

LAKEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

1375 West Clifton Boulevard, Lakewood, OH



Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 21, 2025 | 10:00 AM

Liturgy Adapted from UCC Worship Ways

Announcements and Welcome

Prelude

*** Call to Worship** (Inspired Psalm 113)

One: Praise the Holy One! From the rising of the sun until its setting,
the name of God deserves our praise!

Many: Who is like our God...seated on high?

One: Praise the Most High, who observes all things and remembers
the poor and those in need.

Many: God our Righteousness raises the lowly and levels the exalted.

One: Praise the Righteous One, who is just and mighty, who repairs
and redeems.

**Many: The Redeemer pours out love and justice, compassion and
conviction, hope and salvation. Praise the Holy One!**

*Hymn

#680

O God of Every Nation

***Prayer of Invocation** (in unison)

Great God, who gathers us together in spirit and in truth, sanctify our
time together. Grant us wisdom and discernment. Open our hearts to
receive and to give. Be glorified in our worship and the transformation
that moves us forward as your people. In your glorious and precious
name, we pray. Amen.

Anthem

Mack Wilberg

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
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 *God, Listen to Your Children Praying*

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)

Abundant God, may the gifts we give along with your miraculous power be sufficient to the needs of the community and a blessing to the world that you love. Amen.

The Reading of God's Word

Amelia Geiger

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all--this was attested at the right time. For this I was

appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

Reflection

Rev. Joanna D'Agostino

Pray for All People

*Closing Hymn

#337

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

*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.***