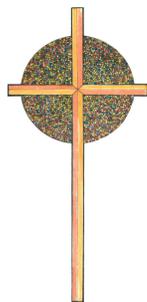




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WORSHIP AT LAKESIDE

September 6, 2020 ✚ *The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Lessons: Ecclesiastes 5:18-20; John 1:43-51

Sermon: "Thanks for the Work"

Anthems:

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" arr. Krug

Handbell Solo - Elizabeth Edwards, Piano - Amy Shortt

"Jesu, Jesu" - Ghanain Folk Tune/arr. Collins

Amy Shortt, soloist

Each week, a video of our worship service is available on the home page of our website. Previous worship services are also available on the "Worship Videos" page. Please visit www.lakesidechurchrmt.org and join us for worship!



HeARTw♥rks REIMAGINED: YOU COMIN'??

The year 2020 has caused us to reimagine how we do things day by day. We are trying to reimagine heARTw♥rks for at least the remainder of this year as well. We continue to stay in touch with our families and have purchased some much needed headsets and calculators for our kids to use during distance learning. Some of our parents have asked us to consider virtual tutoring via Zoom, so we're going to give it a try with a small group of students and volunteers.

Jason Reynolds' powerful young adult novel, *Long Way Down*, spans sixty seconds and is focused on a moment of decision for a teenaged boy named Will. In the time it takes Will to ride down an elevator, he must decide whether or not he's going to avenge his brother's killing. On the way to the ground floor, Will is "visited" with ghosts from the past, and, as he steps off the elevator, the book ends with one final question posed to him, "You comin'?" Our heARTw♥rks kids—we all—are faced with many choices, and the decisions we make can be minuscule or life-changing. There are some trips we need to avoid and other journeys that are well-worth taking as we travel along. Please keep our heARTw♥rks families in your prayers as we adventure together while apart this year.

*The church office will be closed on Monday,
September 6, for the Labor Day holiday.*

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Spring Arbor, 1251 South Winstead Avenue (03)

Jean Matthews (Cheryl Stanton's mother)

The Gardens of Nashville, 1022 Eastern Avenue, Nashville, NC 27856

Ann Battle

At Home:

Clayton Brown (Doris Booth's brother), 2609 Taylor Rd., Chesapeake, VA 23321

Jennifer Cobb, 1506 West Haven Boulevard (03)

Ricky Cobb, 3417 Brookview Drive (04)

Sue Daughety, 1105 Jasmine Drive (04)

Meghan Davis, 1305 Sunset Drive, Greensboro, NC 27804

Joyce Dickens, 128 Timberlane Road (04)

Scott Farber (Patty Schirman's brother), 11218 S. Utah, Davenport, Iowa 52802

Agnes Fore (J.N. Willcox's sister-in-law), 177 Forest View Rd., Surgoinsville, TN

Roger Harris (friend of Al Joyner), 3126 W. Hampton Drive (04)

Nancy Pridgen, 3731 Loblolly Drive (04)

Cody Richardson, 1518 Fountain Branch Road (03)

Frank Rountree, 76 Mill Pond Road, Gatesville, NC 27938

Joe Stanton, PO Box 41, Nashville, NC 27856

Jim Wiggs, 1441 Rock Creek Drive (04)

Our Members-at-Home

John and Denise Cappiello, Brookridge Retirement Community, 1199 Hayes

Forest Dr., Winston-Salem, NC 27106, Room 534

Jean Smith, Fountains at The Albemarle, 200 Trade Street, Tarboro, NC 27886

We offer our sympathy to Linda and Bill Hoyle in the death of their daughter, Kathie Hoyle Masten, on August 28.

We offer our sympathy to Doris Booth in the death of her sister-in-law, Callie Neal Brown, on August 30.

Dear Lakeside Family,

Thank you so much for your many acts of kindness following my sister Dottie's death. Your phone calls, cards, flowers and food surrounded me with your comfort and love, and I am truly grateful. I look forward to the time when we can all be back together again and I can give each one of you a big hug. I love my Lakeside family!

Susan Skinner

URGENT NEEDS FOR UCM SHELTER

Because several shelter residents have tested positive for COVID-19 and are requiring special arrangements for housing and meals, the UCM Shelter has some critical needs for paper goods, cleaning supplies, toiletries, and food items, or gift card or monetary donations to purchase them. A complete list of needed items can be found on the missions page of the church website or by contacting the church office. We will collect items at the church office through September 11.

YOUTH NEWS

It was fun to have everyone here on Sunday to study, pray, play, and reconnect. We will gather again on Sunday, September 13, at 11:00 a.m. for a time of kid-led worship, games, and treats. Masks are required. Come and bring a friend. I will continue to be in touch with our youth families in the near future about your needs and ideas for our youth program as we move forward. Stay safe and well, everyone. Elizabeth

LAKESIDE'S CHILDREN AND YOUTH: NEAR AND FAR

On Sunday mornings this fall, our youth and children will gather for outdoor activities, including worship, missions, and Bible study. Our theme, *Near and Far*, will include fun and creative ways for us to explore how to reach across town or around the world to live out our faith. Masks will be required and distancing observed to keep us all safe. Children and youth in grades K-12 are invited to join us for our first event on Sunday, September 13, at 11:00 a.m. on the Labyrinth.

FALL STUDY GROUP

In this year's fall study group, we will center our discussions around a series of podcasts called "Another Name for Every Thing," based on Fr. Richard Rohr's book *The Universal Christ*. Participants are also encouraged to read the book, but it is not necessary to join in the discussions. We plan to begin this six-week study during the last week of September with meetings in Robbins Hall and a Zoom option for those who wish to attend virtually. We will continue to monitor guidelines for group gatherings and will announce further details soon.

MUSIC NOTES

Lakeside Ringers will rehearsal in small ensembles beginning next week. Check your email for group placement. Group 1 will rehearse Wednesday, September 9, at 1:00 p.m. Group 2 will rehearse Wednesday, September 16, at 6:00 p.m. Bring your mask and your calendar so we can schedule future rehearsals.

Thank you to Sue Cataline for sharing her gift of music with us for last week's online worship and reminding us to pay attention to God's wonderful world and the lessons it teaches each day. Amy

PEACEMAKERS WORK DAY

Peacemakers is in need of volunteers to assist with a work day on Saturday, September 19 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Projects will be outdoors and will include landscaping and clean-up in their garden and playground area. If you are available to help, please contact the church office.

LAKESIDE'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY PLAN

2020 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$615,249

	Week	YTD
Anticipated Giving	\$11,832	\$414,110
Through August 30	\$12,221	\$346,685
Variance	+\$389	-\$67,425

During this time when we cannot gather for worship, please mail or draft your offerings to the church. Your generosity is critical to ensure that our ministries continue under challenging circumstances.

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Susan Skinner
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Elizabeth Edwards
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BACKPACK BUDDIES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are excited for the opportunity to continue our Backpack Buddies partnership with Benvenue Elementary School this year, beginning the week of September 14. This important ministry provides weekend meals for students whose families are at risk for hunger. We are in need of at least two volunteers who can serve once a month to help pack and deliver bags. You may also sponsor a child for \$30 per month or \$270 for the year to cover the cost of food. Donations in any amount are appreciated. If you can help, please contact the church office.

MEDITATION GROUP

The Meditation Group will meet on Thursday, September 10, at noon in the sanctuary for "Breathing to Beat the Blues." Focusing on one thing, your breath, can shape how you move through the world and redirect your thoughts. When life seems so out of control, start with the things you can control. Start with yourself: your body, your spirit, your mind. To register, email Amy Shortt at ashortt1975@gmail.com or call the church office at 252-446-0126. All distancing and sanitizing precautions observed.

LAKESIDE LADIES' BOOK CLUB

Join us on Tuesday, October 6, as we meet by Zoom and discuss the book, *Cold Sassy Tree* by Olive Ann Burns. Barbara Valentine will facilitate our discussion. Please email Deborah (deborahwright@embarqmail.com) so we can add your email address to the Zoom invitation list.