

Lakewood Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Sunday, October 10, 2021

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY



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

arr. Stan Pethel

All Things Bright and Beautiful

John Blasko, trombone

Ben Malkevitch, piano

Call to Worship (Responsive)

One: Beautiful are the works of God!
Many: Beautiful also are all of God's people!
One: Beautiful is the mind of God!
Many: Beautiful also are the hopes of God's people!
One: Beautiful is the heart of God!
Many: Beautiful also are the souls of God's people!
One: God made the heavens and the earth!
Many: To God be the glory for the things God has done.

Opening Hymn

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I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

Anthem

Allitsen, arr. Stickles

The Lord Is My Light
LCC Chancel Choir

The Rite of Confirmation

William Bando Coralie Barcelona
Helen Fraunfelder Ruby Fraunfelder

Affirmation of Baptism

Invitation

Questions of the Candidates

Affirmation of Faith

One: Do you believe in God?
Many: I believe in God.
One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
Many: I believe in Jesus Christ.
One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
Many: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Prayers of the Congregation (in unison)

Almighty God, who in baptism received these your servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Act of Confirmation

Welcome

Many: We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's love and justice.

Faith Formation

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)

O God, receive these gifts. Bless them and multiply them, that they may strengthen and unify the work of your Church here and around the Earth you love. In Jesus' name we pray: Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Paula Deal

Mark 10:17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

Reflection

Rev. Joanna D'Agostino

Closing Hymn

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*Take My Life***Benediction****Postlude**

arr. Faye and Mark Lopez

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

John Blasko, trombone

Ben Malkevitch, piano

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

LCC EVENTS: October 10-17

- Sunday, October 10, Worship, Faith Formation, Confirmation Sunday, Coffee Hour
- 6:30pm, LCC Parlor: Meet for Eats and Deets
- Monday, October 11, 7:00pm: AA
- Wednesday, October 13, 12:30pm: Adventures in Reading, LCC Parlor
- Thursday, October 14, 7:30pm: AA
- 6:45pm: Handbell rehearsal
- 8:00pm: Chancel Choir rehearsal
- Saturday, October 16, 10:00am Trinity Pantry/Meal
- Sunday, October 17, Worship, Faith Formation, Coffee Hour
- 2:00pm: Congregational Update Session (Zoom)

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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