

Lakewood Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Sunday, July 10, 2022



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

The Reverend Mark Pettis serves as the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Manager for the United Church of Christ. In this role, he is responsible for guiding and coordinating these efforts for the national setting of the denomination. He also serves on the Executive Council for Religions for Peace USA, on the Coordinating Committee for Churches United in Christ (CUIC), as a participant in the National Council of Churches — National Council of Synagogues Jewish-Christian Dialogue, as a member of the National Council of Churches Interreligious Convening Table, and on the Advisory Board for the Shoulder-to-Shoulder Campaign. Previously, he served as the Senior Minister of the Manhattan Beach Community Church (UCC). Rev. Pettis is a member of Lakewood Congregational Church.

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.



*The flowers at the altar
are dedicated to the Glory of God
in celebration of
Jim and Nancy Gibbs'
50th wedding anniversary*

Prelude

arr. Gary Norian

Holy, Holy, Holy
Ben Malkevitch, piano

Call to Worship

One: God of salvation, we lift our souls to you.

Many: The paths of the Holy One are steadfast love and faithfulness.

One: In trust, we wait on you to speak, to reveal, to send.

Many: The paths of the Holy One are steadfast love and faithfulness.

One: Lead us in your truth with mercy and righteousness.

Many: The paths of the Holy One are steadfast love and faithfulness.

Opening Hymn

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Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Divine Builder, you set our standards and foundation. Make your presence known to us as we gather before you. Let this community reflect your body and your vision. Fortify us with all truth and strengthen us with your abundant love. Enliven our senses and stir our being as we worship you as the people you have crafted to build alongside you. Amen.

Special Music

words by Ken Bible, music by Ben Malkevitch

The Good Samaritan

Ben Malkevitch, baritone 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.

Prayer Response

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)

Architect of our faith, use these humble offerings to construct your plan of peace, hope, and love for life abundantly. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Vicki Smigelski

Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Reflection

Reverend Mark Pettis

Where Are All the Samaritans?

Closing Hymn

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Community of Christ

Benediction

Postlude

Michael Higgins

Bunessan

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.*

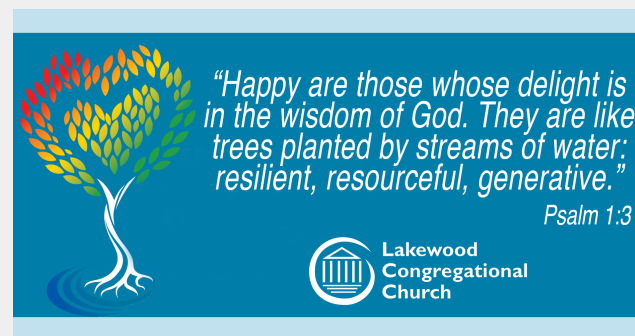
In keeping with the spirit of our Mission Statement,

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



SUMMER REFLECTION

Joan Chittester invites us to ponder the gifts of the Prophet Within

She asks:

*Will we take up what we know is our moral and spiritual responsibility:
to make the world a better place for all, to bring to life the fullness
of Creation for all?*

*Please join Rev. Catherine Lawrence for great conversation and to discuss
the book's Meditation Prompts over three Tuesday sessions.*

Tuesday, July 12: 1:00pm and 6:30pm

Tuesday, July 19: 1:00pm and 6:30pm

Tuesday, July 26: 1:00pm and 6:30pm

All are welcome. Please RSVP to the church office.

