

# Lakewood Congregational Church

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

Sunday, August 22, 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.

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**Prelude**

*Home*

Phillip Phillips

Julie and Lindy Warren, vocals

## **Call to Worship**

One: When discouragement surrounds us day after day,

**Many: God is our refuge and strength**

One: When the path we're on seems to be full of potholes

**Many: God is upholding us with God's mighty hand**

One: When laughter is silent and tears are loud

**Many: God is calling us towards joy and comfort**

One: When times seem uncertain and fear abounds

**Many: God is still calling us to trust and courage. Let us  
worship God together.**

## **Prayer of Invocation**

God, we have no life apart from you. We do not come here to eat bread that fills us for a day. Rather we come to be nourished by you and that the love you have for us fills us for a lifetime. May this food strengthen our discipleship. Grant that it will renew in us our commitment to proclaiming the gospel of peace through our ministries of peace and justice in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

## **Opening Hymn**

*[see insert]*

*Take My Life, God, Let it Be*

## **Litany of Farewell for the Rickard-Dailey Family**

In unison, when prompted: O God, we give thanks for the times when we, together, have shared the life of faith: in worship, in learning, and in service. We pray that Kate, Laura, David, and Matthew will be aware of your Spirit's guidance along the journey, in the name of Jesus. Amen

## **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**

**Offertory**

Carson Cooman

*Every Generation*

LCC Summer Pick-Up Choir

Ben Malkevitch, piano

Julie and Lindy Warren, vocals; Chris Burns, vocals & guitar

## **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)**

Accept our offerings of praise in grateful thanksgiving for your presence in our lives and the many blessings you bestow upon us. Consecrate our offering, O God, that it may become bread to fill the emptiness and heal the brokenness of the lives in this community and beyond. And may we be reminded that our real life begins when we give with generous hearts to proclaim the gospel in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

## The Reading of God's Word

Patti

Komperda

Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

## Reflection

D'Agostino

Rev. Joanna

## Closing Hymn

[see insert]

*Simple Gifts*

## Benediction

### Postlude

Traditional

*Amazing Grace*

Laura Rickard, alto sax; Ben Malkevitch, piano

### LCC EVENTS: August 22 - August 29

- Sunday, August 22, 10:00am: Worship with Coffee Hour
- Option 1: 1:00pm-3:00pm: Confirmation Field Trip to the Cleveland Museum of Art
- Monday, August 23, 3:00pm-8:00pm: Youth Service Project: school supply sorting at Garfield Middle School
- Thursday, August 26, 7:00pm: AA
- Saturday, August 28, Option 2: 10:30am-12:30pm: Confirmation Field Trip to the Cleveland Museum of Art  
Option 3: 1:30pm-3:30pm: Confirmation Field Trip to the Cleveland Museum of Art
- Sunday, August 29, 10:00am: Worship with Coffee Hour

### 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, and 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

***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.*

