strong, pulls us, beckons us:

**People: Some presence in the still of night;**

Minister: A sense of peace on a frantic day;

**People: A fragment of a dream that bears much promise.**

Minister: Something inside, so strong, steadies us, calms us:

**People: A quiet confidence that we will make it through;**

Minister: A growing faith that we are not alone;

**People: A sense of wonder that opens new vistas.**

Minister: Something inside, so strong, calls us to this place.

**People: Something inside, so strong, causes us to sing:**

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35 GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL ADORATION Aaron Copland

The promise of living with hope and thanksgiving is born of our loving our friends and our labor. The promise of growing with faith and with knowing is born of our sharing our love with our neighbor. The promise of living, the promise of growing, is born of our singing in joy and thanksgiving.

## FAMILY DEDICATION

*Today we celebrate the dedication of Elizabeth, Maggie, and Matthew Paszek,  
children of Leslie and Matthew Paszek.*

HOMILY

THE COVENANT

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

*Parents: We do.*

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

*Parents: We do.*

Minister: Do you promise to instruct your children 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 children 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 these young lives that have come into your family, and we pledge to you our support, encouragement, and prayers as you seek to raise your children in a Christian home. We further pledge to do our part in nurturing your children'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 CHILDREN

ANTHEM: "Children of the Heavenly Father" arr. Wayne Howorth

Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given. God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish, from all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them. Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth. Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh, his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

## REFLECTIONS ON STEWARDSHIP

LET US BE . . . COMMITTED

AN ACT OF COMMITMENT

*We are each asked to come forward to place our pledge cards before the altar.  
During the hymn and following the choir, please come down the center aisle,  
place your pledge cards in the bowl, and return to your seats by the side aisles.*

THE HYMN 56: "For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX

## MEDITATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 10:25-37

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

\* HYMN 540: "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" ST. MARGARET  
*Children in grades K-5 will leave for Children's Church.*

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

ORGAN OFFERTORY: Nun danket alle Gott Albert L. Travis

\* 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 our primary ministry which is to share the gospel in word and deed.  
The Acolyte brings forward a Bible and places it on the altar.*

## PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: “Angels of Heaven” arr. Kevin Siegfried  
The angels of heaven are marching around the borders of Zion’s holy ground; their music harmonious how it doth ring, and this is the heavenly song they sing. Holy, holy, holiness unto the Lord, love ye, love ye, love ye, one another.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: I Corinthians 12:31-13:13

SERMON: “Let Us Be . . . Excellent in Our Service” Dr. Wright

### AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We affirm that love is the doctrine of this church, the quest of truth is its sacrament, and service is its prayer. To dwell together in peace, to seek knowledge in freedom, to serve human need, to the end that all souls shall grow into harmony with the Divine. Thus do we covenant with each other and with God.**  
*Covenant Church, Houston, Texas*

### THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- \* RECESSIONAL HYMN 714: “For the Fruit of All Creation” AR HYD Y NOS  
*(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)*
- \* THE BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN
- \* ORGAN POSTLUDE: Harvest Thanksgiving March Jean-Baptiste Calkin
- \* Congregation stands.

*The cornucopia on the altar is given to the glory of God and in honor of Dr. Leon Whitfield Robertson, charter member of Lakeside, who was born on November 27, 1919, Thanksgiving Day, 94 years ago.*

### THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright <i>Senior Minister</i>	Elizabeth Edwards <i>Associate Minister</i>	Amy Shortt <i>Minister of Music</i>
Amira Morris <i>Acolyte</i>	Mark Gansor <i>Organist</i>	Trevor Graham <i>Crucifer</i>

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.*

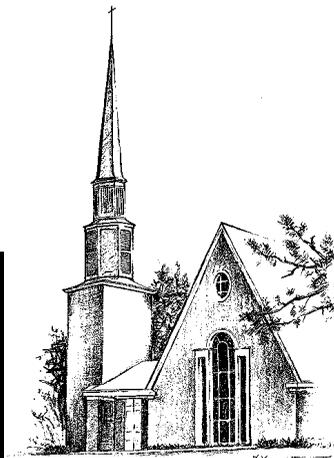
*The paraments on the altar and pulpit, along with the ministers’ stoles provide us with visual cues about the meaning of our faith. The color of the day is red, a reminder of fire which symbolizes the Spirit of God, and of blood which symbolizes the life created and redeemed by God for which Christ and other martyrs of the faith have died. The Jerusalem Cross, comprised of one large cross surrounded by four smaller crosses, reminds us of the spread of the Gospel to the four corners of the earth. 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.*

### 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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