

LAKWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

1375 West Clifton Boulevard, Lakewood, OH



Eighth Sunday After Pentecost **Service of Baptism and Holy Communion**

August 3, 2025 | 10:00 AM

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

Announcements and Welcome

Prelude

Cello Prelude in C Major
Tim Hampton, marimba

J.S. Bach

*Call to Worship

One: Hungry for meaning, acceptance and love,

Many: We gather within the mystery of God

One: Yearning for greater peace and equity,

Many: We gather within the friendship of Christ

One: Open to renewed generosity and compassion,

Many: We gather within the enfolding of the Holy Spirit.

*Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation

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*Prayer of Invocation (in unison)

Generous Giver of Life, each day you shine forth a love that renews and sustains all of creation. Open us to notice your presence in this place, creating a renewed energy for kindness, justice, and humility as we gather in community in your name. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Kit Louise Kearney

Anthem

David Gillingham
Variations on 'Come Christians Join to Sing'
Tim Hampton, marimba

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

A Time of Sharing

Offertory

Michael Burritt

The Offering

Tim Hampton, marimba

*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 One, bless these offerings, prosper the work of our hands,
and the gifts we bring. We dedicate them to the dream of your
kingdom forever and ever. Amen.**

The Reading of God's Word

Shannon Katzenberger

Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable:

"The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Reflection

Rev. Joanna D'Agostino

Service of Holy Communion

Anyone who wishes to partake in this sacrament is welcome to do so, no matter who you are or where you are on your faith journey. If you wish to not partake, it's not a requirement. Today we will take communion in the pews. You will remain seated and communion stewards will pass the trays of bread first, which you can hold until we are invited to eat together. Then, they will pass the trays of juice, which you can hold until we are invited to drink together.

Invitation and Words of Remembering

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer after Communion (in unison)

O Holy One, as we receive this sacrament, may we find the energy to work towards love and justice, compassion and courage, in every corner of every city for all of your children who need a meal of hope and healing. Thank you for the sustenance and the call. Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

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Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

***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.*