



Lakeside
Church

Spiritual Exercise for the Soul...

Season of Lent

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 22, 2026 at Eleven O'Clock A.M.

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The worship of God begins with the music of the organ. Use this time for meditation and reflection and please refrain from conversation which would disturb others. Please turn off or silence all electronic devices. Following worship, share your friendship with those around you.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Mr. Schodt

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Edwards

CHORAL INTROIT: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God," Hymn 254, v. 1

TRENTHAM

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Edwin Hatch, alt.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 200: "What Wondrous Love Is This"

WONDROUS LOVE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Matt Paszek

Leader: Come, friends, gather from all the bruises of a busy week.

People: Plunge your sorrow and worry into the fountain of life and here, find comfort and hope.

Leader: Place your dreams and fears on the table of blessing and here, find courage and renewal.

People: Give your questions and doubts to God and here, find a peace that restores the faith.

Leader: Come, all of you gathered in this place.

All: Let us become a family of faith, a people of prayer, a community of song!

* GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

* INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Ms. Meadows

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

** Please stand as you are able.*

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dr. Edwards

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We have found a comfortable place in the Gospel and nestled in among the grace and love we have found there. We have drunk deeply from the cup of forgiveness and toleration, yet we have ignored the aspects of your Gospel that make us uncomfortable. We have shunned the words that taste bitter on our lips and have tried to forget that your road led to death before it emerged in life. Forgive us of our desire to choose only what we like. Open our ears and eyes and hearts to all that you say and do and inspire; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Pause for silent confession.)

MEDITATION AND PROCLAMATION

PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 130 Sam Johnson

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL ADORATION: "O Breath of Life," Hymn 250, v. 1 ST. CLEMENT

GOSPEL LESSON: John 11, selected verses Mr. Mauk

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SUNG RESPONSE: "Write These Words" John S. Wilson

Write these words in our hearts, we beseech you, O God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION Dr. Edwards

* OFFERTORY HYMN 211: "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" LONESOME VALLEY
(Children in grades K-5 are invited to depart for Children's Church during the singing of this hymn.)

* OFFERTORY PRAYER Mr. Mauk

OFFERTORY Mr. Schodt

* DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

ANTHEM: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" arr. Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen! *Isaac Watts*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ezekiel 37:1-14 Dr. Edwards

SERMON: "Catching the Wind"

RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Dr. Edwards

We believe in God who has created and is creating, who has come in the truly human and divine Jesus, to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust God who calls us to be the Church, to celebrate life in its fullness, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Let us praise and honor him, and rejoice to be his people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. Edwards

* RECESSIONAL HYMN 619:

“My Life Flows On”

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

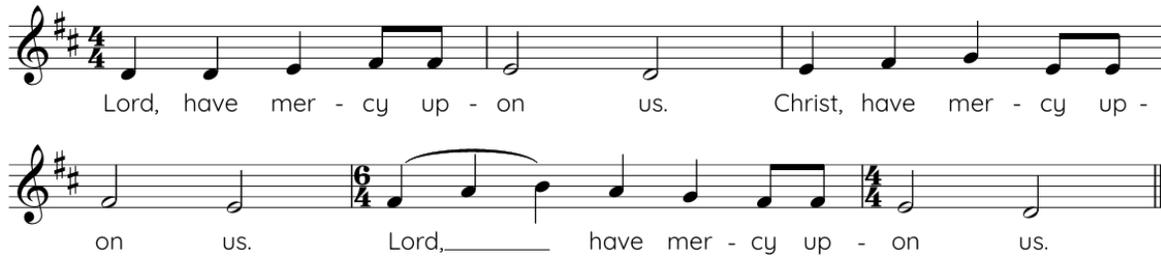
(Persons desiring membership in our church are invited to come forward during the singing of this hymn.)

* BENEDICTION

Dr. Edwards

* SUNG RESPONSE

From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healy Willan, adapt.



* POSTLUDE

Mr. Schodt

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Libby Grammer
Senior Minister

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister

James Mauk
Minister of Music

Lisa Meadows
Minister to Children

Zack Ross
Organist

Duffy Ward
Acolyte

The Lakeside Chancel Choir

Lakeside Website: lakesidechurchrmt.org

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We are excited to welcome Jason Schodt as our guest organist today. Jason, who studied organ at East Carolina University, is a Lakeside member and current student at Duke Divinity School. We're thankful for Jason sharing his time and talents with us again this weekend!

Today is the Fifth Sunday in Lent. Lent is the season in which we anticipate Jesus' final trip to Jerusalem and the self-giving nature of love shown in his passion and death. The season begins with Ash Wednesday and extends for forty days through Saturday of Holy Week. Sundays are excluded from Lent, being regarded as feast days in the midst of the forty-day fast. Lent is a strongly penitential season. The color of the season is purple, used to indicate royalty and suffering alike, a reminder of Christ's kingship and the suffering he endured for us all. Throughout Lent we undertake a journey of self-discovery leading to repentance and renewal.

Lenten Series: Spiritual Exercise for the Soul – Just as we care for our physical bodies through exercise or our minds through training, so too should we care for our souls through spiritual exercise. During Lent this year, let us push ourselves to reach beyond our own schedules and to-do lists and embrace this season of introspection to discern what God has in store for us as we allow God to renew us in preparation for the celebration of Easter Resurrection. On the altar are symbols of some of the classical disciplines that have guided the Christian faith: Bible study, prayer, worship, meditation, and service.

Restrooms, including a wheelchair-accessible family restroom, are located in the hallway behind the sanctuary. Please ask an usher if you need directions. **Childcare** is available in the preschool building. If you have a young child who becomes restless during worship, you are welcome to utilize our **Kids' Corner** in the back of the sanctuary by the audio booth. **Children's 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 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 aides** 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 are grateful for our choral scholars**, Jackson Baldwin, Allison Benoit, Rebecca Blackwell, Esther Keller, and Jacob McCain, who enrich our music ministry in many ways. Choral Scholars and guest singers are supported by the **Gossett-Biggs Music Fund**. Anyone interested in supporting the fund is invited to designate a contribution.

Lakeside Fellowship and Ministry

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember the following persons who need our prayers and support:

ECU Health Medical Center, 2100 Stantonsburg Road, Greenville, NC 27835
Doug Edwards, Room S127

At Home:

Janice Bobbitt (Chuck Taylor's sister), 4204 Whitehurst Dr, Wilmington 28409
Robyn Edwards Chapman (Jeannette Pittman's cousin), 1481 Richardson Road, Apt. C406, Apex, NC 27523
Bob Davis (Dan Davis' brother), 427 McIver Street, Greenville, SC 29601
Michele Costa Foster, 105 Gloucester Court (03)
Charlotte Gilliam, 3794 Loblolly Drive (04)
Bill Jones (Dorrie Wright's brother)
C. B. Morris, 1930 Northern Boulevard (04)
Jeannette and Grady Pittman, 313 Englewood Drive (04)
Cornelia Singletary, 15 Weatherstone Drive (04)
Patricia Taylor (Napoleon Taylor's wife), 514 Hammond Street (04)
Betsy Waters, 401 E. Rhode Island Ave., Room 275, Southern Pines, NC 28387

Our Members at Home:

Jackie Allsbrook, 113 Old Colony Way (04)
Ann Bishop, 2600 Croasdaile Farm Parkway, Apt. S210, Durham, NC 27705
Sallie Ray Wilkerson, HeartFields at Cary, 1050 Crescent Green Drive, Cary, NC 27518

We offer our sympathy to Dick and Nancy Berry and their family upon the death of Dick's father Elwood Berry, who died on March 15, at 101 years old. Elwood was a member of Lakeside for 69 years. A service celebrating his life will be held at Lakeside on Monday, March 23, at 11:30 a.m. Visitation with the family will take place immediately after in Sugg Foyer.

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

We are in need of small, individually wrapped candies for this year's Easter Egg Hunt. No chocolate wrapped in foil, please. Kindly drop off donations at the church office by Tuesday, March 24. Invite a friend and plan to join us for lunch and the egg hunt on Sunday, March 29!

MISSIONS MARKETPLACE

Make plans to join us for our 2026 Missions Marketplace on Sunday, April 26, following worship. We will enjoy a covered-dish luncheon, music by the children's choir, and a silent auction to benefit the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Offering for Global Missions.

We are seeking donations of arts and crafts items, services like babysitting or flower arranging, and themed gift baskets for the silent auction. Everyone has a gift or talent to offer! Contact the church office for more information.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN SERVICES

Join us each Wednesday at noon during the season of Lent for worship and lunch as Lakeside and our sister churches come together to journey toward the cross. Our fifth Lenten service will be held Wednesday, March 25, at Church of the Good Shepherd, with the Rev. Nathan Wittman, Senior Pastor of Englewood United Methodist Church, preaching.

FLOWERING CROSS

For our celebration on Easter Sunday, April 5, there will be a Flowering Cross in Lehman Courtyard. We invite you to bring cut flowers, from your own yard if possible, to place on the cross prior to worship as a witness to the new life offered to us through Christ's Resurrection.

THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

Sunday, March 22: 5th Sunday in Lent

11:00 a.m. Worship, *Sanctuary*
11:20 a.m. Children's Church, *Youth Suite*
5:00 p.m. Preschool, Youth, & Children's Activities, *Music & Youth Suites*

Tuesday, March 24

4:00 p.m. Administrative Council, *Conference Room*
7:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study, *via Zoom*

Wednesday, March 25

12:00 p.m. Community Lenten Worship & Lunch, *Church of the Good Shepherd*
1:15 p.m. Preschool Committee, *Conference Room*
6:00 p.m. Lakeside Ringers Rehearsal, *Music Suite*
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Music Suite*
7:00 p.m. Navigating GriefLand, *Parlor*

Sunday, March 29: Palm Sunday

9:45 a.m. Growing Together Groups, *Education Building*
10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*
11:00 a.m. Worship, *Sanctuary*
12:15 p.m. Palm Sunday Luncheon & Easter Egg Hunt, *Robbins Hall*

NO EVENING PRESCHOOL, CHILDREN'S, & YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Palm Sunday - March 29

11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship
12:15 p.m. Covered Dish Luncheon & Easter Egg Hunt

Holy Tuesday - March 31

12:00 p.m. Labyrinth Communion

Holy Wednesday - April 1

12:00 p.m. Ecumenical Lenten Service
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Maundy Thursday - April 2

5:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Supper
6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship
with Tenebrae

Good Friday - April 3

7:00 p.m. Choral Presentation of
The Seven Last Words of Christ
at First Baptist Church of Rocky Mount

Easter Sunday - April 5

11:00 a.m. Worship