

# Lakewood Congregational Church

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

Sunday, January 23, 2022



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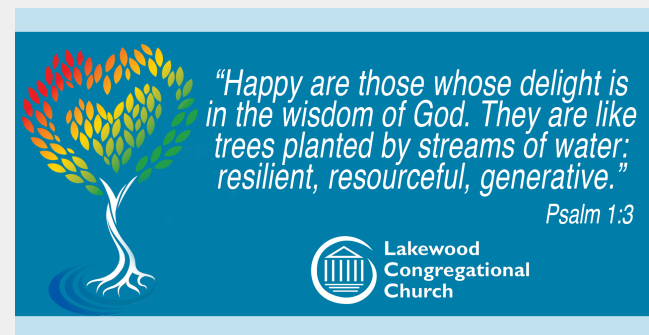
An Order of Worship to be followed in your home,  
along with our Livestream Service at 10:00 am

## 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**

Randy Sykes

*Jubilation*  
Ben Malkevitch, piano

## **Call to Worship**

One: We come to see God's glory among us.

Many: We want to see miracles happen, and transformation flow quickly and freely.

One: This is a day for miracles, for new understanding, for God's steadfast love to break through open hearts and minds.

Many: May we know God's love when we see it.

One: May God's glory be revealed to us today as we worship and as we join our voices in our prayer of invocation...

## **Prayer of Invocation (in unison)**

Renewing, Transforming God, we come together in your presence with open hearts, ready for renewal and grace. Fill us and make us overflow with the joy of your presence and the comfort of fellowship. Tune our hearts to sing your praise. Amen.

## **Opening Hymn**

# 16

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

### Faith Formation

*All youth (preK-12<sup>th</sup> grade) are welcome to join in today's Faith Formation classes. Rachel and the leaders will guide them to their classrooms. Children can be picked up there after worship.*

## **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)

God of abundance, on my own what I have to give doesn't amount to much in the light of all you have given to me and in the face of so much need. Put together as a congregation, what we offer you here in love becomes more, not simply added together, but somehow transformed and multiplied in its usefulness. We trust that with your blessing, there is enough for all. Amen.

## Anthem

Nino Rota

*Tota pulchra es*  
Jesse Bobbitt, soprano  
Shaun McGrath, tenor

*You are all beautiful, Mary, and pure.  
You are the glory of Jerusalem, the joy of Israel,  
you give honor our people and comfort sinners.  
O Mary, wisest of women, most merciful Mother.  
Pray for us, plead for us, to our God, Jesus Christ.*

## The Reading of God's Word

Laura Germaine

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

## Reflection

Rev. Joanna D'Agostino

## Closing Hymn

# 714

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

## Benediction

## Postlude

James Flieger

*Come, Thou Fount*  
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.*