



LAKEVIEW

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May 17th, 2026

Rev. Ruth Hopkins
Guest Pastor

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 Passing of the Peace.

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

Irina Hall

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Centering

Give Me Jesus

Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

inspired by Psalm 68

One: Let God rise up! Sing to God; lift up a song to the One who rides upon the clouds-the Holy One- be exultant before God.

Many: Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy!

One: Let God rise up! Ascribe power to God, full of majesty and power.

Many: Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy!

One: Let God rise up! Awesome is God in the sanctuary, who gives power and strength to the people.

Many: Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy! Blessed be God!

Gathering Hymn

Praise to the Living God (v. 1-4)

[please stand as you are moved and able]

Opening Prayer (unison)

Holy Love, our Companion and Source, shower us with your presence, shelter us in your sanctuary, shield us with your peace. Open our receptivity to your word, wisdom, and way. May our worship honor your name and draw us nearer to you and to our neighbors. Be glorified in our midst as we exalt your Many Names. Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: The Peace of Christ be with you

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us share Christ's peace.

[please be seated]

Call to Prayer

Spirit of the Living God (v. 1)

Prayers of the People

One: We lift [them] up in prayer...

All: Creator, hold them in your love.

More Good Days, Together (A Prayer for Mental Health Sunday)^

One: Gracious God, you created us for community, knowing that we are better together. On this Mental Health Sunday, we gather to celebrate the hope of "More Good Days, Together".

All: **May your Spirit strengthen our minds and protect our hearts.**

One: We recognize that 1 in 5 people experience a mental health condition each year, 2 in 5 of us are managing our mental health every day. For the times we have felt isolated, ashamed, or broken, we ask for your healing light.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer for comfort and connection.**

One: We pray against the stigma that keeps us silent. Help us to create spaces of radical belonging, where every unique experience is validated and supported.

All: **Help us create more good days, together.**

One: For those navigating depression, anxiety, trauma, or burnout, we pray for moments of peace and access to the care they need.

All: **May your peace, which passes all understanding, guard our hearts.**

One: We give thanks for counselors, therapists, doctors, and support systems that help us navigate the hard days.

All: **We bless the work of healing hands and listening ears.**

One: As we look toward the future, we commit to being a community that walks alongside one another, understanding that "good" is defined by our unique experiences and goals.

All: **With your help, we will move from merely surviving to thriving and flourishing.**

One: God of comfort, companion on our journey, remind us that we never walk alone.

All: **May your love bind us together, making way for more good days, together. Amen.**

An Inclusive Lord's Prayer*

Loving God, Holy is your name.

May your love be enacted in the world

May your 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

Save us in times of trial and deliver us from evil.

May all that we do come from love forever.

Amen.

Special Music

"Little" Fugue in G Minor

J.S. Bach

Richard Densmore

Scripture Reading

John 17: 1-11

The Message

Jesus said these things. Then, raising his eyes in prayer, he said:

Father, it's time.

Display the bright splendor of your Son

So the Son in turn may show your bright splendor.

You put him in charge of everything human

So he might give real and eternal life to all in his care.

And this is the real and eternal life:

That they know you,

The one and only true God,

And Jesus Christ, whom you sent.

I glorified you on earth

By completing down to the last detail

What you assigned me to do.

And now, Father, glorify me with your very own splendor,

The very splendor I had in your presence

Before there was a world.

I spelled out your character in detail

To the men and women you gave me.

They were yours in the first place;

Then you gave them to me,

And they have now done what you said.

They know now, beyond the shadow of a doubt,

That everything you gave me is firsthand from you,

For the message you gave me, I gave them;

And they took it, and were convinced

That I came from you.

They believed that you sent me.

I pray for them.

I'm not praying for the God-rejecting world

But for those you gave me,

For they are yours by right.

Everything mine is yours, and yours mine,

And my life is on display in them.

For I'm no longer going to be visible in the world;

They'll continue in the world

While I return to you.

Holy Father, guard them as they pursue this life

That you conferred as a gift through me,

So they can be one heart and mind

As we are one heart and mind.

As long as I was with them, I guarded them
In the pursuit of the life you gave through me;
I even posted a lookout.
And not one of them got away,
Except for the rebel bent on destruction
(the exception that proved the rule of Scripture).

Morning Message

Rev. Ruth Hopkins

Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You (v. 1-4)

A Word About Giving

Strengthen the Church / United Church Homes AIM

[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

Doxology

[please stand as you are
moved and able]

*For time to savor God's good gifts
For space to breathe and hearts to lift
For ways to reach out and to give
We offer thanks and vow to live!
Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Generous God, may these gifts we bring be used to bless, to build, and to beautify through generous and faithful care. Amen.

[please be seated]

Parting Hymn

Shalom to You (x1)
*Shalom to you now, Shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living, and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.*

Benediction

Postlude

Irina Hall

*This inclusive version of The Lord's Prayer was created by our Lakeview CYF Sunday School Youth. Additional music public domain or licensed through OneLicense or CCLI

^ Adapted by Rev. Carolyn C. Blair, 2026; theme inspired by Mental Health America's 2026 theme of "More Good Days, Together"

Praise to the Living God

Ps. 84:1-2

Curtis Beach, 1966; alt.

1 Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light, Whose
 2 Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive, Whose
 3 Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain, Who
 4 Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, Be -

word brought forth the myr - iad suns and set the worlds in flight;
 Spir - it formed up - on this sphere the first faint seeds of life;
 shares with us our com - mon life, the sa - cred and pro - fane.
 yond the grasp of hu - man mind, but whom we know as love.

Whose in - fi - nite de - sign, which we but dim - ly see, Per -
 Who caused them to e - volve, un - wit - ting, toward God's goal, Till
 God toils wher-e'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; And
 In these tu - mul-tuous days, so full of hope and strife, May

vades all na - ture, mak - ing all a cos - mic u - ni - ty.
 hu - man-kind stood on the earth, as liv - ing, think - ing souls.
 deep with - in the hu - man heart God leads us for - ward still.
 we bear wit - ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

Curtis Beach, born into a family of several generations of ministers, was educated at Harvard University, the Boston University School of Theology, and the University of Southern California. A minister in the United Church of Christ. Beach

Tune: DIADEMATA S.M.D.
 George J. Elvey, 1868

Spirit of the Living God

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Daniel Iverson, 1926

Acts 11:15; 2 Cor. 3:1-6; Gal. 5:25

F Gm D Gm F Dm C F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff: F, Gm, D, Gm, F, Dm, C, and F.

F Gm D Gm F Bb/C C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. Chord symbols above the treble staff are F, Gm, D, Gm, F, Bb/C, C7, and F.

Bb F G7 C

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. Chord symbols above the treble staff are Bb, F, G7, and C.

F Gm D Gm F Dm C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The fourth system concludes the piece. Chord symbols above the treble staff are F, Gm, D, Gm, F, Dm, C7, and F.

Presbyterian minister Daniel Iverson was inspired to write this chorus one evening while attending revival services led by the George T. Stephans Evangelistic Party in Orlando, Florida, in 1926. It became widely popular at similar meetings before it was published several years later.

Tune: IVERSON 7.5.7.5.8.7.5.
Daniel Iverson, 1926

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13

Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;
 2 All your works with joy sur - round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,
 3 You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blessed,
 4 Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 Bound - less love is reign - ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flower - y mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Lov - ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, all who love be - long to you;
 Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, teach us what our praise should be.
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

Henry van Dyke was a noted church leader, U.S. ambassador, Navy chaplain, and prolific writer. Many people associate this hymn with Beethoven's ninth symphony, but few are aware of the original poem by the German classicist F. Schiller (1759-1805) that inspired Beethoven.

Tune: HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7.D.
 Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
 Adapt. and harm. Edward Hodges, 1846

Shalom to You

Unison D Em A7 D

Sha - lom to you now, sha - lom, my friends.

Bm Em A7 D

May God's full mer - cies bless you, my friends.

G Em A F#m

In all your liv - ing and through your lov - ing,

Bm Em A7 D

Christ be your sha - lom, Christ be your sha - lom.

WORDS: Elise S. Eslinger, 1980 *with composer. "Shalom" means both greeting and peace. It also expresses a hope for a world of harmonious relationships, justice and prayer.* SOMOS DEL SEÑOR Irr.
 MUSIC: Anon.; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1989
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“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!



Lakeview's Mission of the Month: MAY

We have 2 Missions for the month of May:
**Strengthen the Church, and
United Church Homes**



This year's theme for the Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering is "Sent Forth in Love." As members we have a shared commitment to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting 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. We are working together to build the church to come, preserving our future. 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. Brimming with amenities like a theater, bodega, lounge, speakeasy, inspiration studio and fitness room, the community won't be shy about its abundance of life lived here. Progress has been made this year towards getting full site control of the 200 block on Salem Avenue and pursuing parcels on the 300 block as we consider needs for more parking etc. We are at \$8,013,682 toward our initial \$10 million goal.

Throughout the Month of May, donations will be divided 50/50 between these two missions, Strengthen the Church and United Church Homes Longfellow Commons Community project (you may choose to designate a different distribution, or choose only one, but you will need to make a notation when you donate.



DONATIONS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY:

- Manwich
- Pancake Syrup
- Canned Peas
- Pudding



May: Urgent Needs

- Jello
- Biscuit Mix
- Rice Varieties



Thank you to Pastor Ruth Hopkins for sharing your gift, time, and inspiration with us this morning!



Special Thanks to Richard Densmore
for sharing his time and talent with us today!

FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Family Promise provides temporary housing to homeless families while assisting them in securing permanent housing, employment, and other needed services. Lakeview assists host church St. Pat's Episcopal Church in Lebanon during their rotation week, and Lakeview handles Monday nights. This happens 4 times a year at the renovated facility on 600 Cincinnati Ave. in Lebanon.

Next Date: Monday, June 15, 2026
Volunteers are needed to:



—Provide a dish for the evening meal (4 volunteers).

—Host the families during evening hours (about 5 p.m. to about 8:45 p.m.)—2 volunteers needed. This involves helping to set out dinner and clean up, as well as hanging out with the guests and maybe doing activities with the kids (bring a craft or art project if you wish, depending on the ages of the children).

—Spend the night—2 volunteers needed. You will have your own space to sleep. There are no real duties except to make sure everyone is accounted for, turn off lights and lock up the common area, and be there in case any emergencies occur (you will have emergency contact numbers). In the morning you are free to leave as soon as you need to.

Please let Ellen Abel (ellenabel1016@gmail.com; 513-967-5022) know if you can help out, or sign up in the narthex! Support will be provided for those who have and have not done this before. It is a great and eye opening experience, allowing you to put your faith and values into action. Thank you for your continued support of this mission!



The May Just For Lunch will be held on Wednesday May 27th at 12:30pm at Barrel House Kitchen on Mason-Montgomery Rd. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. All are welcome, but space is limited!



VBS will be Monday, June 29th - Fri. July 3rd
10:00 am-12:30 pm FREE!

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for
youth attendees and adult volunteers.

THIS WEEK at Lakeview



TODAY

10:00 AM Harmony UU- FH
10:15 AM Sunday Worship
Sunday School

Monday, May 18

9:00 AM Preschool Graduation- Sanct.
12:00 PM AA- FH
6:30 PM Prism Players- Sanct.
6:30 PM BSA Scouts- FH
7:00 PM AA - 12&12 Study -CR

Tuesday, May 19

9:00 AM Preschool Graduation- Sanct.
5:30 PM Cub Scouts- FH/CR/Rm 8/9
6:30 PM Umlang Piano Recital-Sanct
8:00 PM AA - FH/CR

Wednesday, May 20

10:00 AM Lakeview Quilters-CR
12:00 PM AA Meeting - FH
6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 PM NAR-Anon - CR
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 21

6:30 PM Prism Players Rehearsal-Snct
7:00 PM AA Meeting— FH
7:00 PM Al-Anon — CR

Friday, May 22

Saturday, May 23

8:30 AM AA Meeting- rm 8

Note: This Calendar does not reflect ALL facility scheduling.

Please email or call the office to check availability and/or request space.

In Our Prayers

Mac McKenzie;
Eric K (Joyce's friend)
Karen Baumann & Larry;
Harry, Ernie, Karen (Pam's friends);
The Paul Family;
Lynn Potts;
Mike Maile;
Fred Wood;
Tom & Ruthie McCormack;
Linda Crawford & family;
Sue Anderson;
John & Kathy;
Patsy (friend of Pam)
Irina Hall & family
The Miller family
Trinity UCC, Dorseyville
The Meek & Overholt families



Birthdays this Week

Mac McKenzie (17)
Lincoln Huber (18)
Melina Cange (18)
Will Huber (21)



Office Hours this week include:

Tues 9-12; Wed 10-2; Thur 10-2; Sunday 1-5p.

Add'l service, remote & rehearsal hours vary.

Email: info@lakeviewucc.com

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!

