

Lakewood Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Sunday, May 14, 2023



An Order of Worship to be followed in your home,
along with our Livestream Service at 10:00 am

Our annual Music Sunday is a testament to the integral connection between faith and artistic expression, and to LCC's commitment to the value we place on music as part of our worship community. We encourage you to sing out on the hymns and listen to the beautiful sounds of words and music which we offer today before our God.

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

arr. Kurt Meyer

Festive Dance on "Holy Manna"

LCC Handbell Choir

Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 98)

One: O sing God a new song, who has done marvelous things.

All: God brings steadfast love and faithfulness to all humankind. All the ends of the earth have seen our God triumphant.

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

All: Sing praises to God with the lyre and the sound of melody. Make a joyful noise, with resounding trumpets and horns.

One: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.

All: Let the floods clap their hands, the hills sing together for joy.

Opening Hymn

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

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Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

One: Music is more than notes on a page.

All: It is a universal language which binds all humanity together, reaching across continents and cultures. It brings us joy when we need it most, and comfort, and strength. Let it remind us today, and every day, of your supreme love for us, your people. Amen.

Anthem

Bill Staines, arr. Mike Galloway

A Place in the Choir

LCC Chancel Choir

Mike Galloway, conductor

Tim Hampton, marimba

Reading

Kay Galloway

"You Are the Music" by Marcia Newton

Special Music

César Franck

Panis angelicus

Jesse Bobbitt, soprano; Sam Jungman, tenor

Ben Malkevitch, piano

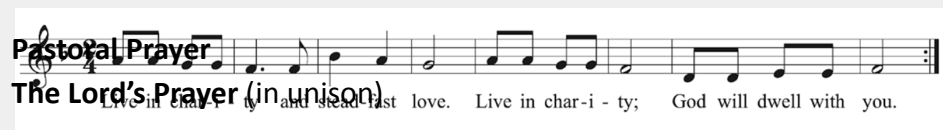
Faith Formation

All youth (pre-K-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

Invitation to Prayer

We will sing this Taizé chant as many times as the Spirit moves us.



Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer (in unison)
Live in char-i - ty and seek God's love. Live in char-i - ty; God will dwell with you.

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

Day by Day

Harold Friedell

Anthem

Susan Callaway

Rise Up Early in the Morning

LCC Chancel Choir

Reading

Liz Spahr

"Where Everything Is Music" by Rumi

Offertory Hymn

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Be Thou My Vision

A Time of Sharing

Call to Offering

Offertory

arr. Karen Buckwalter

Meditation on Beach Spring

LCC Handbell Choir

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)

Jesus, please accept our gifts, offered humbly in your name, and guide us to use them in ways that magnify your name and carry forth your message of universal love throughout the world. Amen.

Anthem Getty, Getty, and Townend
Compassion Hymn
LCC Chancel Choir
Karin Tooley, piano

The Reading of God's Word Joanelen Hurley
Psalm 150

Reflection Ben Malkevitch
Progress, Not Perfection

Anthem Allen Pote
I Will Sing and Not Be Silent
LCC Chancel Choir
Karin Tooley, piano

Reading Ben Malkevitch
"The Gift to Sing" by James Weldon Johnson

Anthem H. Leslie Adams
Hymn to All Nations
LCC Chancel Choir
Karin Tooley, piano

Closing Hymn # 2
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Benediction

Postlude Sallie Lloyd
Reverberations
LCC Handbell Choir

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

Please consider fulfilling your pledges during this time. 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