

Lakewood Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

1375 West Clifton Boulevard, Lakewood, OH



Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 21, 2024 · 10:00 AM

Announcements and Welcome

Prelude

Hugh Livingston, Jr.

Voluntary on "Lobe den Herren"

Judy Fesko, piano

Call to Worship

One: We gather to respond to the call of God's love

Many: Thankful that someone cared enough to share this good news with us.

One: May we be compassionate enough to share this divine presence with others.

Many: Love, when shared, is not divided but multiplied.

One: Love, given away, is not diminished but expanded.

Many: May our gathering beckon and welcome those near and far to know the love of this divine presence.

Opening Hymn

#469

I Am the Light of the World

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Holy One, from deep within us we know of your loving presence. From all around us we see glory, beauty, life and light. Through worship, may our awareness of your movement within and around us grow more intense. May we, gathered in this place, learn to pay attention to your work in our lives. Amen.

Anthem

Vicki Tucker Courtney

We're Gonna Shine Our Light

LCC Chancel Choir

A Time of Prayer

Invitation to 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

Into My Heart

A Time of Sharing

Call to Offering

Offertory

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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)

May these gifts, given to these ministries of grace, be a blessing to friends and strangers, those like us and those not, those deserving and those not, for in this way the love of God reaches all of God's beloved. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Darren Toms

Jonah 3:1-5; 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk

across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Reflection

Rev. Joanna D'Agostino

Closing Hymn

#323

Wonderful Words of Life

Benediction

Postlude

Our guest musician and choir director is Judy Fesko

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.***