

Lakewood Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Sunday, March 20, 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.

Prelude

arr. Kevin McChesney

My Faith Looks Up to Thee
LCC Handbell Choir

Call to Worship (from Isaiah 55 and Psalm 63)

One: Come, everyone who thirsts,
Come to the waters. Come to the wells.

All: Our souls thirst for you, O God.
We lift up our hands and call on your name

One: Come, without money. Come without cost.
Incline your ears and listen for good news.

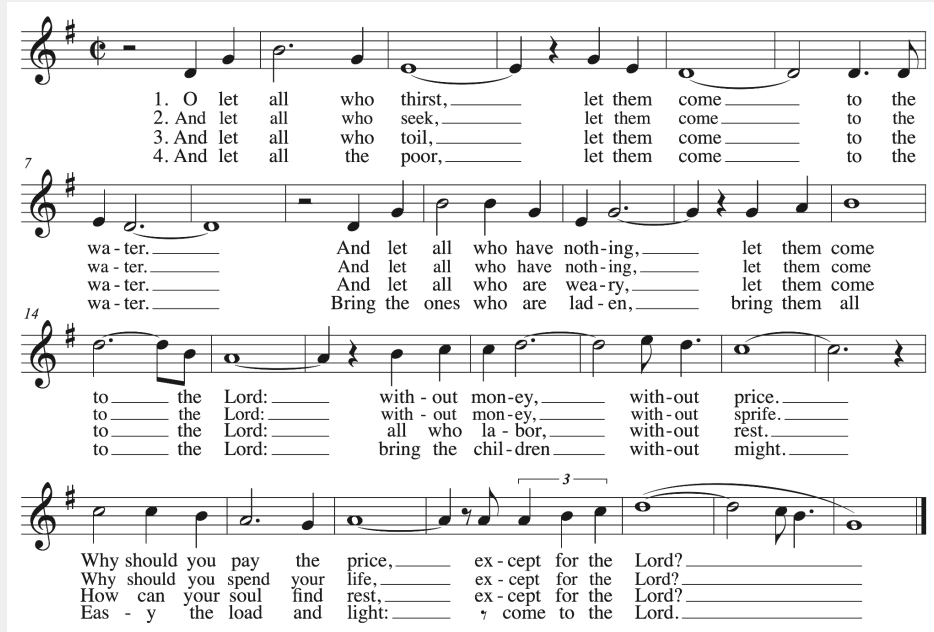
All: Our flesh faints for you, O God.
Our lips sing praises, beholding your glory.

One: Come, eat well. Come, feast upon true riches.
Be filled with that which sustains you.

All: Our souls are satisfied in you, O God.
In the shadow of your wings, we sing with joy.

Opening Hymn

Come to the Water



1. O let all who thirst, _____ let them come _____ to the
2. And let all who seek, _____ let them come _____ to the
3. And let all who toil, _____ let them come _____ to the
4. And let all the poor, _____ let them come _____ to the

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wa - ter. _____ And let all who have noth-ing, _____ let them come
wa - ter. _____ And let all who have noth-ing, _____ let them come
wa - ter. _____ And let all who are wea-ry, _____ let them come
wa - ter. _____ Bring the ones who are lad-en, _____ bring them all

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to _____ the Lord: _____ with - out mon-ey, _____ with-out price. _____
to _____ the Lord: _____ with - out mon-ey, _____ with-out strife. _____
to _____ the Lord: _____ all who la - bor, _____ with-out rest. _____
to _____ the Lord: _____ bring the chil-dren _____ with-out might. _____

Why should you pay the price, _____ ex - cept for the Lord? _____
Why should you spend your life, _____ ex - cept for the Lord? _____
How can your soul find rest, _____ ex - cept for the Lord? _____
Eas - y the load and light: _____ 7 come to the Lord. _____

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

God of change and abundance, we come into this hour with holy expectations. As we travel on our journey of transformation this Lenten season, we know that you are with us. You walk beside us. Your presence surrounds us. Help us to bear fruit as we walk this road. Remind us that you will never leave us nor forsake us, that your rod and your staff comfort us, that you have prepared a feast for us when all can come and eat. Keep us forever in the path as we worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen.

Anthem

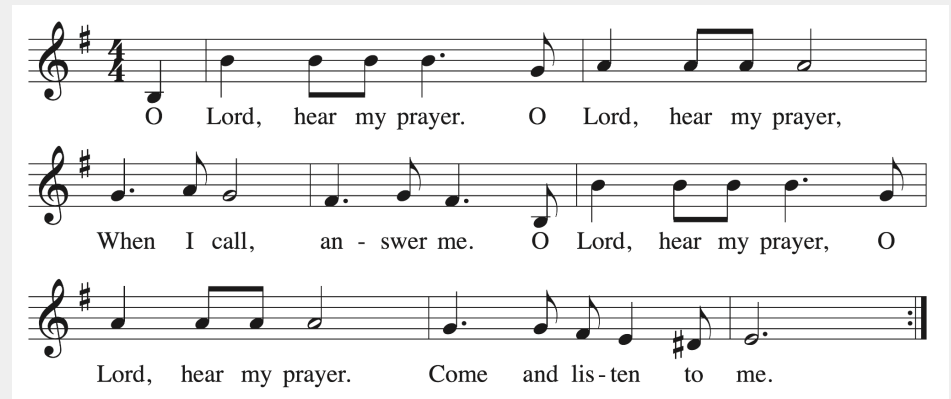
Philip Stopford

Do Not Be Afraid by
LCC Chancel Choir

Faith Formation

All youth (preK-8th 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



O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer,

When I call, an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O

Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.

(We will sing this Taizé chant as many times as the Holy Spirit moves us to.)

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

Day by Day

Friedell

A Time of Sharing

Call to Offering

Offertory

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)

For the wondrous ways this offering will bless this community, we dedicate these gifts. For the ways it'll help us nurture caring relationships with our neighbors, we dedicate these gifts. Let this offering, and the works of our hands and feet, be good fruit in the world. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Claire Stair

Isaiah 55:1–9

Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found,

call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake their way,

and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,

nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so are my ways higher than your ways

and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Reflection

Rev. Joanna D'Agostino

Closing Hymn

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Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us

Benediction

Postlude

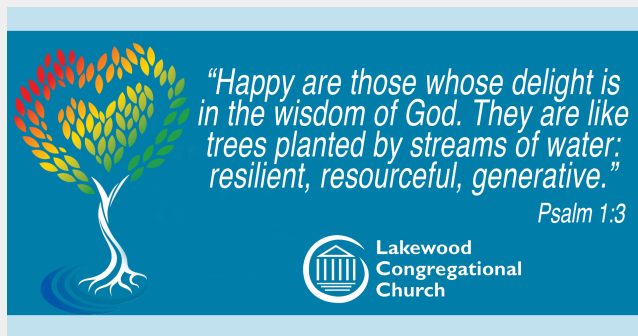
arr. Cathy Moglebust

My Song Is Love Unknown

LCC Handbell Choir

Joseph Daso, Paula Deal, Noah Hamrick, Michael Komperda, Leah

Molinari, Peggy Shaw, 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
- Call the church office at (216) 221-9555 to discuss other options

LENTEN Schedule

Calendar

Sunday, February 27, 10:00 am	Mardi Gras Worship Service, with David Kasper and his Dixieland Band
Wednesday, March 2, 6:30pm	Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
Tuesday, March 22, 6:30 pm	Taizé and Labyrinth Service (Social Hall)
Friday, April 1, 7:00pm	Youth Musical "Shrek, the Musical"
Saturday, April 2, 7:00pm	Youth Musical "Shrek, the Musical"
Sunday, April 3, 2:00pm	Youth Musical "Shrek, the Musical"
Sunday, April 10, 10:00 am	Palm Sunday Worship Service
Thursday, April 14, 6:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service (Sanctuary)
Friday, April 15, 7:30 pm	Community Good Friday Service; a collaborative service of the Lakewood Ministerial Association (Hosted by LCC/Trinity; Sanctuary)
Sunday, April 17, 10:00 am	Easter Sunday Service An Easter Egg Hunt for children will follow worship. Please meet in the Memorial Garden.

Social Hall Labyrinth Dates and Times

Not to be confused with a maze, a labyrinth is a singular path leading to the center and back out again. The practice provides space to quiet the mind and heart. Walk LCC's big canvas labyrinth in the Social Hall during the times listed or make an appointment in the church office.

- Following the Taizé Service March 22, 6:30pm
- During Office Hours March 23, 24, 25, 9am-3pm
- Saturday Morning March 26, 9am-noon



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. Wherever you are on life's
journey, we welcome you and all people of every sexual
orientation, age, ability, gender identity and expression, and
ethnic, economic, and racial background into the full life and
ministry of our church. We declare this in the everlasting grace
of the Still-Speaking God.***