

The Worship of God

August 1, 2021

THE TENTH 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: Meditation from Thais

Jules Massenet

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT: "O Savior, Hear Me:

Christoph Willibald Gluck, arr. Buck

O Saviour hear me I implore Thee, in thee alone can peace be found, Thou canst sustain and thou restore me whate'er the cares that hover round. Hear my supplication. Turn on me thy loving eyes, Lord I long for thy salvation, and would fain attain the prize. When cares of earth to me seem heavy heartsore I seek of thee relief, Thy grace remaineth ever ready to soothe my pain, to assuage my grief.

Sue Cataline, soloist

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: We gather to praise the God of our salvation:

People: Our help in times past, our hope in days to come.

Minister: We gather to remember who we are:

People: A mixture of hopes and fears, of dreams and frustrations, of limitations and possibilities.

Minister: We gather to hear the word of the Lord:

People: Which gives direction to our lives, elevates our vision, and calls us to live as followers of Christ.

All: Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,

* THE GLORIA PATRI 35

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.

* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

* HYMN: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ST. ANNE

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

MEDITATION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Exodus 3:1-5

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: "O Taste and See"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the one who trusteth in him.

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:18-39, selected verses

SERMON: "Thresholds"

Rev. Edwards

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

UNISON CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgive us, O God, for we have sinned. We have sometimes seen this table filled with your bounty and then hungered after other food. We have often feasted on your abundance but failed to make room at the table for others. We have at times forgotten that we are your guests and begun to expect that whatever we receive is due us. Forgive us, we pray, and refresh our sense of gratitude and generosity. Nourish us with the food that will fit us for life eternal, now and in the day to come; through Jesus the Christ.

John Killinger, adapted

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD: "This is my body which is broken for you."

THE SHARING OF THE CUP: "This is the new covenant of my blood."

The elements of communion are provided at the entrances to the sanctuary.

There is a small wafer on the bottom of the chalice.

Small plastic bags are provided on each pew for the used cups.

Please place the bags in one of the blue recycling bins as you leave.

* HYMN: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYFRYDOL

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest;
take away the love of sinning, alpha and omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND PRAYER

We give thanks for partner ministries in our community which offer new beginnings and restore hope to our neighbors in need. The image of a butterfly, representing new life, is on the altar.

* THE DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION

Please remain seated during the postlude.

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Rondeau

Jean Joseph Mouret

* Please stand as you are able.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Faye Cooper Reese by Hope Reese and John Farmer.*

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister
Bo Browder
Acolyte
Mikayla Luke
Soprano

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister
Diana Kirkpatrick
Organist

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music
Sue Cataline
Soloist
Erin Dugai
Alto

Lakeside website: 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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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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