

April 27th, 2025

10:15 am Worship Service

2nd Easter Sunday

Earth Day Sunday



LAKEVIEW



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Corey Nieman
CYF Minister

Natalie Nolte
Dir. Vocal Music

Irina Hall
Dir. Instr. Music

Ministers
All People

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

Melissa Toedtman

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Centering

Melissa Toedtman

Call to Worship

One: Creator, O Mystery, Our Source, we praise you.

Many: You have made one great Creation and we are part of it.

One: The harmony of all living things, woven together, is the hymn of your praise.

Many: Our oneness is your will. Our belonging is our inheritance.

One: With stars and microbes, ocean currents and nerve fibers, we are one.

Many: We dwell in the ecosystem of heaven.
We are your microbiome, O God.

One: We who have thought ourselves separate return.

Many: We who have acted as if we are alone, rejoin you.

One: We worship you as the Body of Christ.

Many: May our harmony with you, with one another and with all Creation be our praise and our worship. Amen.

Hymn of Welcoming *For the Beauty of the Earth* (v.1-3) #28

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O God, creator of all, seen and unseen: You place us in your creation, and you command us to care for it. Your works declare glory and splendor, and you call us to praise and reverence. Where we have degraded or destroyed earth's bounty, forgive us.

Where we have taken beauty and majesty for granted, have mercy upon us. Where we have become estranged from the creatures with whom we share this planet, grant us your peace. Renew us in the waters of baptism, refresh us with the winds of your spirit, and sustain us with the bread of life. Amen.

Hymn of Rejoicing *God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* (v1&3)

Passing of the Peace

Call to Prayer

Just As I Am (v.1)

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Prayers of the People

One: We lift them up in prayer

Many: Lord, hold them in Your love.

The Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Special Music

Melissa Toedtman

The Prayers of Creation

written by Zoe Matties

Prayer from the Earth

Prayer from Water

Prayer from the Animals

Prayer from People (There will be a moment of silence after each prayer)

Litany of Hope for Earth Day (insert)

Hymn of Rejoicing

Colorful Creator (v. 1 & 4)

#30

Word about Giving

CHILDHOOD FOOD SOLUTIONS

Offertory

Melissa Toedtman

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God of Love, we dedicate these gifts and pray that this offering will bless this community, nurture caring relationships with our neighbors, and help liberate all who are experiencing oppression. Let this offering, and the works of our hands and feet, be the resurrection we need to see in the world.

Hymn of Sending

Part In Peace (v. 3)

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Benediction and Blessing

Postlude

Melissa Toedtman

A LITANY OF HOPE FOR EARTH DAY

By Eco-Justice Ministries

- One: We have gathered this day, O God, as your people, as members of your Church.
- Many: **We join together to worship and praise you, our Creator, and we join in lifting our prayers for the Earth.**
- One: With the prophets and the psalmists, we have the courage to speak to you of our despair and our fear.
- Many: **Behold, O Lord, for I am in distress, my soul is in tumult, my heart is wrung within me. (Lamentations 1:20)**
- One: We raise to you, O God, our awareness of the trauma of our world: the suffering and death inflicted by toxins and pollution, the destruction of places where we once found beauty and serenity, and the ongoing devastation of ecosystems.
- Many: **Give ear to my words, O Lord; give heed to my groaning. (Psalms 5:1)**
- One: We lift our anguish at the demise of species and the loss of diversity, the pollution of air and water and soil, the transformation even of oceans and atmosphere. We grieve and fear at the Earth's distress.
- Many: **Give ear to my words, O Lord; give heed to my groaning.**
- One: Because we trust in you, O God, we are not defeated!
We live in faith, and with vision that goes beyond the distress of this day.
- Many: **I trust in thee, O Lord. My times are in thy hand; Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord! (Psalms 31:14-15, 25)**
- One: God of the exodus, God who makes all things new, we lift our hope for transformation and change. We hope for new ways of living that flow gently within your creation; we hope for healing of the tattered web of life.
- Many: **I will hope continually, and will praise thee yet more and more. (Psalms 71:14)**
- One: We hope for vision and courage from our political leaders; we hope for restless insistence for change from our people; we hope for cooperation for healing among the nations of the earth.
- Many: **I will hope continually, and will praise thee yet more and more.**
- One: We hope for change within our own lives and our society, that we might free ourselves from a mindless and destructive questing after things, that we might find joy and fulfilment in simple pleasures.
- Many: **I will hope continually, and will praise thee yet more and more.**

One: We hope for new technologies that will lessen our impact on the world; we hope for change in economic systems so that the rape of nature is not profitable, so that the exploitation of people is not rewarded.

Many: **I will hope continually, and will praise thee yet more and more.**

One: We hope for growing leadership from your church, calling us to faithful stewardship of creation, calling us to seek justice for all people around this globe, and proclaiming values that preserve and enhance all life.

Many: **I will hope continually, and will praise thee yet more and more.**

One: We are your people, O Christ, a resurrection people! In the sure and certain hope of your saving love and grace, we turn away from the exploitation of your creation, and we align ourselves your purposes.

Many: **We are your people, O Christ, a resurrection people!
In your name, we seek reconciliation and healing.**

One: We are your people, O Christ, a resurrection people!
In your name we seek shalom: peace, justice and harmony for all of creation.

Many: **We are your people, O Christ, a resurrection people!
We find hope in the midst of despair, courage in the midst of struggle.**

One: God of history, you call us to face the realities of the world, to acknowledge the powers and principalities aligned against us, to face honestly the struggles that lie before us.

Many: **We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed. So we do not lose heart. (2 Corinthians 4:8, 16)**

One: We are people of faith, and in we are strengthened by being part of the community of faith.

Many: **May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope. (Romans 15:13, alt.)**

ALL: *Amen and amen!*

For the Beauty of the Earth

St. 1-3, Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt.

St. 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
 4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,

For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
 Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,
 For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,

Refrain
 God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

Folliott S. Pierpoint, author of numerous hymns, penned these verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.

Tune: DIX 7.7.7.7. with refrain
 Conrad Kocher, 1838
 Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861

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



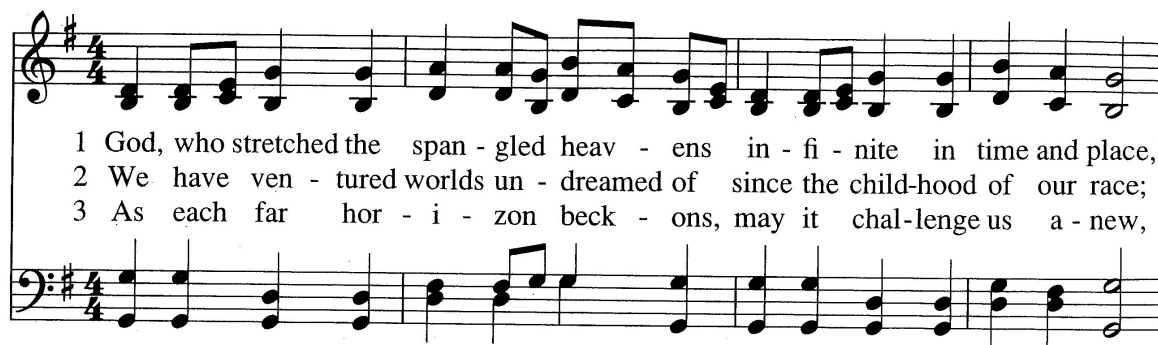
We make a point to say this from the pulpit most Sundays. We like saying it. We like what it means. It means that at Lakeview United Church of Christ you don't have to be sure about your understanding of God to worship here. It means that in this community of faith you are welcome to share your gifts 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!**

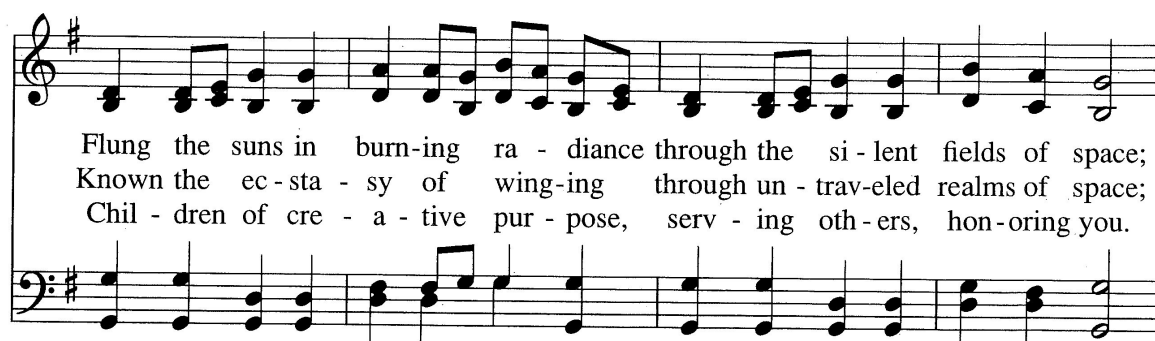
God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens 556

Catherine Cameron, 1967

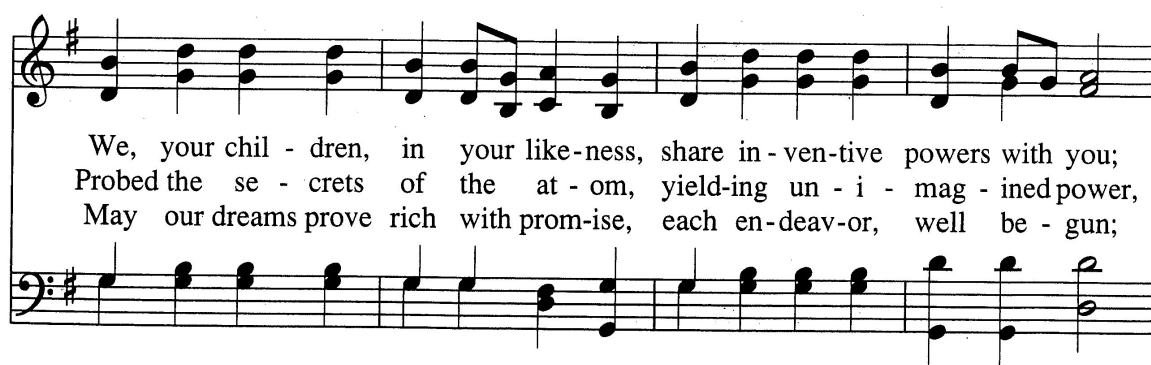
Gen. 5:1-2; Isa. 42:5-9



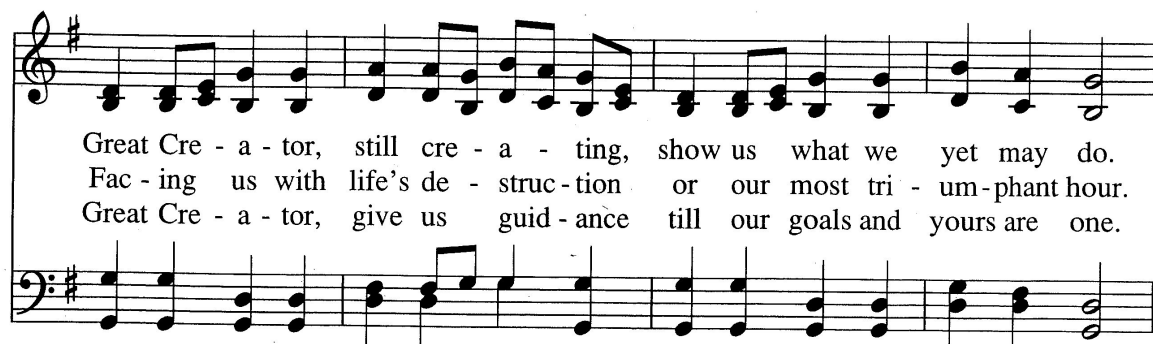
1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3 As each far hor - i - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new,



Flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;
Known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
Chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring you.



We, your chil - dren, in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive powers with you;
Probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined power,
May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise, each en - deav - or, well be - gun;



Great Cre - a - tor, still cre - a - ting, show us what we yet may do.
Fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
Great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Catherine Cameron, a professor of social psychology in California, wrote this text in 1967 with Haydn's Austrian Hymn in mind. This tune, Holy Manna, appeared in The Columbian Harmony (1825), and was attributed to the compiler of that volume, William Moore.

Tune: HOLY MANNA 8.7.8.7.D.
William Moore, 1825

Unison

Ruth Duck, 1992

1 Col-or - ful Cre - a - tor, God of mys - ter - y,
 2 Har-mo - ny of a - ges, God of lis - tening ear,
 3 Au - thor of our jour - ney, God of near and far,
 4 God of truth and beau - ty, Po - et of the Word,

thank you for the art - ist teach - ing us to see glimps - es of the
 thank you for com - pos - ers tun - ing us to hear ech - oes of the
 praise for tale and dra - ma tell - ing who we are, strip - ping to the
 may we be cre - a - tors by the Spir - it stirred, o - pen to your

mean - ing of the com - mon - place, vi - sions of the
 Gos - pel in the songs we sing, sounds of love and
 es - sence strug - gles of our day, times of change and
 pres - ence in our joy and strife, ves - sels of the

ho - ly in each hu - man face.
 long - ing from the deep - est spring.
 con - flict when we choose our way.
 ho - ly cours - ing through our life.

This hymn was written for the 1992 installation of Linda Clark as Houghton Scholar of Sacred Music at Boston University, where Ruth Duck earned her Th.D. degree. It praises the Artist who inspires our creativity.

Tune: HOUGHTON 11.11.11.11.
 Carlton R. Young, 1992

Just as I Am

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Charlotte Elliott, 1836; alt.

John 6:37; Eph. 2:14

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that your
blood was shed for me, And that you called in -
vit - ing me, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

This text appeared in Charlotte Elliott's Invalid's Hymn Book, published in England in 1836. Disabled at age thirty, she continued a career of writing and editing. This hymn has been translated into many languages.

Tune: WOODWORTH L.M.
William B. Bradbury, 1849

Part in Peace

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Sarah Flower Adams (1805–1848); alt.

Unison

3 Part in peace! our voic - es rais-ing, in God's pres - ence al - ways be.
This the wor - ship and the prais-ing, bring-ing peace to you and me.

Daughter of an editor, Sarah Flower Adams gave up a successful acting career in London to continue writing poems and hymns. One of her best-known texts is "Nearer, my God, to thee."

Tune: CHARLESTOWN 8.7.8.7.
Southern Harmony, 1835
Harm. Carlton R. Young, 1964



A very warm welcome and special thanks to **Melissa Toedtman** for sharing her talents and accompanying us in our worship this morning!



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. 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. In our current political climate, with cuts in safety-net programs projected or already announced, your financial assistance for this private sector program is needed more than ever. You can read more about this program in the April *Lakeview Link* or on the AIM bulletin board in the church lobby. **Tony Fairhead**, one of the co-founders, will be with us in worship and at Lunch & Learn on Sunday, April 13, to tell us more about this program.

APRIL DONATIONS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY:

Kings Food Pantry has faced both cuts in funding and an increase in people in the community seeking food assistance. As always, they welcome donations of any unexpired non-perishable foods. The pantry especially need the following items, which they often have to go to the grocery store and buy:

- Canned Chili
- Canned Beef Stew



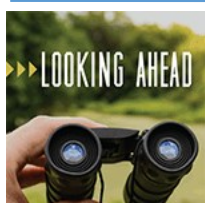
- Manwich
- Tomato Sauce

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.



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.



Mark your calendars now for Saturday, May 17th! The assembled Cubs and BSA Scouts will be here to help Lakeview with our outdoor "Spring Cleaning." Help would be greatly appreciated with weeding the flower beds beforehand, and/or with the outdoor clean-up and mulching efforts that day. Let's help make our church home look beautiful for the Summer!

In Our Prayers

Chris Bilyeu and Family; the Anderson Family; Mac McKenzie; the Paul Family;
Louise (Pam's Mother-in-law); Esther Friedhoff & family; The Bierkan Family;
Ernie and Karen (Pam's friends); Karen Baumann & Larry;
Adrienne (friend of Barrows'); Tim (Pam's Brother-in-law); Ed & Jean McEleney;
Cindy Wood; Bob Barrows; The Kievit Family; Mary Densmore

Birthdays this Week

Irina Hall (28)

Today

10:15 AM Sunday Worship
3:00 PM 4H Crusaders—FH



Monday, April 28

11:00AM AA Meeting - FH
6:30 PM BSA Scouts - FH
7:00 PM AA Meeting - CR
7:00 PM Search Team Mtg - Zoom

Tuesday, April 29

5:30 PM Cub Scout Dens - FH/CR/Rms 7-9
8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous - FH/CR

Wednesday, April 30

10:00 AM Quilters- CR
12:00 PM AA Meeting - FH
7:00 PM NAR-Anon - rm 7

Thursday, May 1

6:30 PM BSA Committee Mtg - rm 7
8:00 PM Al-Anon Family Group— Rm 8
8:00 PM AA Group— FH

Friday, May 2

Saturday, May 3

8:30 AM Alcoholics Anonymous - Rm 8/9
9:00 AM Scouting for Food- collection day- parking lot