



Easterlude



YOUTH & GRADUATE SUNDAY

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, 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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Mr. Ross

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Grammer

CHORAL INTROIT: "Lead Me, Lord"

Samuel S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety."

Based on Psalms 5:8; 4:8

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 280:

"God Is Here!"

ABBOT'S LEIGH

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Barnes Haley, Matthew Paszek, & Kerrigan Stinson

Leader: When the bad news of the world overwhelms us,
and destruction and violence meet us at every turn,

**People: May we walk in hope and live in joy, making evident
God's life and light as we go. Lord, give us a faith that is alive.**

Leader: When the needs of our neighbors are so great we are tempted to become callous
or indifferent, or when we fail to notice those in our community who are struggling,

**People: May our eyes be open to the suffering around us and our
hearts open to respond with compassion. Lord, give us a faith that is aware.**

Leader: When the busyness of schedules and the pressures of
responsibilities and expectations leave us feeling weary and stretched thin,

**People: May we gain strength from the glimpses of God's work all around us
and encouragement from those who walk with us on our journey.
Lord, give us a faith that is active.**

**All: Lord, help us to notice your presence around us and your work within us so that
we can engage the world with hearts of faith that are alive, aware, and active.**

* 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.**

** Please stand as you are able.*

* INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Catherine Cobb

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.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

RECOGNITION OF THE GRADUATES

Dr. Edwards

ON BEHALF OF THE GRADUATES

Elizabeth Paszek & Riley Stussie

MEDITATION & PROCLAMATION

GOSPEL LESSON:

John 17:6-11

Abigail Yamba

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

CHORAL ADORATION: "Glory Now To Thee Be Given," from BWV 140

Johann Sebastian Bach

Glory now to thee be given, on earth as in the highest heaven. With lute and harp in sweetest tone. All of pearl each dazzling portal, where we shall join the song immortal, of saints and angels round thy throne. Beyond all earthly ken those wondrous joys remain, that God prepares. Our hearts rejoice, *io! Io! Ever in dulci jubilo.*

PSALTER LESSON:

Psalm 68:4-10

Maggie Paszek & Deacon Stinson

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

SUNG RESPONSE:

"Write These Words"

John S. Wilson

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

CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

Dr. Grammer

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Daniel Edwards

* OFFERTORY HYMN 595:

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gus Haley

OFFERTORY

Mr. Ross

Today we give thanks for our Lakeside Youth and for the ways in which they minister among us. The 2025-2026 Youth Group logo is on the altar.

* 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!**

LITANY OF COMMITMENT (*see insert*)

Lakeside Youth

ANTHEM: "Here I Am, Lord"

Daniel L. Schutte

The text of the anthem is Hymn 452 in the hymnal.

EPISTLE LESSON:

Ephesians 1:15-23

Sadie Meadows

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

SERMON:

"Alive, Aware, Active Faith"

Dr. Edwards

RESPONSE

BLESSING FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Andy Barker

As your family of faith, we have watched you increase in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favor. The delight we take in your presence in our lives is a reflection of God's joy over you. Just as we are all called to listen for the voice of God in sacred places and within our own hearts, we pray that you will recognize God's call, finding the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet. May you be surprised by God's light in the darkness when you need divine guidance. May you know God's healing as you offer yourself as an instrument of God's healing to others. Above all, know that no matter where your call may lead you, our prayers surround you, Christ's peace goes with you, and God's love sustains you. This our assurance and our hope. Thanks be to God!

Sharlande Sledge, adapted

CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. Edwards

* RECESSIONAL HYMN (*see insert*):

“The Summons”

KELVINGROVE

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

* BENEDICTION

Dr. Edwards

* SUNG RESPONSE

REGENT SQUARE

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

* POSTLUDE

Mr. Ross

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

Lauren Broomell
Acolyte

The Lakeside Chancel Choir

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Today is the Seventh Sunday of Easter. *Easter Sunday was the beginning of the season of Eastertide in the liturgical year. Eastertide is celebrated from Easter Sunday for fifty days, until the day of Pentecost, and focuses on the meaning of Christ's resurrection. The liturgical color is white, symbolizing light, victory, and eternal life. The Celtic Cross with its circle celebrates the sacrificial love and eternal nature of God. 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.*

Today, our school year culminates in Youth & Graduate Sunday, *as our youth lead us in worship and we celebrate with our seniors. We are grateful that you are here in support these amazing young people and all they mean to our congregation and to be challenged to have a faith that is alive, aware, and active for the sake of the world God loves and calls us to serve.*

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:

Bryant Aldridge Rehab Hospital, 2400 Medpark Drive (04)

Mike Evans

The Lodge at Rocky Mount, 3322 Village Road (04)

Lela Chesson

At Home:

Ann Bishop, 2600 Croasdaile Farm Pkwy., Apt. S210, Durham, NC 27705

Janice Bobbitt (Chuck Taylor's sister), 4204 Whitehurst Drive, Wilmington, NC 28409

Robyn Edwards Chapman (Jeannette Pittman's cousin), 1481 Richardson Road, Apartment C406, Apex, NC 27523

Jennifer Cobb, 1506 West Haven Boulevard (03)

Bob Davis (Dan Davis' brother), 427 McIver Street, Greenville, SC 29601

Doug Edwards, 4699 Moreland Drive, Battleboro, NC 27809

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)

Billie Stallings, 404 Wildwood Avenue (03)

Patricia Taylor (Napoleon Taylor's wife), 514 Hammond Street (04)

Betsy Waters, 401 E. Rhode Island Avenue, Room 275, Southern Pines, NC 28387

Sheila Whitley, Barclay House of Tarboro, Room 107A, 200 Trade Street, Tarboro, NC 27886

Robert Woods, 115 Sunshine Lane (01)

Our Members at Home:

Ethel Hines, 125 Cobblestone Court (04)

Esther McKnight (Terry Martin's mother), Brookdale Assisted Living, 650 Gold Rock Road, Room 106 (04)

David Ozment, 1249 Green Tee Lane (04)

FOUNDERS DAY 2026

Join us on Sunday, June 7, for our annual celebration of the founding of Lakeside as we celebrate 71 years of ministry together this year. We will worship together in the sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. and then gather for fellowship and a covered-dish luncheon in Robbins Hall. Please sign up for lunch using the sheet inserted in today's order of worship or on the Event Registration page of the church website.

THIS WEEK AT LAKESIDE

Sunday, May 17: Youth & Graduate Sunday

11:00 a.m. Worship, *Sanctuary*

12:00 p.m. Reception for Graduates & Youth,
Lehman Courtyard

12:30 p.m. Diaconate Meeting, *Conference Room*

Wednesday, May 20

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*

Saturday, May 23

7:00 p.m. Houghton University Chamber Choir Concert,
Sanctuary

Sunday, May 24

9:45 a.m. Growing Together Groups, *Education Building*

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *Sanctuary*

11:00 a.m. Worship, *Sanctuary*

VBS Mission Project

Help our VBS Kids Help
the UCM Food Pantry



This year's VBS offering and mission project will benefit the United Community Ministries Food Pantry. Donations of money or food items can be made through any partner church before June 8 or dropped off at Lakeside Church, 1501 Sunset Avenue, June 8-11.

ACCEPTING UNEXPIRED CANNED AND
NON-PERISHABLE FOODS

Sponsored by Church of the Good Shepherd, First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, Lakeside Baptist, and St. Andrew's Episcopal Churches.

GUEST CHOIR CONCERT

On Saturday, May 23, at 7:00 p.m. Lakeside will host the Houghton University Chamber Choir from Houghton, NY, for a concert of sacred a cappella works on the theme of "finding the light of Christ in times of darkness." Houghton is a Wesleyan-affiliated university and we are excited to host them as a part of their East coast tour. For those not traveling on Memorial Day Weekend, we hope you'll come out and support these young musicians!

Thank You

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VOLUNTEERS &
SPONSORS!

THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY, LAKESIDE MAKES WEEKLY DELIVERIES OF WEEKEND MEALS FOR 35 STUDENTS AND SEASONAL GIFTS FOR TEACHERS AND STAFF AT BENVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.



Thank you for your commitment to feeding hungry children and supporting educators in our community for 15 years and counting!

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