

# Lakewood Congregational Church

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

Sunday, April 3, 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

*En prière*                      Gabriel Fauré  
Gwendolyn DeLaney, mezzo-soprano  
Ben Malkevitch, piano

*If the voice of a child can reach You, O my God,  
Listen to the prayer of Jesus, on his knees before You!  
If You have chosen me to teach your laws on earth,  
I will know how to serve You, noble King of kings, o Light!  
On my lips, Lord, place the salutary truth,  
In order that he who doubts should revere You humbly!  
Do not abandon me, give me the necessary gentleness,  
To ease suffering, to relieve sorrow and misery!  
Reveal Yourself to me, Lord, in whom I believe and hope:  
For You I wish to suffer and to die on the cross, at Calvary!*

## Call to Worship

One: Family of God, we gather as who we are, and we bring what we have.

**Many: Let us encounter the new thing God is doing among us.**

One: We bring joy and sorrow, hope and despair, resources and need, certainty and questions.

**Many: Let us engage the new thing God is doing among us.**

One: In this space, we meet the One who parts seas, creates paths, and changes circumstances.

**Many: Let us encourage the new thing God is doing among us.**

## Opening Hymn

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*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

## Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Holy One, we rejoice in your presence and our hope rests in you. We rejoice in confidence that you abide in the dry wilderness and in our flowing streams. Lead us through troubling times and empower us to continue to press toward you and your way. In our worship, open our hearts in love and praise, and quench our spirits in worship and community. Amen.

## Anthem

Ola Gjeilo

*Ubi caritas*

*Where charity and love are, there God is.  
The love of Christ has gathered us into one.*

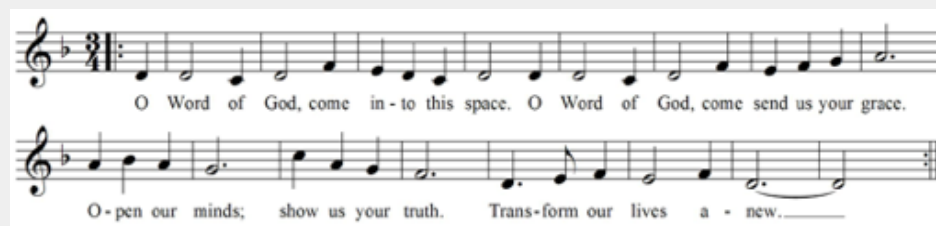
*Let us exult, and in Him be joyful.*

*Let us fear and let us love the living God.*

*And from a sincere heart let us love each other.*

## 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

*Day by Day*

Harold 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)

Anoint these gifts, Generous God, that they may fulfill their purpose. Through the pouring out of our financial resources, unique passions and skills, and faithful companionship with our community, may we impart hope, render joy, and participate in your kingdom. Amen.

## The Reading of God's Word

Darren Toms

John 12:1–8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

## Reflection

Rev. Joanna D'Agostino

## Service of Holy Communion

**Invitation to Communion**

**Words of Remembrance**

**Prayer of Consecration**

**Sharing the Elements**

**Communion Music**

J.S. Bach

*Allemande in G*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

God, we give you thanks that we are the people chosen in this meal, chosen to make new paths, new ways in the wilderness of sorrows, losses and injustices, dangers to all creatures and the earth itself. From this blessed meal we take hope that even war may be quenched, and that we can recognize your new things springing forth, and commit ourselves to be the bringers of their blessings to all people. Amen.

## Closing Hymn

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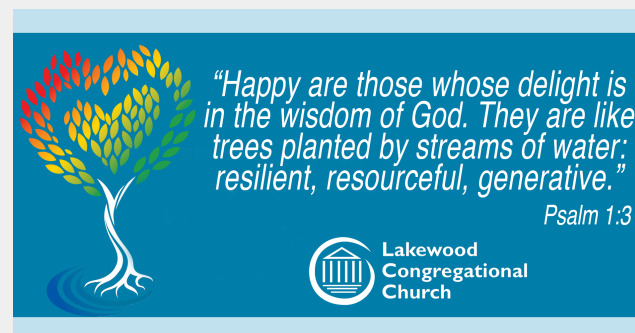
*The Gift of Love*

## Benediction

## Postlude

Patrick Lempne

*Dedication*



## 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.***