

LAKEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

1375 West Clifton Boulevard, Lakewood, OH



Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 24, 2025 | 10:00 AM

Cover Photo taken by Pastor Joanna while camping in Syracuse, IN
Liturgy Adapted from UCC Worship Ways

Announcements and Welcome

Prelude

Sheryl Crow

I Shall Believe

Chris Burns

*Call to Worship

One: When discouragement surrounds us day after day,

Many: God is still calling us to joy.

One: When the path we're on seems to be full of potholes,

Many: God is still calling us to joy.

One: When laughter is silent and tears are loud,

Many: God is still calling us to joy.

One: When times seem uncertain and fear abounds,

Many: God is still calling us to joy.

*Opening Hymn

#353

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

*Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

God of the Sabbath, you make this day holy. As we gather in your name, redeem the days when our focus wanders and draw us back to you. Let your wisdom, justice, and compassion guide us. Sustain us for the challenges we face. Make your name known among us and through us, as we glorify and honor you in spirit and in truth, in word and in deed. Amen.

Anthem

Benjamin Harlan

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord

LCC Summer Pickup 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)

Gracious and Generous God, receive these gifts in faith and trust.
Help us to be good stewards of the resources you have given to us
and bless our generosity for your glory. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Ryan Geiger

Luke 13:10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the

manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

Reflection

Rev. Joanna D'Agostino

What Does Healing Look Like?

*Closing Hymn

#464

God of Grace and God of Glory
(verses 1, 3, 4, 5)

*Benediction

Postlude

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.***