

Lakewood Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Sunday, October 3, 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.

LCC EVENTS: October 3 - October 10

- Sunday, October 3, Worship for All Ages, Coffee Hour
- Monday, October 4, 7:00pm: AA
7:30 pm Rocky River Chamber Music Concert,
Sanctuary (Livestream)
- Wednesday, October 6, 6:30pm: Pub Theology,
Lakewood Truck Park
- Thursday, October 7, LCC Community Meal (4:30pm
Volunteers, 5:30pm Meal)
6:45pm: Handbell rehearsal / 7:30pm: AA /
8:00pm: Chancel Choir rehearsal
- Saturday, October 9, Second Saturday, Centennial
Garden/Parlor
- Sunday, October 10, Worship, Faith Formation,
Confirmation Sunday, Coffee Hour
- 6:30pm, LCC Parlor: Meet for Eats and Deets

Prelude

César Franck

Panis Angelicus

Jesse Bobbitt, soprano; Shaun McGrath, tenor
Ben Malkevitch, organ

Call to Worship (in unison)

One: We gather today as the people of God, as a community of Christ's followers.

Many: We gather to share Word and sacrament, to discern the ways of faithful service.

One: Where in the world shall we serve our God?

Many: At home and school and business place - in this community and throughout every land.

One: How in the world shall we serve our God?

Many: By working toward justice where there is oppression, by offering comfort where there is pain, by sharing love where there is hatred.

One: Why in the world shall we serve our God?

Many: Because the Spirit beckons us, because Jesus calls us to enact our faith. Let us now worship the one who calls us!

Opening Hymn

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Gather Us In

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

God of Healing and Transformation, we hunger and thirst for your abundant life. We bring you our sorrow and ask for the bread of joy; we bring you our despair and ask for the bread of hope; we bring you our weariness and ask for the bread of inspiration. Meet us here, that we may be one with you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Anthem

Dan Forrest

A Covenant Prayer
LCC Chancel Choir

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.

Prayer Response *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord* # 306

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)

God of all creation, breathe your life-giving breath upon these gifts that they might be a blessing to all flesh. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Claire Stair

1 Kings 19:4-8

But Elijah himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that

he might die: 'It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Reflection

Rev. George Graham

Communion Hymn

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Here At Thy Table, Lord

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion

Words of Remembering & Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Elements

One: The bread is blessed and broken like the banquet of grace. Let us eat the bread.

Many: **Sharing love, we will never be hungry.**

One: The cup is blessed and poured like overflowing tears and joy. Let us drink the cup.

Many: **Drinking deeply, we will never thirst.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn

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For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Benediction

Postlude

arr. Lyndell Leatherman

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Ben Malkevitch, piano

Make a note that the bread has been donated from Breadsmith and Blackbird bakeries.

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
- 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.*



*“Happy are those whose delight is
in the wisdom of God. They are like
trees planted by streams of water:
resilient, resourceful, generative.”*

Psalm 1:3



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