

# Lakewood Congregational Church

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

Sunday, July 18, 2021



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

## 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**

Michael Burritt

*The Offering*

Tim Hampton, marimba

## Call to Worship

One: As God is our shepherd, we need nothing else.

Many: We rest in green pastures and walk by still waters,  
which renew and refresh our spirits.

One: God guides us along paths of righteousness,

Many: And walks with us through shadowed valleys so we are  
not afraid.

One: The shepherd's staff comforts us.

Many: God sets the banquet table for us in the presence of  
our enemies.

One: There, we're anointed with oil and our cup overflows.

Many: Goodness and mercy shall never depart from us as long  
as we dwell in the house of God.

## Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Caring and Gracious God, you are the shepherd who gathers us together embodied or in spirit to celebrate the Body of Christ near and far with grateful thanksgiving. We are nourished by its diversity, brought about by the unique gifts of each culture and community. Encourage us to never cease welcoming strangers and sojourners and accepting the gifts they bring. Grant that our lives will be enriched and we will be a reminder to one another of the joy that comes when all will be one in you. Amen.

## Opening Hymn

# 575

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*

## Global Ministries Outreach Update

David Sangree

## Special Music

Traditional Shona Song

*Gandanga*

Tim Hampton, marimba

## A Time of 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.

## A 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)

Thank you, God, for the ministries of the people of your church.  
Thank you, God, for the bounty of your blessings.  
We have taken a portion of our abundance and given it to you in  
grateful thanksgiving.  
Consecrate this offering. May it help to support the ministries of  
this church here and throughout the world. Amen.

## The Reading of God's Word

Paula Deal

### Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

## Reflection

Rev. Joanna D'Agostino

## Closing Hymn

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

[see insert]

## Benediction

## Postlude

Gus Burghdorf

*Hymn for an Angelic Child*

Tim Hampton, marimba

## 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

### LCC EVENTS: July 19-25

- Sunday, July 18, 10:00am: Worship with Coffee Hour
- Sunday, July 18, 7:30pm: Youth Group (incoming 6th grade thru 2021 grads. Details to come!)
- Tuesday, July 20, 6:30pm: S'morettime with God
- Thursday, July 22, 6:30pm: Pew Moving
- Saturday, July 24, 10:00am: LakewoodAlive yardwork volunteering
- Sunday, July 25, 8:45am: Summer Pick Up Choir
- Sunday, July 25, 10:00am: Worship with Coffee Hour
- Sunday, July 25, 4-5pm: Playtime at the Park for kids and families @Wagar Park (Madison Ave, Lakewood)

***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.*

