



# LAKEVIEW

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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May 11th, 2025

Rosemary Ennis	Corey Nieman	Natalie Nolte	Irina Hall	Ministers
Guest Speaker	CYF Minister	Dir. Vocal Music	Dir. Instr. Music	All People

Prelude Irina Hall

**Welcome and Announcements** 

Time of Centering Irina Hall

Call to Worship

One: This is not your grave!

Get yourself up and go out into the world -

Many: We have things to do,

people to loudly love, bigotry to oppress with truth and joy.

We have protests to join,

voices we can raise again and again.

One: Every day, there will be a thousand tiny choices

we must make to fan the flames of hope into an

inferno because we have no choice.

Many: This is not a grave.

It is a dust storm, a terrible passing moment when hatred and wickedness and fear creeps

out to test us.

One: And they will test us -

our patience, our resistance, our belief that this too shall pass -

until the fear of failure and pain grows heavy

enough to plague our dreams.

Many: We will get tired.

We will be scared.

We will ask ourselves if any of this matters, and we might even lie down where it's cool and

dark

One: ...until God whispers:

Stand up, beloved. This is not your grave.

All: Until God puts your hand in mine,

and wraps us together - always together -

bound together with glorious Love

**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.

## **Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Loving God, You created us in divine likeness, diverse and beautiful. In every person, in every race is Your image, but too often we fail to recognize your image in the faces looking back at us. You created all in divine freedom, but too often we step aside, silent and ashamed as justice is denied. Forgive us. You created us for divine abundance, to tend and to share, to nurture the seeds of community, but too often we fail to create a community that includes and gives access to all. Forgive us.

Open our eyes to distinguish good from evil, open our hearts to desire connection over separation, strengthen our wills as we demand to finally be a people where justice is granted to all, God, we know the journey is long and we are weary, but we are not done. Help us, sustain us, forgive us.

#### Words of Assurance

Hymn of Rejoicing

Simple Gifts

#568

Passing of the Peace

Call to Prayer

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior (v.1)

#551

**Prayers of the People** 

One:

We lift them up in prayer

Many:

Lord, hold them in Your love.

## **Pastoral Prayer**

# 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** 

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Chancel Choir

**Hearing the Good News** 

ISAIAH 58:6-10

**NSRVUE** 

MATTHEW 23:36-40

# The Second Great Awakening

ROSEMARY ENNIS

Hymn of Rejoicing

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot (v.1-2)

#643

## **Word About Giving** Strengthen the Church & United Church Homes

[Unmarked gifts will be designated for our general operating fund. If you are making a gift to the mission of the month or any other option, please note that on your check or giving envelope (available in the pews).]

**Offertory** Irina Hall

## **Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

Generous God, we are thankful for the blessings in our lives and the ability to put them to work in a world desperately in need of them. May our hearts and intentions go with our offering today, seeking justice, kindness and mercy in our world, moving us ever closer to living as your beloved community.

## **Hymn of Sending**

On Eagle's Wings

And God will raise you up on Eagle's Wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand

# **Benediction and Blessing**

Postlude Irina Hall

Prayer of Dedication from https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/easter-4c-may-11/; Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) by Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio, arr by Joel Raney, with words by John Newton, c. 2014 Hope Publishing co.; Call To Worship ~ inspired by Living Psalm 1 by Maria Mankin - Living Psalms Project - Psalm 1

# "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!











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. Your generosity is deeply appreciated! Applepay is now accepted via Pushpay.



Geoffrey A. Studdert-Kennedy, 1921; alt.



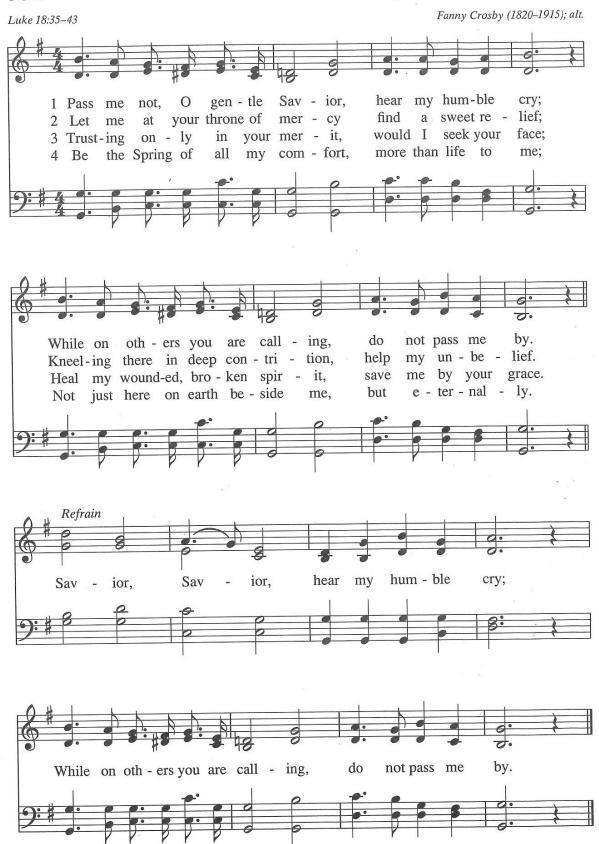
Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy was known in the United States as an eloquent preacher. He was a famed chaplain (Woodbine Willie) in World War I and later chaplain to the King of England. This hymn is part of a longer poem, "At a Harvest Festival."

Tune: MORNING SONG 8.6.8.6.8.6. Kentucky Harmony, 1816 Harm. C. Winfred Douglas, 1940



WORDS: Shaker song (18th century)

MUSIC: Shaker melody; arr. Margaret W. Mealy, 1984



Fanny Crosby was already a successful writer when she became associated with gospel hymnists Sankey, Sweney, Root, and others. She directed her talent to gospel songs in her early forties, and collaborated with William Doane on many hymns.

Tune: PASS ME NOT 8.5.8.5. with refrain William H. Doane (1832–1915)



WORDS: African-American spiritual

MUSIC: African-American spiritual; arr. Bill Thomas, 1994

SWING LOW 10 8.10 8 w. refrain

## Lakeview has two missions for the Month of May

The **Strengthen the Church** (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national set-







ting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

Our 2nd Mission is **United Church Homes**, UCH began its mission at a time of ethnic discrimination, poverty, and pandemic. Over the years, people and situations have changed, but the mission has remained the same: to provide quality and affordable housing and healthcare options for older adults. Today, United Church Homes is a leading provider of healthcare and senior living services with a mission to transform aging by building a culture of community, wholeness, and peace for those they serve. In Dayton, UCH is currently fundraising for construction of the Longfellow Commons Community, which will convert a historical school and the rest of a city block into a place for members of the LGBTQ community and allies to call home and a safe place for them to belong in the community of others.

Throughout the Month of May, mission giving will be split 50/50 (unless you indicate a different distribution on your envelope or check) to Strengthen the Church and United Church Homes Longfellow Commons Community project.



# Thank you, Rosemary, for sharing your time & inspiration with us!



THIS 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!

#### MAY 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.



Please consider making a donation to the "Pride Festival Fund" (and indicate this on your donation). Your donations will help to offset our financial commitment of \$500 to become sponsors of Lebanon Pride this summer.

If you are interested in helping to plan/

participate in Lakeview's Cincinnati (June 28) and Lebanon (July 12) Pride Festival booths, please leave your name and contact info on the interest sheet in the lobby so we can reach out to you when we have more detailed information.



#### Queen City Kitchen Lunch

On May 24 Lakeview will again be serving lunch at Queen City Kitchen. We meet at 10:45 at QCK located in Walnut Hills Baptist Church, 2386 Kemper Lane in Walnut Hills. Lunch is served from noon to one o'clock to area residents. We usually complete clean-up by 1:30. If you are interested in serving contact Ruthie McCormack at 513-309-4679. It's a great way to get to better know your Lakeview friends.

# THIS WEEKatLAKEVIEW

### **Today**

10:15 AM Sunday Worship

### Monday, May 12

10:00 AM Mulch Delivery

11:00 AM AA- FH

6:00 PM Girl Scouts - rm 8

6:30 PM BSA Scouts- FH

7:00 PM AA - 12&12 Study -CR

7:00 PM Search Team Mtg—Zoom

# Tuesday, May 13

5:30 PM Cub Scout Pack Mtg-

Sanct./Various

8:00 PM AA Meeting- FH/CR

# Wednesday, May 14

10:00 AM Quilters -CR

12:00 PM AA Meeting - FH

6:30 PM Girl Scouts- rm 8

6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal

7:00 PM NAR-Anon - rm 7

7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

# Thursday, May 15

7:00 PM AA Meeting— FH

7:00 PM Al-Anon — CR

## Friday, May 16

## Saturday, May 17

8:30 AM AA Meeting- rm 8/9

9:00 AM Mulch & Landscaping Day w/ the Scouts

# In Our Prayers

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