

Lakewood Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Sunday, October 24, 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

Marta Keen, arr. Jay Althouse

Homeward Bound

Jesse Bobbitt, soprano; Ben Malkevitch, piano

Call to Worship (Responsive, from Jeremiah 31:7-9)

One: Sing aloud with gladness:

Many: God is gathering the people!

One: From the farthest parts of the earth we come:

Many: All who struggle; all who labor with new life!

One: Those who are weeping, God will console;

Many: Those who get lost find a clear path home.

One: Let us worship the God who gathers us!

Prayer of Invocation (unison)

Ever-calling God, We give thanks that you have gathered us into your church and graced us with your faithful presence. We ponder our history, ancient and still developing, and marvel at the many expressions of your church. Grant us the vision to be a part of this new moment in your Church that will bring ever more joy and justice to the world. Continue to gather us, the diverse lot of us, into Jesus' vision and dream that your faithful people may be one in you. Amen

Opening Hymn

[please see insert]

All Are Welcome

Reception of New Members

Elena Larssen

Mark Pettis

Julie Marlin

Tom Marlin

Ryan Walters

Invitation

Questions for the New Members

Affirmation of Faith

One: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God. 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.

Expression of Welcome

One: Let us, the members of Lakewood Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

Many: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our 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 knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

We Welcome You Words and Music by Ben Malkevitch



We wel-come you to our com-mu-ni-ty and share our warm em-brace.

May you al-ways know a home here, im-bued with ho-ly grace,

and find your love re-flect-ed in each and ev-ery face.

Anthem

arr. Bradley Ellingboe

Down to the River to Pray

LCC Chancel Choir

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 *Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace*
Scottish

Global Ministries Update

David Sangree

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)

Transform our lives, O God, and let these gifts change the
world into which we send them. Take them and multiply them
to be a blessing of justice and peace in the world you love!
Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Mark 10:46-52

Michael Greenland

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd
were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar,
was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of
Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David,
have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but
he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on
me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called
the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling
you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.
Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?'
The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.'
Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.'
Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Reflection

Rev. Joanna D'Agostino

Closing Hymn

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All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Benediction

Postlude

Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Wagner
Salve festa dies
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
- Call the church office at (216) 221-9555 to discuss other options

LCC Events: October 24 - November 7

- Sunday, October 24, Worship, New Member Sunday, Global Ministries Update, Faith Formation, Coffee Hour
 - 11:00am: Pumpkin Carving
 - 11:15am: Next Generation Band
- Monday, October 25, 7:00pm: AA
 - 7:00pm: Executive Team Meeting
- Thursday, October 28, 7:30pm: AA
 - 6:45pm: Handbell rehearsal
 - 8:00pm: Chancel Choir rehearsal
- Sunday, October 31, Worship, Faith Formation, Coffee Hour
- Monday, November 1, 7:00pm: AA
 - 7:00 pm Rocky River Chamber Music Board Meeting, Parlor
- Wednesday, November 3, 7:30pm Pub Theology, Lakewood Truck Park
- Thursday, November 4, LCC Community Meal (4:30pm Volunteers, 5:30pm Meal)
 - 7:30pm: AA
 - 6:45pm: Handbell rehearsal
 - 8:00pm: Chancel Choir rehearsal
- *Saturday, November 6: 1:00pm-3:00pm: Meet and Greet Reverend Catherine Lawrence*
- *Sunday, November 7, Worship for All Ages, All Saint's Service, Coffee Hour*

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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