

Lakewood Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Sunday, July 3, 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.

Reverend Irene Willis Hassan serves as Minister for Refugee and Migration Services with the United Church of Christ (UCC). She works with UCC congregations to expand migration services and is responsible for UCC initiatives to strengthen congregational engagement in refugee resettlement, networking and advocacy. Rev. Willis Hassan brings a wealth of experience and insight from serving among vulnerable and displaced people in various locations, including working on relief projects in Turkey, Syria and Jordan, managing the refugee employment department at the Episcopal Diocese Refugee Resettlement Office in Seattle, and serving as the Chaplain for Hawaii's largest homeless services provider, The Institute for Human Services

Prelude

J. S. Bach

Sarabande from Partita no. 1 in Bb, BWV 825

Nicole DiPaolo, piano

Call to Worship

One: Make a joyful sound to the Holy One. Let the earth rejoice.

Many: How awesome are your works, O Sovereign!

One: Creation groans under the pressure of war, environmental abuse, and communal disconnection.

Many: We cry out to you, Present God, and you hear and respond.

One: You turn our mourning into movement and stir our souls to action and to rest.

Many: Everlasting God, we will give thanks and praise you for you clothe us in joy and peace.

Opening Hymn

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In Christ There Is No East or West

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

God with us, you send us into the world as your agents of restoration and change. You speak to us in the stillness of our rest and the chaos of a frenzied world. You guide us in troubling times, and you move us to dance in celebration. We give thanks for your presence among us. Open all points of receptivity within us as we worship you, Holy and Living God. Amen.

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

Minuet II from Partita no. 1 in Bb, BWV 825

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)

Creator, bless these gifts that we bring to this community and the world. May our time be used preciously, our treasure shared faithfully, and our talents demonstrated gloriously in your name. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Paula Deal

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reflection

Rev. Irene Willis Hassan

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion

Words of Remembrance and Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Elements

Anyone who wishes to partake in this sacrament is welcome to do so.

Communion Music

Sonata in Eb, K. 281, 1st mvt. by W. A. Mozart

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Still Speaking God, in this place, at this table, we have touched, we have tasted and we have heard and seen the signs of your love for us. Grant that we may go away from this place-filled with our love for you and overflowing with your love for those who are around us and who share our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Touch Holiness Ed. Ruth Duck and Maren Tirabassi. 1990 Pilgrim Press. (p 170)

Closing Hymn

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O For a World

Benediction

Postlude

J. S. Bach

Gigue from Partita no. 1 in Bb, BWV 825

Nicole DiPaolo, piano

About our guest musician:

Praised as a "sensitive pianist" who delivers "powerful interpretations," Nicole Elyse DiPaolo is a versatile collaborative pianist, composer, arranger, and teacher based in Cleveland, Ohio. Recent performing highlights include giving the world premiere of H. Leslie Adams' Grand March for trumpet and piano in the composer's presence; a Christmas concert with members of the Cleveland Pops; two livestreamed solo recitals with Sing for Hope; the Quarantine Concert Series and Mozart's The Magic Flute with the Spooky Goose Opera; a Collaborative Piano Fellowship for the Bay View Music Festival's SOARS program; and two

long-term cruise ship tours with violinist Amy Lee as the Duo del Mare. A Detroit-area native, Ms. DiPaolo holds degrees from Indiana University and from the University of Michigan, where her studies included music theory, piano (under Michele Cooker and Louis Nagel), composition (Bright Sheng), and basso continuo (Edward Parmentier). At IU she was the rehearsal coach/pianist for J. F. Lampe's opera Pyramus and Thisbe and a sought-after recital partner for singers and instrumentalists alike.

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