

Lakewood Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Sunday, February 19, 2023



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

Spencer Williams

Basin Street Blues

LCC Dixieland Band

Jabril Barnes, trumpet; Dave Kasper, sax

William C. Washington, trombone

Matt Banner, sousaphone

Liam Smith, drums

Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 99)

One: Let us praise the great and awesome name of the Holy One.

Many: The Holy One is high on the mountain and exalted among the people.

One: Let us praise the great and awesome name of the Mighty One.

Many: The Mighty God is sovereign, loves justice, and establishes equity..

One: Let us praise the great and awesome name of the Everlasting God.

Many: The Everlasting God hears our cries and answers our call. Praise our God!

Opening Hymn

When the Saints Go Marching In

1. Oh, when the saints go marching in

Refrain: Oh Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in

2. And when the sun refuse to shine
3. When they go through them Pearly Gates
4. Oh when they ring them silver bells
5. And when the angels gather 'round
6. Oh into Heaven when they go
7. And when they're singing hallelu
8. And when the Lord is shakin' hands
9. Oh, when the saints go marching in

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Radiant God, we come to you on the mountaintop to experience your glory. You come to us in the valleys. We meet you in gladness in a place where heaven and earth collide. May our worship of you encourage us on the journey and make us aspire to reflect your dream for the world. Transform us and keep us near to you. Amen

Anthem

Keith Hampton

Praise His Holy Name!

LCC Chancel Choir

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Eloise Lucienne Alter

Baptismal Music

Johnny Richards

Young at Heart

LCC Dixieland Band

Faith Formation

All youth (Pre-K-12th 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

The 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

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Give Me a Clean Heart

A Time of Sharing

Invitation to Generosity

Jesus comes down to us as a gift of presence, compassion, and companionship. His entire life is a demonstration of committed generosity and stewardship. We too are called to present our lives as a gift to the God who has created us and the world that needs what we have to offer in time, talent, and treasure. Let us reveal the glory of God by the giving of our good gifts.

Offertory

arr. Lyndell Leatherman

I Will Sing of the Mercies

Ben Malkevitch, piano

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)

Generous God, may these gifts bring you glory and honor and meet the needs of your people. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Beth Abbott

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Reflection

Rev. Joanna D'Agostino

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Closing Hymn

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Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Benediction

Postlude

Fisher, Goodman, and Shay

When You're Smiling

LCC Dixieland Band

White Rose on the Altar

The White Rose on the altar is in celebration of the baptism of Eloise Lucienne Alter, child of Brooke (Waddell) and Jonathan Alter. Eloise was born on November 11, 2022 Their proud grandparents are Ann and Bernard Alter and Bruce and Lori Waddell.

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
- 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

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.
We welcome people of all sexual orientation,
ages, differing abilities, and ethnic, economic,
and racial backgrounds into
the full life and ministry of our church.
We declare this in the name of the Still Speaking God,
whose Son, Jesus Christ, welcomed
all people into God's circle of grace.*