

# Lakewood Congregational Church

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

Sunday, March 27, 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.

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## Prelude

"I Know It's Today" from *Shrek*  
Avery Spahr, Evey Lardi, Amy Pilgrim

## Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 32)

One: Happy are those who experience the grace of God

**Many: Who find forgiveness and mercy from the Holy One.**

One: Happy are those who experience the steadfast love of God

**Many: Who find peace even in times of trial.**

One: Happy are those who experience rest in God

**Many: Who find sabbath to renew their spirit.**

## Opening Hymn *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

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## Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Holy God, Holy Renewal, After times of broken relationships, painful injustices, and feeling deserted, we enter this season yearning for restoration and your comforting grace. In this time of wilderness and reflection, we evaluate the relationships

between us and our neighbors. Fill our weary souls with hope.  
Lead us on roads of renewal, and focus our minds as we ponder  
our callings in your realm. Amen.

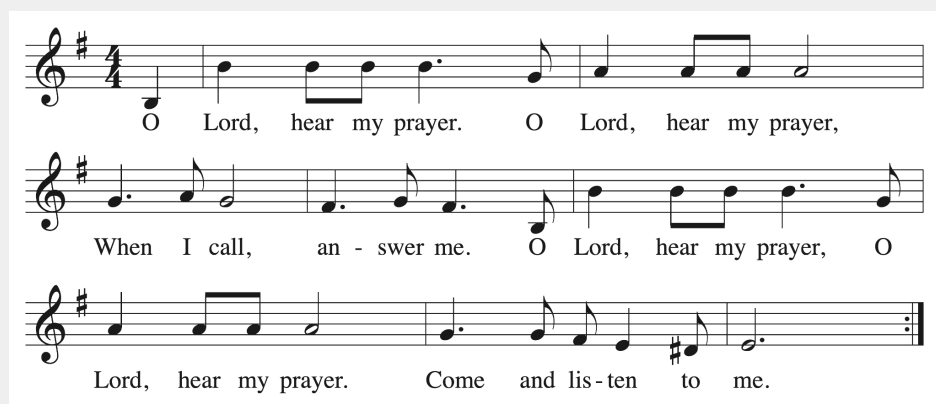
**Anthem** *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* Larry Shackley

LCC Chancel Choir

Michael Komperda, clarinet

## Faith Formation

## A Time of Prayer



(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

*Give Me a Clean Heart*

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## 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)

Loving God, Holy Fountain of Blessings, With gratitude, we celebrate the offerings we share with you and this community today. May they enliven our spirits, building excitement around us, and creating a culture of giving. Open us to new possibilities for using our gifts to build the dignity of all and to strengthen our neighborhoods. Amen.

## The Reading of God's Word

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

## Reflection

Rev. Joanna D'Agostino

"A Cliffhanger"

## Closing Hymn

*Amazing Grace*

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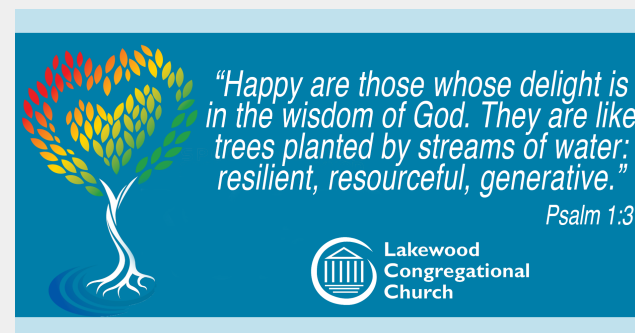
## Benediction

## Postlude

Thomas Sparks

### Reflection

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

## 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.***