

# Lakewood Congregational Church

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

Sunday, June 26, 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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### **About our guest musician:**

Jessica Crowell is a graduate of the vocal performance programs at Malone University (BM) and the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University (MM). Formerly, she was the Director of Music and Youth Ministries at First Christian Church in Massillon. Presently, she is participating in Nightingale Opera Theatre's Summer Festival.

### **Rev. Joanna on Vacation:**

Rev. Joanna will be out of town with her family for vacation from June 29th-July 13th. On Sunday, July 4th, worship will be led by Rev. Irene Willis, the Minister for Refugee and Migration Services for the United Church of Christ. The following Sunday, July 10th, worship will be led by Rev. Mark Pettis, who is a member of Lakewood Congregational Church and the Ecumenical & Interfaith Relations Manager at United Church of Christ. Both of them are dynamic worship leaders and we hope you'll be able to gather together with them online or in-person.

If you have an urgent pastoral need, please contact Rev. Catherine Lawrence: (216) 548-0510. For other needs, please contact Karen Lee at the church office: (216) 221-9555 or [karen@lcc-church.org](mailto:karen@lcc-church.org)

## Prelude

Mark Hayes

*The Love of God*  
Jessica Crowell, soprano and piano

## Call to Worship

One: The way of our God is holy.

Many: **Holy One, we seek your presence in our midst.**

One: The way of our God is wondrous.

Many: **Wondrous God, we marvel at your works and marvelous deeds.**

One: The way of our God is awesome.

Many: **Awesome God, we call out to you in hope.**

## Opening Hymn

# 595

*Be Thou My Vision*

## Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Liberating One, we keep you before us. Our souls rejoice and our hearts are gladdened. Our very beings find safety and security in your presence. We approach you with thanksgiving and anticipation. Enliven us to be your people in the world. Embolden us to live in freedom. Empower us to be your good news. Stand up in us and show us the path of life. Amen.

## Special Music

John Ness Beck

*Song of Devotion*  
Jessica Crowell, soprano and piano

## 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)

**Giver of Gifts, receive the resources we bring. May they bless our community and our world. May bonds of scarcity be broken as we meet the needs around us with the gifts that you have first given to us. May we be gladdened by giving and rejoice in generosity. Amen.**

## The Reading of God's Word

Ron Petrie

Psalm 77:1–2, 11–20

I cry aloud to God,  
aloud to God, that he may hear me.  
In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord;  
in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying;  
my soul refuses to be comforted.  
I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD;  
I will remember your wonders of old.  
I will meditate on all your work,  
and muse on your mighty deeds.

Your way, O God, is holy.  
What god is so great as our God?  
You are the God who works wonders;  
you have displayed your might among the peoples.  
With your strong arm you redeemed your people,  
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph. Selah  
When the waters saw you, O God,  
when the waters saw you, they were afraid;  
the very deep trembled.  
The clouds poured out water;  
the skies thundered;  
your arrows flashed on every side.  
The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind;  
your lightnings lit up the world;  
the earth trembled and shook.  
Your way was through the sea,  
your path, through the mighty waters;  
yet your footprints were unseen.  
You led your people like a flock  
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

## Reflection

Rev. Joanna D'Agostino

*Selah*

## Closing Hymn

# 628

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

## Benediction

## Postlude

arr. Carol Tornquist

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Jessica Crowell, piano



## 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

## ***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.*