

LAKEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

1375 West Clifton Boulevard, Lakewood, OH



Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 27, 2025 | 10:00 AM

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Liturgy adapted from Rev. Dr. Cheryl Lindsay | UCC Worship Ways

Announcements and Welcome

Prelude

Amanda Meisenheimer

The Loving-kindness Song
VBS Campers

*Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 85)

One: Righteousness will go before our God; peace makes its path.

Many: Restore us, O God, and stir anger within for the pain and injustices of the world.

One: Righteousness will go before our God; peace makes its path.

Many: Revive us, O God, and bring joy to our hearts and a song of praise on our lips.

One: Righteousness will go before our God; peace makes its path.

Many: Redeem us, O God, and call your people back to you in spirit and in truth.

*Hymn

#570

Sweet Hour of Prayer!

*Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Holy One, make us like new, show us your way, teach us to pray with our hearts and our hands. Give us the word today that we need to know you. Give us hope today to be a beacon in a world full of lost and confused. Give us joy today to make your name known. Give us peace today to respond with courage, fortitude, and conviction. Give us love today to love as you have loved us. Amen.

Anthem

John Ness Beck

Speak to Me Lord
LCC Summer Pick Up 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.

A Time of Sharing

Offertory

*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)

Our God in Glory, may the good gifts we bring of time, talent, and treasure be used and magnified for the benefit of your beloved. Thank you, Holy One, for enabling us to join in your kingdom come on earth. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Patti Komperda

Luke 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Reflection

Katie Howe, Guest Preacher

*Closing Hymn

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Your Words to Me Are Life and Health

*Benediction

Postlude

Katie Howe, is a Member-In-Discernment at LCC and currently serves as Minister for Disaster Response and Recovery with the National Ministry of the United Church of Christ. She works directly with churches across the US on all aspects of disaster preparedness and response activities. She moved to Lakewood about almost two years ago with her pup Sophia and in her free time she enjoys musical theater and playing board games.

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.