

April 21st, 2024

10:15 am Worship Service

Fourth Sunday of Easter

More Than Thoughts and Prayers



LAKEVIEW



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Todd Peterson Pastor	Corey Nieman CYF Minister	Natalie Nolte Dir. Vocal Music	Irina Hall Dir. Instr. Music	Ministers All People
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IMPORTANT INFO

Connecting

If you are joining us for the first time, welcome! If you'd like more information about Lakeview., you can email the office: info@lakeviewucc.com, visit our website: lakeviewucc.com, or chat before or after the service with one of our fellowship volunteers/greeters.

Childcare

Nursery Care for our youngest children will be available starting at 10am in Room 7 (in the CE Wing). Older children and teens are encouraged to enjoy the opening portion of the worship service in the sanctuary. They will be dismissed to Sunday School during the Hymn of Welcoming.

Restrooms

You're invited to use the restroom that corresponds with your gender identity or the restroom that is the safest and most comfortable for you. Gendered, multiple-occupancy restrooms are available through the North double glass doors in the Narthex, across from the conference room.

Open and Affirming

Lakeview is an O&A church and has affirmed a public covenant welcoming people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions in the full life and ministry of our congregation.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Time of Centering *Now the Green Blade Riseth*
Chancel & Handbell Choirs

Call to Worship

One: Day by day, God leads us:

Many: To the deep, deep pools of peace and to the green, lush lawns of grace.

One: Day by day, God calls us:

Many: To live lives of service and to anoint those we meet with hope.

One: Day by day, God invites us:

Many: To live as the community we can be and the disciples we are called to become.

One: So we gather today to rejoice:

Many: To join our hearts and spirits in worship.

Hymn of Welcoming *I Come with Joy* (v.1-2 & 4) #349

Prayer for Community (unison)

God, Source of grace and compassion, how thankful we are for your loving mercies. In a place of fear and doubt and of anger and greed, you offer hope, peace, love, and joy. You have called us to this new life and lead us to share it with the world, inviting all out of darkened hideaways by shining the light of your justice and compassion.

Be with us, as we share your healing and hope in our community, nation, and world. Give us courage and strength to be your hands and feet in all the circumstances of our lives; We pray through love incarnate.

Moment of Silent Prayer

Assurance of God's Presence

Musical Interlude

Irina Hall

Passing of the Peace

Call to Prayer

We Live by Faith and Not by Sight (v.1 & 3)

#256

Prayers of the People

One: We lift them up in prayer

Many: Lord, hold them in Your love.

The Lord's Prayer

version by David Sorril

God, you love us like a good parent, and are present in every aspect of our existence.

May your nature become known and respected by all. May your joy, peace, wholeness and justice be the reality for everyone as we live by the Jesus Way. Give us all that we really need to live every day for you. And forgive us our failures as we forgive others for their failures. Keep us from doing those things which are not of you, and cause us always to be centered on your love. For you are the true reality in this our now, and in all our future. In the Jesus Way we pray. Amen.

Special Music

It is Well with My Soul

Susan Herman, organ

Hearing the Good News

I JOHN 3:16-24

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Sharing the Good News

Hymn of Rejoicing

Such Perfect Love My Shepherd Shows (v. 1-3)

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Word about Giving

CHILDHOOD FOOD SOLUTIONS

Offertory Music

Irina Hall

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

God of grace and love, we bring these offerings today and we pray that You would use our lives and our gifts to be a blessing to You, Your church, and the world. Amen.

Hymn of Sending

Let It Shine

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Benediction and Blessing

Postlude

Now the Green Blade Riseth, arr. Simon Andrews, lic.by St. James Music Press, 2010.

Call To Worship -adapted from work by Thom Shuman on Lectionary Liturgies ; Prayer for Community -adapted

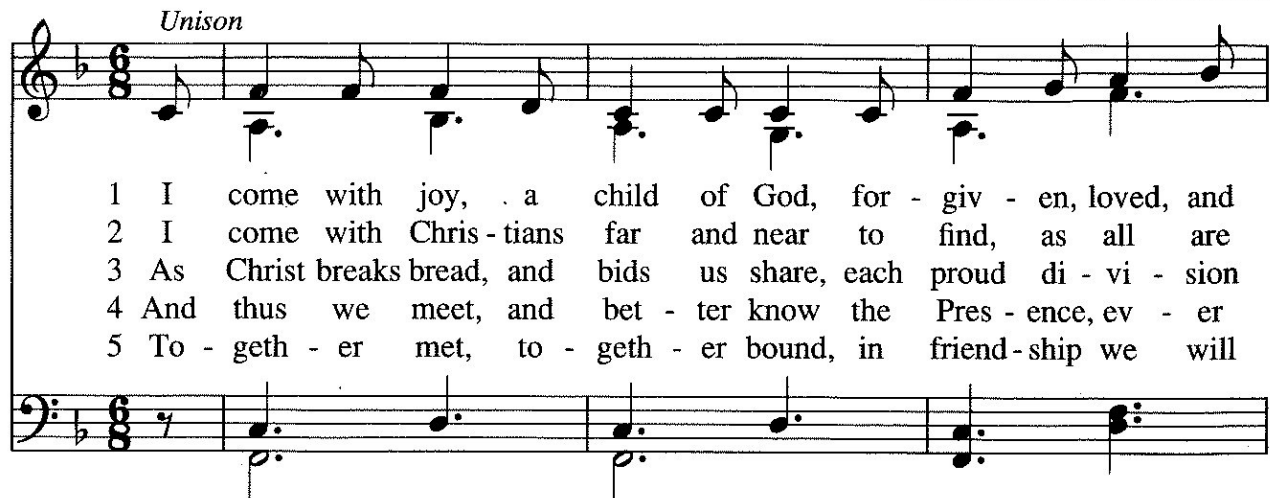
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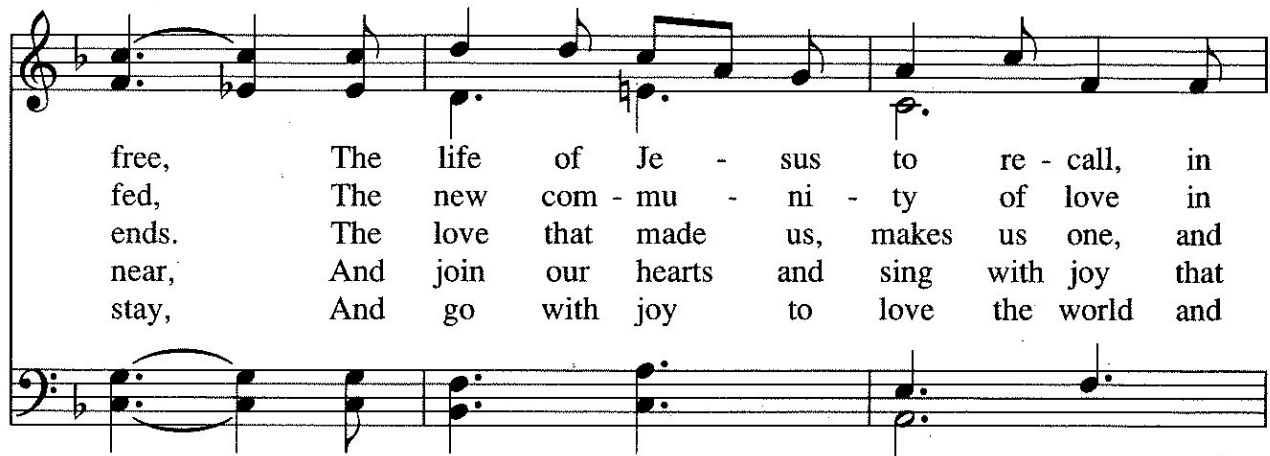
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Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1982, 1994

Unison



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
 4 And thus we meet, and bet - ter know the Pres - ence, ev - er
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, in friend - ship we will



free, The life of Je - sus to re - call, in
 fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 near, And join our hearts and sing with joy that
 stay, And go with joy to love the world and



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
 Christ is ris - en here, that Christ is ris - en here.
 live the way we pray, and live the way we pray.

One of Brian Wren's most widely published texts, this hymn was originally written to "sum up a series of sermons on the meaning of communion. It tries to use simple words to suggest important theological themes."

Tune: DOVE OF PEACE 8.6.8.6.6.
 Southern Harmony, 1835
 Arr. Austin Lovelace, 1977

We Live by Faith and Not by Sight

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Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

John 20:24-29

Unison

1 We live by faith and not by sight;
2 We may not touch Christ's hands and side,
3 Help then, O Christ, our un - be - lief;
4 That, when our life of faith is done,

no gra - cious words we hear From Christ who spoke as
nor fol - low where Christ trod; But in con - fess - ing
and may our faith a - bound To call on you when
in realms of clear - er light We may be - hold you

none e'er spoke, who still we know is near.
we re - jice: our Sav - ior and our God!
you are near and seek where you are found:
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

As dean of Canterbury, Henry Alford exemplified ecumenism by working closely with non-Anglican groups. He promoted New Testament scholarship with his famous commentary on the Greek New Testament, one of fifty books he published during his lifetime.

Tune: DUNLAP'S CREEK C.M.
Samuel McFarland, c. 1816
Harm. Richard Proulx, 1986

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Such Perfect Love My Shepherd Shows

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Henry W. Baker, 1868; alt.

Ps. 23

1 Such per - fect love my Shep - herd shows, whose
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
3 When vain and fool - ish oft I strayed, you,
4 I do not fear death's shad - owed vale when

good - ness fails me nev - er, Whose hand all things I
lov - ing Shep-herd leads me, And where the ver - dant
faith - ful Shep-herd, sought me, And on your shoul - der
you are here be - side me; Your rod and staff and

need be - stows and watch - es me for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow with food from heav - en feeds me.
gent - ly laid, then home re - joic - ing brought me.
strength pre - vail to com - fort and to guide me.

5 You spread a ta-ble in my sight,
your gifts of grace be-stow-ing;
And from your chal-ice I de-light
to taste your mer-cy flow-ing.

6 And so through all the length of days
your good-ness fails me nev-er;
Good Shep-herd, may I sing your praise
with-in your house for-ev-er.

English clergyman Henry Baker greatly influenced hymnody in England and the United States through his leadership in preparing Hymns Ancient and Modern (1861). Baker's hymn is a recast of a George Herbert poem.

Tune: DOMINUS REGIT ME 8.7.8.7.
John B. Dykes, 1868
Alternate tune: ST. COLUMBA

Let It Shine

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D A/C# Bm A G D/F#

Let it shine, let it shine, the light of the world that

Em7 A Bm Am D G D/F# Em7 A D Last time, Fine

shows the way; let it shine, let it shine, and show us peace to-day.---

G D/F# Em A D

The church bears wit - ness to God's grace, its

G D/F# Em7 A G D/F#

mis - sion crys - tal clear: to show the world God's

F# Bm Em Asus A D.C.

hu - man face, a world that God holds dear.

“No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!”



We make a point to say this from the pulpit most Sundays. We like saying it. We like what it means. It means that at Lakeview United Church of Christ you don't have to be sure about your understanding of God to worship here. It means that in this community of faith you are welcome to share your gifts and your needs---no matter what they are. It means that no matter your race, nationality, sexual orientation, gender identification, age, ability, or *whatever it is that makes you you, our welcome to you is extravagant!*

If you have found yourself excluded and alienated, spiritually homeless or questioning, you are welcome here. If you have ever felt there is no room for you within Christianity or the Church, you are welcome here. We are a community of faith that celebrates diversity and strives to fulfill our mission to: Reach out through God's spirit by Involving, Serving and Learning Together. *We hope you will return and even consider joining this band of fellow travelers. Let's journey together!*



Childhood Food Solutions is Lakeview’s mission for the month of April. This small local program provides food for hungry children in the Roll Hill neighborhood of Cincinnati on weekends, holidays and summer breaks, when school nutrition programs are typically not available. Lakeview’s donations this month will help the program to purchase, pack and deliver food boxes to needy families identified by school personnel.



Weekly, throughout the year, deliveries are made to homes of children in the 45225 zip code neighborhood to curtail childhood hunger and its documented impact on school performance. The overall goal of this program, over the years of its existence, has been to demonstrate the effectiveness of responding to the nutritional needs of children in terms of academic outcomes. A further goal is to encourage similar programs to be developed throughout Cincinnati and surrounding school districts. Beyond this is the greater goal of ending childhood hunger through government-sponsored programs and economic/job development.

You can read more about this program in the April *Lakeview Link* or on the AIM bulletin board in the church lobby. The program has been in existence since 2007.

Tony Fairhead, one of the co-founders, is joining us today, Sunday, April 21, to tell us more about this program.

APRIL URGENT NEEDS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY:

- Tomato Sauce
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Pasta Sauce
- Biscuit/Cornbread Mix
- Canned Meats
- Brownie Mix
- Jelly
- Ketchup
- Applesauce
- Canned Peaches



Just look for the bins under the bulletin board in the church lobby. Thank you for your generosity and the positive impact you continue to make in our community for those in need.

Contributions to the Lakeview Operating fund can be made during offering, by using the giving envelopes in the main aisle, via automatic bill pay at your bank, online using the Pushpay app or the QR code here.



Lakeview United Church
Giving Fund
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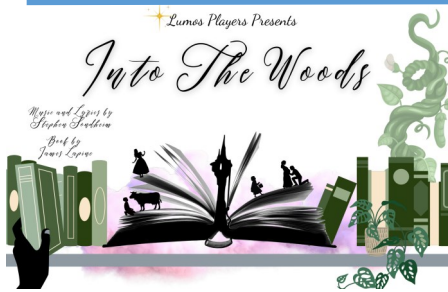
The response to this project has been overwhelming! All of our stripes are fully sponsored at this time and materials are on order. If you signed up, but haven’t yet made your sponsorship gift, you can do so online via Pushpay (you can use the QR code here), or cash or check via a giving envelope or bill pay via your bank. Just be sure to note “sponsor a stripe” or “Pride flag” on your gift so we know where to direct the funds.



Also- please stop by the narthex to review the proof of our sponsorship plaque. If there are any edits or corrections, please note them on the proof. Thank you all!



Many thanks to Susan Herman for sharing her time and talent with us today!



Lumos Players Presents: **Into the Woods**

Lakeview United Church of Christ, 26th & 27th.

Check out their website for more information:

<https://www.lumosplayers.com/upcoming-shows/event-two-pdg43>

Tickets available online: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/lumosplayers> or at the door.



Sign Up to Help With Worship and Fellowship—WE NEED YOU!

In case you have missed it, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the lobby where you are encouraged to volunteer for Sundays. We are in need of greeters, scripture readers, help with Communion preparation/serving, and providing and/or serving refreshments/doing cleanup after worship.



Please come help give our yard a spring clean-up on **April 27 starting at 9AM**. BSA Troop 617 will be assisting us as a way thanking the church for being their charter organization. Some of the items that will be done are:

- Weeding the flower beds
- Pruning Bushes and trees
- Cleaning up leaves and branches on the church grounds
- Cleaning up the garden in the front of the church outside the workroom & CE office
- Cleaning up the garbage enclosure.

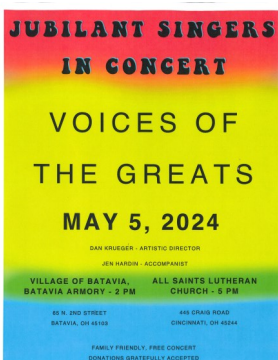
Hopefully, having a chipper there to take care of the branches in the back part of the parking lot. If you have any questions please call Steve Friedhoff 513-235-5066, before 4/25 with any questions



Thanks again to the UCH team for joining us last week, and to all those who were able to attend Lunch n Learn! For those of you who asked for renderings of Longfellow Commons, the church office now has electronic copies. Phil Hartje has also put out a call for any photos taken during the presentation last week. They'd like to share them on the Longfellow Commons Facebook page which you can view here:

<https://www.facebook.com/UCHLongfellowCommons>

If you would like to receive the renderings, or have photos to share, please email: info@lakeviewucc.com. Thank you!



Jubilant Singers
Presents *Voices of the Greats*, May 5th, 2024:
2:00pm Batavia Armory
5:00pm All Saints Lutheran Church



Faith Community UMC, 8230 Cox Rd. West Chester
Saturday, April 27th 3:15pm FREE Admission

In Our Prayers

Chris Bilyeu and Family; The Westpfahl and Guay Families; The Anderson Family; Deb Rufner; Mac McKenzie; The Alkire Family; Ed McEleney; The O'Brien Family; Louise (Pam's Mother-in-law); Karen Baumann; John Meek (Linda's brother-in-law); Ernie and Karen (Pam's friends); Esther Friedhoff and family; The Paul Family

Birthdays this Week

Craig Cange (22); Rohan Kumararaj (27)

This Week at Lakeview

Today

10:15 AM Sunday Worship in Sanctuary
1:00 PM Lumos Rehearsal—Sanctuary

Monday, April 22

6:30 PM Cub Scout Den Mtg - CR
6:30 PM BSA Scouts- FH
7:00 PM Lumos Rehearsal—rm 7

Tuesday, April 23

5:30 PM Cub Scouts- FH/rm 8/rm 7/CR
7:00 PM Executive Council Meeting -Zoom
7:30 PM Cub Scout Committee Meeting - CR
8:00 PM AA Meeting - FH/narthex

Wednesday, April 24

10:00 AM Lakeview Quilters—CR
12:00 PM AA Meeting - FH
6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal - Sanctuary
6:30 PM Irina Hall (lesson)- CR
6:45 PM Girl Scouts—rm 8
7:00 PM NAR-Anon rm 7
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 25

7:00 PM Lumos Rehearsal -Sanctuary/CR
7:00 PM AA Meeting— FH
7:00 PM Al-Anon Family Group— rm 8

Friday, April 26

7:30 PM Lumos Presents: *Into the Woods*

Saturday, April 27

8:30 AM AA Meeting—rm 8
9:00 AM **Spring Clean-up Day with the Scouts**
2:00 PM Lumos Presents: *Into the Woods*
7:30 PM Lumos Presents: *Into the Woods*