

# Lakewood Congregational Church

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

Sunday, February 13, 2022



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.



Register for the Annual Meeting [HERE](#)

## Prelude

Jack Byron Grove

*Heraldic Flourish*  
LCC Handbell Choir

## Call to Worship

One: Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God..

Many: **We are each a child of God. All of us, on every part of life's journey, we are blessed.**

One: Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

Many: **We come to worship the God who feeds us, who fills us, and who blesses us.**

One: Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

All: **Let us rejoice in the love of God, and worship our God together in prayer, song, and praise.**

## Opening Hymn

# 288

*O God of Vision*

## Prayer of Invocation

O God of many blessings, be with us in our joy and in our sorrow. Help us to reach out with your love to those in need, that we may not be satisfied until all are fed. Bless each of us here, and all who cannot be present with us today. Shower your blessings on our worship, as we pray all this through Jesus the Christ, our teacher and our guide. Amen.

## Anthem

Getty and Townend, arr. Courtney  
*Compassion Hymn*  
LCC Chancel Choir

## Faith Formation

*All youth (preK-8<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

Invitation to Prayer

Howard F. Starks

*Beside Still Waters*  
LCC Handbell Choir

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

# 306

*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

## 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)

Gracious and loving God, who blesses us with so many good gifts, we bring these offerings with the hope of turning tears to laughter, and sorrow to joy. May they truly be a blessing. Amen.

## The Reading of God's Word

Ron Petrie

### Luke 6:17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Blessings and Woes

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

## Reflection

Rev. Joanna D'Agostino

*State of the Church Address 2022*

## Closing Hymn

# 344

*I Have Decided To Follow Jesus*

## Benediction

## Postlude

Jeffrey Honoré

*Dance Africana on "Dix"*

LCC Handbell Choir

Joseph Daso, Paula Deal, Noah Hamrick,  
Michael Komperda, Leah Molinari, Peggy Shaw,  
Cathy Spicer, Robert Wenz, Jan Young

## 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

***Our Mission Statement proclaims our common goal.***

*We strive to be a welcoming,  
worshiping 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.*