

Lakewood Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Sunday, November 21, 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.

Stewardship Moment

Michael Fleenor

Prelude

Judy Phillips

Prelude on "Nun Danket"
LCC Handbell Choir

Call to Worship

One: Delight! Children of God, delight!

Many: We are delighted to be here together; to worship as a family and to be united in a common ministry.

One: We gather in worship to celebrate this community.

Many: We celebrate the love that we have for one another, the support that we give to one another and the journey we are on to be united by God's grace.

One: We come together this day to delight in offering our gifts.

Many: We delight in the gifts we are giving, the pledges we are making and the future we are creating.

One: We join our hearts and our spirits today and delight in giving.

Many: We are here! We are delighted! We are united!

One: Let us worship the God who loves when we delight in giving.

Many: Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn

276

We Gather Together

Prayer of Invocation

Come among us in this hour, God of many promises and gifts.

Create a spirit in this place to remind us of your abundance.

Join us in celebration of the work of the people gathered here, and send us out in dedication and service to you and your people. Amen.

Anthem

arr. Gordon Young

How Firm a Foundation

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 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* # 254

A Time of Sharing

Call to Offering

Offertory

arr. John Leavitt

Come Away to the Skies

LCC Chancel Choir

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)

The gifts that sometimes seem to be nothing in our sight, O God, you bless and increase to fill your house with splendor. Where you dwell, where your Spirit abides, prosperity will abound. We are happy to offer these gifts to you. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Nora Katzenberger

John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?'

Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

Reflection

Rev. Joanna D'Agostino

Closing Hymn

714

For the Fruit of All Creation

Benediction

Postlude

Cynthia Dobrinski

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

LCC Handbell Choir

Joey Daso, Paula Deal, Noah Hamrick, Michael Komperda,
Val Mechenbier, Leah Molinari, Bob Paraska, Cathy Spicer,
Robert Wenz, Susan Walker, Jan Young

LCC Events: November 21 - November 28

- Sunday, November 21, Worship, Faith Formation, Coffee Hour
- Monday, November 22, 7:30pm: AA
- Tuesday, November 23, 7:00pm: Executive Team Meeting
- Thursday, November 25, THANKSGIVING: OFFICE CLOSED
 - 7:30pm: AA
- Friday, November 26: OFFICE CLOSED
- Sunday, November 28, Worship, Faith Formation, Coffee Hour, Next Generation Band
 - 11:00am: Holiday Decorating
- Monday, November 29, 7:00pm: AA
- Wednesday, December 1, Cookie Decorating for Community Meal, All ages, Social Hall
- Thursday, December 2, LCC Community Meal (4:30pm Volunteers, 5:30pm Meal)
 - 7:30pm: AA
 - 6:45pm: Handbell rehearsal
 - 8:00pm: Chancel Choir rehearsal



*"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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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.*

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