

Lakewood Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Sunday, June 4, 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.



Welcome

Bill Fraunfelder,
Chair of the Executive Team

Prelude

arr. Dan Forrest
Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above
Ben Malkevitch, piano

Call to Worship

Leader: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, declaring it good.

Congregation: God created day and night, sky and water, and declared it good.

Leader: God created dry land and deep oceans, plants and trees, and declared it good.

Congregation: God created sun and moon and stars, to guide by day and night, declaring it good.

Leader: God created animals of the sea and sky, every kind, and called them good.

Congregation: God created animals of the land, and called them good.

Leader: God created humankind in God's own image, and called it good. Beloved, let us worship God in gladness and thanksgiving for all that God has made.

Opening Hymn

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Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God, Almighty!

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

God, how glorious and majestic are your works! By your grace you have made all things, and all creation bears the imprint of your divine Spirit. Attend to us now, we pray, that your Spirit may continue to fill us with all good things. Amen.

Honoring of Graduates

Bailey Bowles

Tim Daso

Ella Kalinowski

Allison Kressler

Aiden Parch

Evelyn Richards

Eliza Richardson

Luke Schuldt

Evan Suttell

Meg Winters

Anthem

arr. James Mulholland

How Can I Keep from Singing?

LCC Chancel Choir

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

Day by Day

Friedell

A Time of Sharing

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

Alexander Guilmant

Melody in G

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)

O Holy God, to you we offer these gifts of our lives and labors, treasures of our hearts and homes. Receive them in your good mercy and multiply their effects for the causes of peace and justice to which you have called us. We pray in Jesus' name, amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Darren Toms

Matthew 28: 16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Reflection

Rev. Elizabeth Dilley

What Does Christ Command?

Commissioning of Our Mission Trip

LCC's 2023 Youth Mission Team

Youth: Will Bando, Aidan Bangert, Cora Barcelona, Ally Bookman, David Burns, Lilly Burns, Carys Crone, Evelyn D'Agostino, Mel Diemert, Peyton Diemert, Nora Germaine, Lucy Heller, Anya Lardi, Evey Lardi, Nate Lardi, Charlie Payne, Connor Pierce, Zoe Pierce, Bri Raynes, Sean Taylor

Adults: John Bando, Rachel Burns, April Crone, David Diemert, Dave Harris, Amy Lardi, Chris Lardi, Sarah Pierce, Tri Raynes

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion

Anyone who wishes to partake in this sacrament is welcome to do so. Our Communion Elements will be shared in the pews this week.

Words of Remembering

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Elements

One: Let us receive the gift of God, the Bread of Heaven.

All: We are one in Christ in the bread we share.

One: Let us receive the gift of God, the Cup of Blessing.

All: We are one in Christ in the cup we share.

Communion Music

Paul Frantsen

River of Mercy

Ben Malkevitch, vocals and piano

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

Living God, we thank you for nourishing us in the simplicity and splendor of this meal. May we be strengthened for the great commission to which you have called us in Christ's name and the Spirit's power. Amen.

Closing Hymn

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Benediction

Postlude

William Lloyd Webber

Postlude

Ben Malkevitch, organ

The Rev. Elizabeth Dilley serves as Minister and Team Leader for the Ministerial Excellence, Support, and Authorization (MESA) ministry team in the national setting of the United Church of Christ. The MESA team empowers and equips Committees on Ministry and Conference staff in the work of authorization and oversight of ministers in the UCC. Prior to her work in the national setting, she served a small, progressive congregation in Red Oak, Iowa for almost a decade. Elizabeth lives on the west side of Cleveland with her spouse Paul and their sixth-grade daughter Meredith.

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

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.*