

Lakewood Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Sunday, October 9, 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

Ben Malkevitch

A Shelter in the Time of Storm
Ben Malkevitch, voice and piano

Call to Worship

One: Come! Come, all you who are seeking God. Come! Enter into this place of protection and comfort and discover that God is seeking us!

Many: **We rejoice to have God find us here, as we come seeking God.**

One: Come! Come in and experience God's joy when we come together.

All: **Here in this sanctuary we worship, and meet God!**

Opening Hymn

An Outcast Among Outcasts

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Luke 17:11-19; Mark 15:32

Richard D. Leach, 1992

Unison

1 An out - cast a - mong out - casts, dis - missed with dou - ble scorn,
 2 An out - cast a - mong out - casts, where three were cru - ci - fied,
 3 For out - casts a - mong out - casts the bound - aries are re - drawn,

be - lit - tled by the la - bels: "un - clean" and "for - eign born"—
 de - rid - ed by the oth - ers as they hung side by side—
 by words, "Your faith has saved you," by cross and Eas - ter dawn.

came back with thanks for Je - sus, and then went on his way:
 came back from death with pow - er, God had the fi - nal say:
 The dis - tant longed - for cen - ters of pow - er, peace, and care,

An out - cast a - mong out - casts showed grate - ful faith that day.
 An out - cast a - mong out - casts shows God to us to - day.
 where life is free to flour - ish, are found now ev - ery - where.

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Holy Love, take our weary waiting and form in us a readiness for renewal. Shape our hearts for healing, our minds for mending, and our souls for sharing. Let no weight of the moment prevent our remembering of your long reach of faithfulness cast over the whole creation. Still us enough to discover again your prayer rising in our praying, that we may be formed by Your love made known to us in Jesus Christ. By this, change us on the inside that our outer lives may more clearly reflect your will and way of mercy into the world.

Anthem

Parry, arr. Larson

For the Music of Creation

LCC Chancel Choir

Faith Formation

All youth (preK-8th grade) are welcome to join in today's Faith Formation classes. Rachel and the leaders will guide them to their classrooms. Children can be picked up there after worship.

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

Clarke

Into My Heart

A Time of Sharing

Call to Offering

Offertory

Alexandre Guilmant

Offertoire

Ben Malkevitch, organ

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)

Holy One, in Jesus Christ you have shown what your heart is like – merciful and abounding in steadfast love. Form that same spirit in us that our lives may become continual prayers of thanksgiving. Let no cry of your creation go unheard. Form us as agents of practical praise, molding us with mercy for a world crying out for healing.

The Reading of God's Word

Maic D'Agostino

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Reflection

Reverend Joanna D'Agostino

The Other Nine

Closing Hymn

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O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Benediction

Postlude

Norman Warren

Pilgrims' Song

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