

# The Worship of God

July 11, 2021

THE SEVENTH 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

ORGAN PRELUDE: Processional

Theodore Dubois

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT: "Holy Lord"

Benjamin Harlan

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sin. Who loved us all, who shed his precious blood that we might be redeemed. Sing Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, who was, and is, and is to come forevermore shall be! Rejoice in heaven all ye that dwell there-in, rejoice in all the earth, ye saints below, let earth and heaven sing, let all creation sing! Sing praises to our King! E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come and night shall be no more. They need no light nor lamp nor sun for Christ will be their all. Holy to the Lord. Sing Holy to the Lord.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We gather to celebrate the love of God for us all.

**People: Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful, arrogant or rude.**

Minister: See what love the Father has given us that we should be called the children of God.

**People: Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful.**

Minister: Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

**People: Love does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.**

Minister: In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son for the redemption of our lives.

**People: So faith, hope, and love abide, these three, but the greatest of these is love.**

*I Corinthians 13 & I John*

\* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

GREATOREX

\* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

\* HYMN: "Standin' in the Need of Prayer"

African American Spiritual/arr. Cherwien

*The congregation will join the soloists in singing the refrain.*

*It's me, it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer;*

*It's me, it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.*

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, whose Spirit keeps working in us and calling us to a loving fellowship, we acknowledge our failures and confess our sins. Sometimes our faith is weak, our prayers are few, our words are sharp, our tempers are short, our egos are large, and our hopes are dim. Forgive us all that is past, and let your pardoning and restoring love instill in us the will to begin again through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 6:4-13

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

## PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM: "Oh, I Will Praise the Lord"

Georg Philipp Telemann/arr. Michael Burkhardt

Oh, I will praise the Lord at all times. God's praise shall be upon my lips continually. *Psalm 34:1*

THE EPISTLE LESSON:

Ephesians 4:1-16

SERMON:

"Knit Together"

Dr. Wright

HYMN:

"They'll Know We are Christians"

ST. BRENDAN'S

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.

And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,*

*Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand-in-hand.

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:

We will work with each other, we will work side-by-side.

We will work with each other, we will work side-by-side.

And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride:

All praise to the Father from whom all things come.

And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son.

And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:

\* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER

*We give thanks for our Audio/Video Committee which records and livestreams our worship so that it can be shared with our Members-at-Home and the larger community.*

\* 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!**

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We are people of ceaseless hope because God gifts us with generous hearts, forgiving spirits, trustworthy friends, supportive families, and healed relationships.**

**We are people of ceaseless hope because God raises up our discarded dreams, forgives our poor choices, brightens the dark corners of our lives, and offers us the promise of a better tomorrow.**

**We are people of ceaseless hope because God blesses our sorrow, promises an end to our grief, lifts our spirits, and restores our laughter.**

**We are people of ceaseless hope because God teaches us that harmony trumps conflict, compassion overturns apathy, and self-worth is rooted in God's redemptive love for us.**

**We are people of ceaseless hope because God lives among us, shares our lives, claims us as his own, surrounds us with his love, and offers us his salvation. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION

*Please remain seated during the postlude.*

*Afterward, ushers will dismiss the congregation by rows beginning at the back and front.*

ORGAN POSTLUDE: A Trumpet Air

Henry Purcell

\* Please stand as you are able.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of  
Robbie Robbins by Libba, Tommy, Chris, Kelly, Darby, and Peyton Robbins.*

**THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

Jody C. Wright  
*Senior Minister*  
Diana Kirkpatrick  
*Organist*  
Erin Dugai  
*Alto*

Elizabeth Edwards  
*Associate Minister*  
The Lakeside Chancel Choir  
  
Mikayla Luke  
*Soprano*

Amy Shortt  
*Minister of Music*  
Daniel Edwards  
*Acolyte*  
Kaitlyn Reda  
*Soprano II*

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.*

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**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.

**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.

**GATEKEEPERS WORKCAMP**

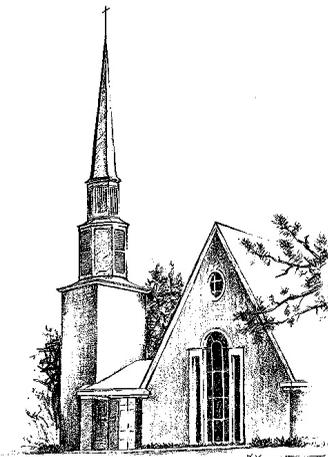
Our 30<sup>th</sup> year of Gatekeepers gets underway tomorrow with over 100 youth and adult volunteers from ten area churches repairing homes and beautifying neighborhoods throughout our city. Let us pray for our volunteers, homeowners, and community as we work together this week.

**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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