

Lakewood Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Sunday, July 17, 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

Tom Birchwood

Joy in the Morning
Ben Malkevitch, piano

Call to Worship

One: Let us gather in spirit and truth to worship the Holy One!

Many: Let us gather together with life and vibrancy.

One: Let us praise the God who reveals, questions, and listens.

Many: Let us come ripe with possibilities.

One: Let us give thanks for God's abiding and faithful love.

Many: Let us come to proclaim the goodness of God and creation. Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn

What Does the Lord Require of You?

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Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Divine Gardener, we need your care and nurture. Fertilize our soil and our souls. Plant seeds of wisdom, inspiration, and discernment. Prune us today for more abundance tomorrow. Refresh us with living water. Revive us again. Amen.

Anthem

Jay Althouse

Oh Come, Thou God of Grace

LCC Summer Choir

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)

Gracious God, we offer not only our thanks, but also our gifts, knowing what you have done all along – rescuing the lost, healing the broken, feeding the hungry, loving the poor – will continue to be done through our gifts. Bless all that we offer to you, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Maic D'Agostino

Psalm 15

O God, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?
Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;
who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;
in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Reflection

Reverend Joanna D'Agostino

How Big is that Tent?

Closing Hymn

see music on the next page

We Shall Not Be Moved

This song is an African-American spiritual, specifically, a "jubilee song," a class of songs sung by Black folks rejoicing in their emancipation. Several different sets of verses have become popular in the 150 years since. We sing it in solidarity, and with commitment to further social justice in the world.

We shall not, we shall not be moved, we shall not,
 we shall not be moved, Just like a tree that's plant-ed by the
 wa - ters, we shall not be moved.
 1. Je - sus is our sa - vior, we shall not be moved;
 2. On our road to jus - tice, we shall not be moved;
 3. Rich and poor to - ge - ther, we shall not be moved;
 4. All ra - ces bound to - ge - ther, we shall not be moved; all
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 on our road to jus - tice, we shall not be moved;
 rich and poor to - ge - ther, we shall not be moved;
 ra - ces bound to - ge - ther, we shall not be moved;
 — just like a tree that's plant-ed by the wa - ters,
 we shall not be moved.

Benediction

Postlude

Forward in His Name
 Ben Malkevitch, piano

R. Kevin Boesiger

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

