

Lakewood Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Sunday, February 6, 2022



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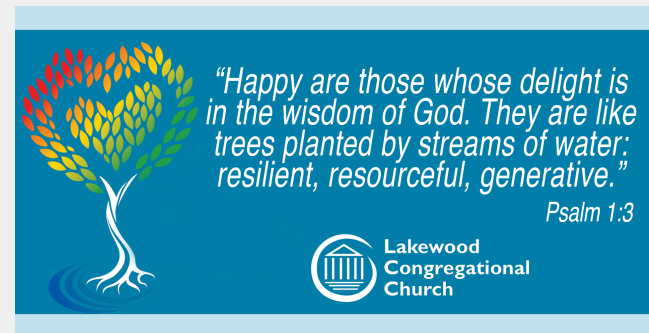
An Order of Worship to be followed in your home,
along with our Livestream Service at 10:00 am

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

arr. Anna Laura Page

O God, Beyond All Praising

Ben Malkevitch, piano

Call to Worship

One: The buzz of the world interrupts our lives and fills our ears

Many: Listen to the call into Christ's way of life.

One: The complaints of others settle in our mind and cloud our vision

Many: May the voice of God be louder than all other voices.

One: The cries of the poor and the outcast sometimes slip past us and other times overwhelm us

Man: Draw us in the Spirit's tether, that we might hear and respond to each other.

One: May our hearts, our eyes, and our ears be filled with God's love.

Many: May we be God's hands and feet in the world. Let us worship God together.

Prayer of Invocation

Holy One, you are ready to meet us wherever we are in our lives, offering vision, interruption, hope where we may least expect it. Surprise us here at worship today with unexpected grace that will change something in us —large or small— and send us into the world inspired and impassioned to do your work. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Opening Hymn

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Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

A Time of Prayer

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 who calls us to participate in your vision of justice for our world, let these offerings become our response:
all your people fed,
all your people safe,
all your people housed,
all your people educated. Amen.

Anthem

Larry Shackley

Communion Invitation

Jesse Bobbitt, Gwendolyn DeLaney,
Shaun McGrath,
Noah Hamrick, Ben Malkevitch

The Reading of God's Word

Michael Greenland

Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Reflection

Rev. Joanna D'Agostino

One More Time

Service of Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion, no matter who you are and where you are on life's journey. Individually packaged Communion elements are available at the entrances

to the Sanctuary. A Gluten-Free option is available. Don't hesitate to ask a neighbor or a greeter for help if needed.

Communion Hymn

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Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

Invitation to Communion

Words of Remembering

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

We have been fed, Holy One, by your presence.

We have been led, Eternal One, by your light.

May we bask in this glow

Now and forevermore. Amen.

Closing Hymn

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We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God

Benediction

Postlude

James Alger

Trumpet Tune

Ben Malkevitch, organ

**Today's communion liturgy is adapted from Rev. Catherine's friend and mentor, the Reverend Edwin R. Lincoln*

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS: February 6-13

SUNDAY, February 6

Worship for All Ages

Worship Service, 10:00am

Handbells Rehearsal, 11:15am

*Youth Musical Rehearsal, 12:00pm, Social Hall **

WEDNESDAY, February 9

Adventures in Reading, 12:00pm, Parlor

*Blazing River Freedom Band rehearsal, 7:30pm, Social Hall**

THURSDAY, February 10

*Handbells, 7:00pm, Sanctuary**

SATURDAY, February 12

Second Saturday, 9:00am, Parlor

SUNDAY, February 13

Worship Service, 10:00am

Building Tour, 11:00am, Narthex

HASO Meeting, 11:00am, Youth Room

Youth Musical Rehearsal, 12:00pm, Social Hall

LCC Annual Meeting, 2:00pm, Zoom

**repeats weekly*

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

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.