

# Lakewood Congregational Church

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

Sunday, May 1, 2022



An Order of Worship to be followed in your home,  
along with our Livestream Service at 10:00 am



*The flowers on the altar are  
dedicated to the Glory of God  
in honor of the Installation  
of Reverend Catherine Lawrence  
by Franklin & Reverend Patricia Jefferis*

## 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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*While all the powers of good aid and attend us,  
Boldly, we'll face the future, come what may.  
At even and at morn God will befriend us,  
And oh, most surely on each newborn day!  
New Years Poem, December 1944 Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

## Prelude

Albert Goodson

*We've Come This Far by Faith*  
Ben Malkevitch, piano

## Call to Worship

Rachel Burns

One: Come and have breakfast with God. Warm yourself at the charcoal fire of love. Eat fish on the beach with the joy of Resurrection in your heart.

Many: We come out of the emptiness of the night before dawn, out of the loneliness of our sorrows and our guilts. We are so focused on denying in our lives that we cannot see the rising.

One: Come and respond to love with love. Spread your nets for it. Jump into the deepest place and swim for it. Cry out your pain until you find it in your own words.

## Opening Hymn

# 67

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

## Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Lauren Smigelski

Gentle God, you know everything, and so you know that we love you. Open that love to be the source of nurture and care for others. Help us to follow you both where we want to go and where we do not want to go. Amen.

## Anthem

Carol and Ron Harris

*In This Very Room*

LCC Chancel Choir

## A Time of Prayer

Rev. Joanna D'Agostino

### 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

Michael Joncas

*On Eagle's Wings*

## 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)

Paula Deal

**Generous God, clothe us with joy in the knowledge that we make a difference through every act of kindness that we generously offer to others and in every dollar given for the mission and ministry of your church. May these gifts be used for the glory of your name. Amen.**

## Living Water Association, Ohio Conference, United Church of Christ Service of Installation

### Association Minister Representative:

Today we confirm and celebrate the covenant between a congregation, a minister, and the United Church of Christ, through the Association and the Conference. Installation is a sign of this covenant that as partners, we are committed to sharing mutually in the mission of the Church of Jesus Christ, local and global. Today as we gather as members and friends of this local congregation, as members and friends of the Living Water Association, the Heartland Conference, and beyond, we remember that we are never alone. We are always part of the Body of Christ.

As the Minister of Faith in Action of the Living Water Association of the Heartland Conference of the United Church of Christ, I greet you in the

name of Jesus Christ, and celebrate with you as the Holy Spirit leads you onward in your journey of faith.

**Gathered Community:**

With Jesus as our guide, we continue to seek the Spirit's guidance for our Community of Faith. Surrounded by the saints who've gone before us, we offer our praise for God's faithfulness to the church, and celebrate Christ in our midst.

**Church Representative:**

The Community of Lakewood Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has called the Reverend Catherine Lawrence as its Minister of Health and Wholeness, and respectfully requests that the Living Water Association install her in this ministry with and among us, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

**Association Minister Representative:**

In her baptism, Catherine began her journey in Christ. Through the years she responded to her call, to ordained ministry of Word and Sacrament in the United Church of Christ. And today we celebrate her call to serve as Minister of Health and Wholeness of Lakewood Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Living Water Association is pleased to celebrate the blessing of this covenant.

Hear these words from the apostle Paul: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

**Church Representative:**

We are Christ's body, and each of us is a part of it.

**Gathered Community:**

**We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.**

**Church Representative:**

If your gift is service:

**Gathered Community:**

**Then we will live to serve others.**

**Church Representative:**

If your gift is the heart of a teacher:

**Gathered Community:**

**Then we will teach what is true.**

**Church Representative:**

Let preachers preach with conviction. Let givers give freely. Let those who serve the poor, serve with glad and generous hearts.

**Gathered Community:**

**Let leaders work diligently for the people, nurturing gifts, encouraging generosity, cultivating good stewardship of all the gifts God has given us, leading us in the footsteps of Jesus.**

**Church Representative:**

Let us not lack enthusiasm, but be ardent in Spirit, serving God, rejoicing in hope, praying regularly, supporting one another, and welcoming all.

**Association Minister Representative:**

Reverend Catherine, in the presence of this gathered community, will you commit yourself to the tasks of ministry in this congregation, and enter this covenant with its members who are one in Christ and with the Living Water Association.

**Called Minister:**

I promise.

**Church Representative:**

You have been called to be among us to proclaim the Good News of healing and love, and teach us the ways of Jesus. You have been called to lead us to stand for justice, peace and mercy in our world. Will you seek the Holy Spirit's guidance to challenge, comfort and inspire God's people?

**Called Minister:**

I will, with the help of God.

**Church Representative:**

You have been called to be among us as a pastor, to visit the sick and brokenhearted, advocate for the health and wellbeing of all, and to preside and serve at the Lord's Table. Will you welcome and serve all in communion with Christ.

**Called Minister:**

I will, with the help of God, trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit. And you, my friends, have been called to participate in the ministries of our church with your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service. You have been called to live the gospel, to pray for me, and with me, to seek God's voice and will for us in our time. Will you do this?

**Gathered Community:**

**We will, with the help of God.**

**Association Minister:**

Will you members and friends of Lakewood Congregational Church receive Reverend Catherine Lawrence as your Minister of Health and Wholeness, trusting her alongside current pastoral leadership, and embracing new possibilities the Spirit puts before you?

And will you respect Catherine as a minister of this church, respecting her time for Sabbath and rest, personal and professional boundaries, and embracing her leadership as she guides you in the footsteps of Jesus?

**Gathered Community:**

**We will, with the help of God.**

**Association Minister:**

Let us pray. God whom we know as love, as we witness and participate in the covenant made here this day between a pastor and a people, we pray for grace, that we may have the strength, courage and compassion to live out these sacred promises, that in all that we say and do, we may be instruments of peace, love and joy in our broken world. Strengthen

and bless this congregation, Lakewood Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, and the global Church of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Reverend Catherine, in the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the United Church of Christ, I declare you duly installed as the Minister of Health and Wholeness of Lakewood Congregational Church, United Church of Christ.

**Gathered Community:**

**Amen. Thanks be to God!**

**Charge to the Pastor**

Reverend Daniel Busch

**The Reading of God's Word**

Reverend George Graham

John 21:1-19

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore,

full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me

more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

## Reflection

Reverend Kenneth Daniel

## Service of Holy Communion

### Invitation to Communion

### Words of Remembrance and Prayer of Consecration

### Sharing the Elements

### Communion Music

William Himes

*Just As I Am*

Noah Hamrick, bass solo

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God, we give you thanks for filling our nets, serving us life and love, and meeting us not only at this table but at all our tables. We accept your call to feed the spirits, minds, and bodies of all your people, young as lambs or older as sheep, safe in the flock or wandering on distant hills, through Christ our Savior. Amen**

## Closing Hymn

*[see insert]*

*The Summons*

## Words of Gratitude & Benediction

Rev. Catherine Lawrence

## Postlude

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*The Call*

Ben Malkevitch, organ

### ***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.***

## ***Thanks to all who participated in this worship celebration***

### ***The Reverend Joanna D'Agostino***

*Senior Pastor Lakewood Congregational Church, UCC*

### ***The Reverend Michael Anthony Howard,***

*Minister of Faith in Action Living Water Association, ONE  
(Ohio NorthEast)*

### ***The Reverend Kenneth V. Daniel***

*President and Chief Executive Officer, United Church Homes, Inc.*

### ***The Reverend Daniel Busch***

*Association Minister Northwest Ohio Association*

### ***The Reverend George Graham***

*Vice President, Council for Health and Human Services Ministries*

### ***Rachel Burns***

*Director of Children and Family Ministries*

### ***Ben Malkevitch***

*Director of Music, LCC*

### ***Jan Young***

*Moderator, LCC*

### ***Lauren Smigelski***

*Chair of Diaconate*

### ***Paula Deal***

*Lakewood Congregational Church, Member*

From Reverend Catherine:

*Heartfelt thank you to all the members of LCC who have warmly welcomed me and supported our ministry of Health and Wholeness.*

*Deep gratitude for my family and dear friends who have generously supported me on this amazing journey in ministry.*

*Many thanks to Karen King Catering for their generous support of LCC and its Community Meal program.*

## **Offering and Contribution Collection**

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

