

# Lakewood Congregational Church

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

Sunday, October 17, 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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### LCC EVENTS: October 17 - 24

- Sunday, October 17, Worship, Faith Formation, 2:00pm: Congregational Update Session (Zoom)
- Monday, October 18, 7:00pm: AA /7:00pm: Executive Team Meeting
- Thursday, October 21, 7:30pm: AA
- 6:45pm: Handbell rehearsal
- 8:00pm: Chancel Choir rehearsal
- Saturday, October 23, Rentals: Parlor 10am-1pm/Social Hall 5pm-12pm
- Sunday, October 24, Worship, Faith Formation, Coffee Hour

## Prelude

Lori Laitman

*If I...*

Gwen Delaney, mezzo-soprano; Ben Malkevitch, piano

### Call to Worship (Responsive, from *Mark 10:35-45*)

One: We may come here for a glimpse of glory,

Many: **But Jesus asks us: “Can you drink the cup that I drink?”**

One: The cup of Jesus’ own life: struggle and joy; suffering and hope. We may come here to be closer to Jesus,

Many: **And Jesus asks us: “Can you be baptized with my baptism?”**

One: Baptized into the reign of God, where the Spirit breaks down barriers among all people and creates new relationships! We may come here for honor or fame,

Many: **But Jesus challenges us: “To become great you must serve!”**

One: Why are we here?

Many: **To drink the cup of fullness of life; To immerse ourselves in Jesus’ struggle for justice and peace; To learn how to serve so that the world may be healed.**

## Opening Hymn

### All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly live.  
2. Let us build a house where pro - phets speak, and words are strong and true.  
3. Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and stone.



A \_\_\_ place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give.  
Where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to \_\_\_ dream God's reign a - new.  
To \_\_\_ heal and strength - en, serve, and teach, and live the Word they've known.



Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace,  
Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace;  
Here the out - cast and the stran - ger bears the im - age of God's face.



Here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions: All are wel - come,  
Here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus;  
Let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place. \_\_\_

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## Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Holy One, Your tent is wide enough to provide shelter for all who seek you, food for all who hunger, and healing for all who suffer. Meet us here today, and fill us with confidence in your presence, that we may risk sharing Jesus' cup and his baptism so the world may become the place of love and justice you desire for all. Shelter us with your light, and clothe us with your heavenly garments. Teach us how we may best serve ourselves and one another on this daring adventure. Amen.

## Anthem

Daniel Gawthrop

*Sing Me to Heaven*  
LCC Chancel Choir

*In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poet's gloss  
Words alone are vain and vacant and my heart is mute  
In response to aching silence memory summons half-heard voices  
And my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song.*

*If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby.  
If you would win my heart, sing me a love song.  
If you would mourn me and bring me to God,  
Sing me a requiem, sing me to Heaven.*

*Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure.  
Touch in me grief and comfort, love and passion, pain and pleasure.  
Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem.  
Love me, comfort me, sing me to God.  
Sing me a love song. Sing me to Heaven*

## 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.

Prayer Response

*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

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## 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)

Holy One, may this offering assist us in continuing Christ's work in the world to heal the grief, transgressions, and illnesses that oppress and harm your creation. Amen.

## The Reading of God's Word

Ron Petrie

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them,

‘You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?’ They replied, ‘We are able.’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.’

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, ‘You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’

## Reflection

Rev. Joanna D’Agostino

## Closing Hymn

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*God Is Here*

## Benediction

## Postlude

Daniel Gawthrop

*Peace Be With You*  
Ben Malkevitch, organ

## 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.*



*“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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