

Lakewood Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Sunday, April 10, 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

Susan E. Geschke

Resounding Joy
LCC Bell Choir

Introduction

The word "Hosanna" is a Hebrew word that means, "Save us, we pray" or "save now." The crowds shouted these words in hopeful anticipation when Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. They believed Jesus was the Messiah, who would free God's people from bondage and oppression. They were so glad he had finally arrived, so they celebrated with joy, and asked for his help.

Processional

Victor C. Johnson

Let the People Sing Hosanna!
LCC Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

One: Hosanna, hosanna, loud Hosanna!

Many: Blessed is the one who comes.

One: Hosanna, hosanna, loud Hosanna!

Many: May the rivers of justice run.

One: Children singing, families dancing,

Many: The elders give a shout!

One: Peace in heaven, glory in the highest!

Many: Even the stones cry out!

One: Hosanna, hosanna, loud hosanna!

Many: May our refrain never cease.

One: Not by power nor by might,

Many: But the way that makes for peace.

Opening Hymn

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Holy God, in the midst of the loud “Hosannas!,” as the waving palm leaves rustle in unison, quiet our certainty so that we might discover something new about your vision...your hope...your calling upon our lives... so that we might be transformed for the better in the way we think, act, and do. Amen.

Anthem

Pepper Choplin

We Behold His Glory
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

Invitation to 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.

Prayer Response

Spirit Divine, Hear Our Prayer

Bill Wolaver

A Time of Sharing

Call to Offering

Offertory

Patrick W. Meyer

My Song of Joy

LCC Bell Choir

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)

May these gifts be used to bring healing, wholeness, and joy to the world God so dearly loves. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Patti Komperda

Luke 19:28–40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it."' So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, 'The Lord needs it.' Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

'Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven,

and glory in the highest heaven!'

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Reflection

Rev. Joanna D'Agostino

Saved from What?

Closing Hymn

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, the chant - ing clear and loud.
for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heaven our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them close fold - ed to his breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

Benediction

Postlude

Alexandre Gilmant

Recessional

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
- 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.***