

Lakewood Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Sunday, March 6, 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

Music by Jack Antonoff, Jeff Bhasker,
Andrew Dost, and Nathaniel Ruess
Lyrics from Jeremiah 4:1-10

I'm Too Young

LCC Children's Choir

Call to Worship

One: We may be entering this season arid, dry from pain and injustices.

Many: And yet, God is still hydrating our spirits.

One: We may be wandering, feeling as if we have no direction.

Many: And yet, God is guiding us in the wilderness.

One: We may be fearful, wondering what comes next.

Many: And yet, God is surrounding us with peace.

One: We may begin our Lenten journey spiritually arid, aimless, and anxious.

Many: But the Spirit of Strength will never leave our side.

Opening Hymn

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If You Will Trust in God to Guide You

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Divine Sojourner, as we begin our journey into the wilderness, may your light sustain us. Empower us to dig deep to remove resentment, prejudice, and apathy within us. May this season refocus our attention towards our relationship with you. Amen.

Haynes Moment

Anthem

Franz Schubert

Kyrie from Mass in G
LCC Chancel Choir
Jesse Bobbitt, soprano soloist

A Time of Prayer

Invitation to 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

Clara Wooford

Andante

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)

Holy One, We share our gratitude for all of our fruits – from our possessions to knowledge; from our time to abilities. As we embrace this season of reflection, reveal to us the best of our talents, time, and treasures, so we can share with our neighbor. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Darren Toms

Luke 4:1–13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." '

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it

to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.’
Jesus answered him, ‘It is written,
“Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.” ’

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle
of the temple, saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself
down from here, for it is written,
“He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you”,
and
“On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.” ’
Jesus answered him, ‘It is said, “Do not put the Lord your God to the
test.” ’ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him
until an opportune time.

Reflection

Rev. Joanna D’Agostino

Pop Quiz

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion

Words of Remembrance

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

God of feast and fasting, help us eat always with compassion
for the earth, delight in all people, and generosity with our
gifts, in spite of our temptations to hoard and control. May
the gift of Holy Communion remind us there is always enough
food, enough chairs, enough time for each of us, by your
Grace and Glory. Amen.

Closing Hymn

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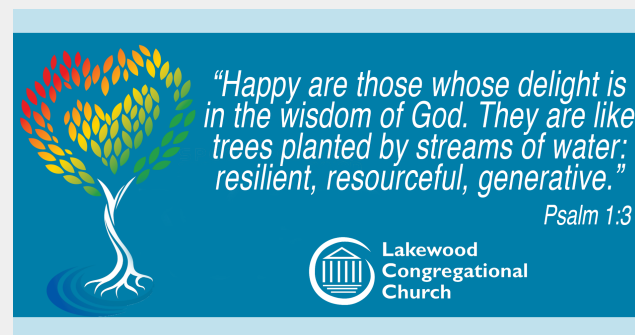
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Benediction

Postlude

César Franck

Invocation in G minor



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.***