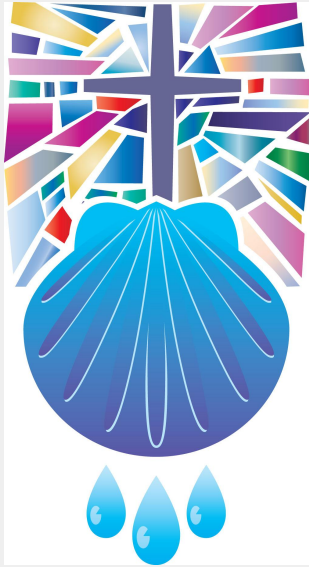


# Lakewood Congregational Church

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

Sunday, June 13, 2021



An Order of Worship to be followed in your home, along with our  
Livestream Service at 10:00am

## Welcome and Announcements

If you are new among us, welcome. Please know we are glad you're here; you're welcome in our remote community and you're welcome in our physical community when the time is right.

At Lakewood Congregational Church, we strive to be people of extravagant welcome. Whether you are young or old, gay or straight, single or partnered, happy or sad, confused or inspired, street smart or college-educated, whether you can't pay your bills or you have more than enough to share—no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here in this place, to worship a loving God who welcomes us all. As I stand in this sanctuary I join my heart with you and I pray that you might feel the refuge of this space.

May the Peace of Christ be with you. Let us worship God.

**Prelude**

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

Brian Büda

Ben Malkevitch, piano

## Call to Worship

One: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

Many: **We declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.**

One: As flowers unfold in the light of the sun, our creation comes to fullness in the presence of our God.

Many: **Christ brought a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!**

## Hymn

# 537

*My Hope Is Built*

## Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

O God, maker of all that is beautiful, Jesus gave us the seeds of your justice and peace. In this time together, touch us, teach us, inspire us to sow those seeds through our ministries so that all may share in Creation's abundance to make true the promise that no one will know scarcity and no one will suffer deprivation in this community and beyond. Amen.

## Sacrament of Baptism

Nora Rose Wills

## Time for Prayer

**The Pastoral Prayer**

## The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## The Time of Sharing

### Call to Offering

## Doxology (in unison)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

You have been exceedingly generous to us, O God. We return a portion of what we have to you in grateful thanksgiving. Bless our offerings that they will nurture the seeds of hope and healing in this community and beyond. Amen.

## Anthem

arr. Thygerson

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
LCC Summer Pick-up Choir

## The Reading of God's Word

Patti Komperda

### 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

## Reflection

Faith, Trust, Confidence

Rev. Joanna D'Agostino

## Benediction

## Postlude

*Festal Flourish*  
Ben Malkevitch, organ

Gordon Jacob

## White Rose on the Altar

The White Rose on the altar is in celebration of the baptism of **Nora Rose Wills**, daughter of Adam and Nicky (Ott) Wills. Her proud grandparents are Steve and Kathy Ott, Chriss and Walter Wills, Danielle Wills and Mel Baptista. Nora was born on October 22, 2019

## Offering and Contribution Collection

Please consider fulfilling your pledges during this time. Financial gifts are always welcome, and our church feels the call to respond to the needs around us as they arise. Financial stability allows us to do so more effectively. So, let us give generously of our time, talent, treasure to further the work of God in our community. You can do so in the following ways:

- Writing and mailing a check to Lakewood Congregational Church, 1375 W. Clifton Blvd., Lakewood, OH 44107
- Texting STEWARD to 44-321
- Sending a gift through your bank's online bill pay
- By using the donate button on the church's website [www.lcc-church.org](http://www.lcc-church.org)
- Call the church office at (216) 221-9555 to discuss other options

***Our Mission Statement proclaims our common goal.***

*We strive to be a welcoming,  
worshipping community of faith,  
helping people discover and deepen  
their relationship with God, growing as  
disciples of Christ, and reaching out in  
faith and loving service.*

***In keeping with the spirit of our Mission Statement,***

*Lakewood Congregational Church,  
United Church of Christ,*

*is an Open and Affirming congregation.*

*We welcome people of all sexual orientation,  
ages, differing abilities, and ethnic, economic,  
and racial backgrounds into  
the full life and ministry of our church.*

*We declare this in the name of the Still Speaking God,  
whose Son, Jesus Christ, welcomed  
all people into God's circle of grace.*

