

Lakewood Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

1375 West Clifton Boulevard, Lakewood, OH



Mardi Gras Sunday

February 11, 2024 · 10:00 AM

Announcements and Welcome

Prelude

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

LCC Dixieland Band

Jabril Barnes, trumpet; Dave Kasper, woodwinds

William C. Washington, trombone; Matthew Banner, sousaphone

Liam Smith, drums

Call to Worship

One: In beauty, in connection, in wonder.

Many: We seek Holy Love.

One: In anger, in sorrow, in fatigue.

Many: We seek Holy Love.

One: In questions, in upheaval, in uncertainty.

Many: We seek Holy Love.

One: Pause to notice where you are today. God accompanies us
tenderly and boldly.

Many: Together, we seek Holy Love.

Opening Hymn

#490

Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

As Jesus dazzled before his friends on the mountainside, reveal your hope to us, O God. Awaken us to the wonder that we can witness in this moment. Shift our faces to the dazzling possibility of a new day and new chances for meaning and connection. Shine upon your people in this place, and glow with warmth upon our time of worship. Amen.

Anthem

Shine, Jesus, Shine

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

Special Music

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LCC Dixieland Band

A Time of Sharing

Offertory

Robert Cull

Traditional Irish Melody/arr. Mark Hayes

Open Our Eyes/Be Thou My Vision

Lisa Miragliotta, 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)

Holy Love, you know that healing takes place through connection—to self, to others, to the world. Bless our gathered resources for this beautiful purpose. Heal us through connection. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Doug Damron

Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Reflection

Rev. Joanna D'Agostino

On Edge

Closing Hymn

#583

Lead Me, Guide Me

Benediction

Postlude

*Special thanks to our guest musicians:
Lisa Miragliotta, piano and choir director
Jabril Barnes, trumpet
Dave Kasper, woodwinds
William C. Washington, trombone
Matthew Banner, sousaphone
Liam Smith, drums*

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.*