

Lakewood Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Sunday, June 12, 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

Phil Lehenbauer

Trinity Procession (NICAEA)

Ben Malkevitch, organ

Call to Worship

One: Praise to God our Creator, source of our being and wellspring of life.

Many: Praise to God our liberator, who sets us free and gives us hope.

One: Praise to God the Word, love made flesh to dwell among us.

Many: Praise to Jesus the Christ, who feeds the hungry and shows us the Way.

One: Praise to God the Spirit, fiery light and rushing wind.

Many: Praise the Holy Spirit, who inspires, challenges, comforts, and sustains us.

One: Come let us worship the Earth-maker, the Pain-bearer, and the Life-giver*.

Many: Let us worship God!

**Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver are names for the Trinity taken from an adaptation of the Lord's Prayer in A New Zealand Prayer Book, Anglican Church of New Zealand, 1989*

Opening Hymn

For Everyone Born



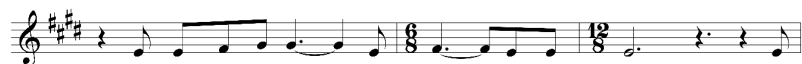
1. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2. For wo - man and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4. For gay and for straight, a place at the ta - ble,
 5. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - ci - ding the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a cov - e - nant shared, a wel - com - ing space,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace di - vi - ding the pow - er
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 a rain - bow of race and gen - der and col - or,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head. And
 for wo - man and man, a sys - tem that's fair.
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for gay and for straight, the cha - lice of free.
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be For



God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy com - pas - sion and peace: yes



God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,



jus - tice and joy.

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray
 MUSIC: Brian Mann

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

O God, how wonderful are the many ways we experience your presence! Help us to draw near to you. Open our ears so that we can hear wisdom's call. Set our hearts ablaze with your healing fire. Nourish us with the gift of community. Empower us to follow and to serve you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

Special Music

Jerry Herman

"I Am What I Am" from *La Cage aux Folles*

Michael Komperda, tenor

Ben Malkevitch, piano

Celebrating LCC's Open and Affirming Statement

Today in honor of Pride Month, we will celebrate and read aloud LCC's Open and Affirming Statement originally adopted by LCC in 2005, and updated and approved at our Annual Meeting in February 2022.

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.

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)

O God, Pour out your blessing on these tithes and offerings, that they might be a source of blessing in our church, in our community, and in our world. Through this act of sharing, may we counter fear with hope and transform scarcity through generosity. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Julie Marlin

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Doesn't Wisdom cry out

and understanding raise her voice?

On the heights, along the way,

she takes her stand at the crossroads;

By the gate of the city,

at the busy entrance she shouts loudly:

'I'm calling all people;

I'm raising my voice for all humanity.

God created me at the beginning of God's handiwork,
the first of his acts, before God did anything else.

I was brought into being a long time ago
before the Earth was even formed.

When there were no deep waters I was brought forth,
before springs and rivers and lakes.

Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was already here—

when God had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first handfuls of dirt.

When God established the heavens, I was there,
when God drew the horizon across the deep sea,
when God made the thick, fluffy clouds,
when God secured the fountains of the deep,
when God made shores and banks to hold the sea,

so the waters would know their boundaries,
when God marked out the foundations of the earth,
I was there. Right beside God, like a master worker;
Like a partner.

Every day we had fun.

I was filled with joy because of God's creation, God's
partnership, God's delight.

I was, and am, rejoicing before God always,
rejoicing in God's inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

Reflection

Reverend Joanna D'Agostino

Closing Hymn

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Let There Be Peace on Earth

Benediction

Postlude

Tom Standish

Pax vobiscum

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.

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

