

# Lakewood Congregational Church

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

Sunday, August 21, 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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## Prelude

Karen Roth

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Michael Komperda, Cathy Spicer, Robert Wenz, Jan Young,  
handbells

## Call to Worship

One: When discouragement surrounds us day after day,

**Many: God is still calling us to joy.**

One: When the path we're on seems to be full of potholes,

**Many: God is still calling us to joy.**

One: When laughter is silent and tears are loud,

**Many: God is still calling us to joy.**

One: When times seem uncertain and fear abounds,

**Many: God is still calling us to joy.**

## Opening Hymn

*O Christ the Healer*

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## **Prayer of Invocation** (in unison)

God of expanding possibilities, today is a day of hope. Even if discouragement is near, joy is on the horizon. Turn our hearts so that we learn to enjoy this life. Free our minds from worry. May we experience our day in the way you want for us. Amen.

## **Special Music**

arr. Kevin McChesney

*How Great Thou Art*

Michael Komperda, Cathy Spicer, Robert Wenz, Jan Young,  
handbells

## **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)

Take these gifts, God, and multiply them. Ensure that our church, community, and world are stronger because of them. Give us the wisdom we need to use our time, talent, and treasure in the most effective ways. Amen.

## **The Reading of God's Word**

Nora Katzenberger

Luke 13:10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites!

Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

## **Reflection**

Reverend Joanna D'Agostino

*Chin Up*

## **Closing Hymn**

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*I'm So Glad*

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

Malcolm Archer

*Festival Finale*

Ben Malkevitch, organ

*From Ben Malkevitch: Yesterday, we honored the life of Earl Gottlieb, a longtime member of LCC and volunteer sound technician and electrician par excellence. Earl loved music, including the grand sounds of our Schantz pipe organ. I dedicate this postlude to his blessed memory.*

***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](http://www.lcc-church.org)
- Call the church office at (216) 221-9555 to discuss other options

