

Lakewood Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Sunday, May 29, 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.

We welcome Jessica Crowell as our guest musician



*The flowers on the altar are
given in loving memory
of Virginia Hancock
from her family.*

Prelude

arr. Zach Williams

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Next Generation Band

Bridget Katzenburger, vocals; Abby Kovach, bass;
Ellie Kramer, guitar, Edie Barcelona, piano; Joe Daso, drums;
Nate Lardi, trombone; Evey Lardi, tenor sax

Call to Worship

One: The grace of Jesus Christ be with all the saints! We have gathered in that grace to worship our Most Holy God.

All: **We come to rejoice in the Holy One, our God. We give thanks, for God sets us free.**

One: God is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, who reigns over all Creation. Come, all who hunger and all who thirst; be nourished and renewed in this time of worship.

All: **We give thanks for God's steadfast love that brings joy to our hearts in the night, light to our lives like the dawn that sets us free.**

Opening Hymn

582

Come Down, O Love Divine

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

O God, we give thanks that you bid us to come to this place of prayer. We thank you that here, we are reminded of your boundless love, justice, and mercy. We thank you that you are the path of redemption, salvation, and deliverance from all that binds and imprisons us. Break the chains and open the prison doors of our lives. Set us free, as we worship you in this place of prayer. Let our praises and prayers, our songs and hymns give glory and honor to you. Amen

Anthem

John David, arr. Peter Knight

You Are the New Day

Jesse Bobbitt, soprano; Jennifer Browning, alto;
Michael Komperda, tenor; Noah Hamrick, bass

A Time of 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

Bill Wolaver

Spirit Divine, Hear Our Prayer

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)

Thank you, God, for calling us to freedom through your abiding grace. Bless these gifts. Guide us in your wisdom that we might use them for your glory and the honor of all your beloved children. Amen

The Reading of God's Word

Claire Stair

Psalms 97

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
Fire goes before him,
and consumes his adversaries on every side.
His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.
The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,

before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.
All worshippers of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before him.
Zion hears and is glad,
and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgements, O God.
For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

The Lord loves those who hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.
Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

Reflection

Reverend Joanna D'Agostino

Reshaping the World

Closing Hymn

722

This Is My Song

Benediction

Postlude

Carol Tornquist

I Sing the Mighty Power of God
Jessica Crowell, piano

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.

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
- Call the church office at (216) 221-9555 to discuss other options

