

July 28th, 2024

10:15 am Worship Service

10th Sunday after Pentecost

If God Isn't Big Enough



LAKEVIEW



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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

Prayer of Invocation

Time of Centering *All Glory be to God on High*
Richard Densmore, *organ*

Call to Worship

- One: We gather to worship in anticipation, yearning for God to be revealed in new and astonishing ways.
- Many: **God speaks to us still, in word, in spirit, and in community.**
- One: At times God's presence is hard for us to take in and difficult for us to believe.
- Many: **God, we long to believe. Help our unbelief!**
- One: God is present here. God is working in our midst.
- Many: **Let our mouths be filled with laughter and our tongues shout out with joy!**
- ALL: We gather today to worship and be filled, may God speak to us today!**

Hymn of Welcoming *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* #347

A Summer Prayer for Grace

- One: God of gentle rains and warm sun, God who encourages growth;
- Many: **We sometimes grow quickly, and sometimes get stuck.**
- One: God of freedom, of liberation, of binding ropes being cut;
- Many: **We are bound in ways we don't always understand or recognize.**
- One: God of exodus and homecoming, who calls us to leave where we are and come home;
- Many: **Help us to have the courage to make the journey and to trust in the path.**
- One: God of redemption and restoration, who wants us to be made whole;

Many: We come at times, wounded in body and in spirit, seeking your shalom.
One: God of Grace, we come as people who live through that Grace.
ALL: *We praise you for the growth, we rejoice in being set free, we dance along the path that leads us home, we give thanks for your wholeness, and we live as people of Grace. Amen.*

Passing of the Peace

Call to Prayer *Precious Lord* (v.1) (#472)

*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

Prayers of the People

One: We lift them up in prayer
Many: Lord, hold them in Your love.

The Lord's Prayer

Nazarene Transliteration

Oh Thou, from whom the breath of life comes,
who fills all realms of sound, light and vibration.
May Your light be experienced in my utmost holiest.
Your Heavenly Domain approaches.
Let Your will come true - in the universe just as on earth.
Give us wisdom for our daily need, detach the fetters of faults that
bind us, like we let go the guilt of others.
Let us not be lost in superficial things, but let us be freed from that
what keeps us from our true purpose.
From You comes the all-working will, the lively strength to act,
the song that beautifies all and renews itself from age to age.
Sealed in trust, faith and truth, I confirm with my entire being.

Hymn of Rejoicing *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You* (v. 1 & 4) #4

Hearing the Good News EPHESIANS 3:14-21 MSG

Sharing the Good News

Special Music *Fugue in C Major*, J.S. Bach Richard Densmore, organ

Word about Giving WASHINGTON UCC BACK TO SCHOOL

Offertory

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

God Has Work for Us to Do

Benediction and Blessing

Postlude

Prayer of Invocation -written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay -Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

Call To Worship -adapted from work of Rev. Penny L. Lowes, *From Tears to Rejoicing* -Worship Ways website of the United Church of Christ.

A Summer Prayer for Grace -adapted from work by Rev Gord, <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/>; *All Glory Be to God on High*, by Nicolas Decius, 1525.

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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!*



Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Luke 10:1-9

Fred Kaan, 1975; alt.

C F G Dm G C G

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,

C F G Dm7 C G C

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - ery-where!

Refrain (first time *p*, second time *f*)

C C7 F Dm G C F C

Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!


This hymn came into being when composer Doreen Potter asked poet Fred Kaan to write a text for her adaptation of a Jamaican folk melody. It was first used at the World Council of Churches Assembly in Nairobi (1975), and in Vancouver (1983).

Tune: LINSTEAD L.M. with refrain
 Jamaican folk song
 Adapt. Doreen Potter, 1975



Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13



Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.



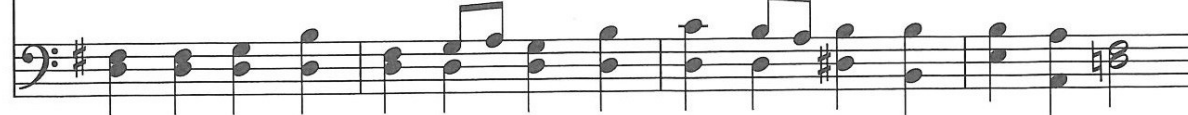

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;
 2 All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,
 3 You are giv - ing and for-giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blessed,
 4 Mor-tals, join the might-y cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be - gan;

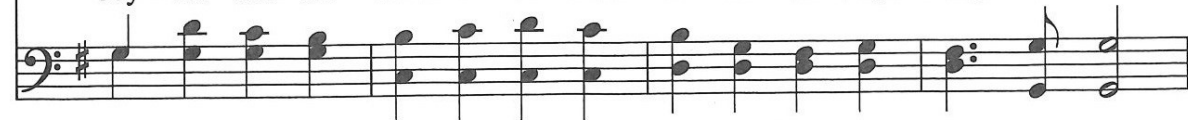
Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open-ing to the sun a - bove.
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 Bound-less love is reign - ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.

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

God Has Work for Us To Do

Mark A Miller; text by Carl P Daw, Jr
Arr. for Lakeview UCC by Natalie Nolte

$\text{♩} = 60$

By pray - ing through our do - ing, and
5 sing - ing though we fear, by trust - ing that the seed we sow will
9 bring God's har - vest near. God has work for us to do. God has
14 work for us to do, 'til God's will is done and all things are made new.
18 *rit al fine*
God has work for us Work for us to do

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a tempo marking of quarter note = 60. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as rests, beams, and slurs. The final measure of the fifth staff is marked with a fermata and the instruction 'rit al fine'.

Check out our App! Scan the QR code to download and use our keyword
"GIVE2LAKEVIEW"



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.

JULY MISSION: WASHINGTON UCC BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM



Washington United Church of Christ is located in a suburb of Cincinnati where residents face great financial challenges. The congregation is dedicated to providing outreach ministries to their neighbors in Camp Washington and surrounding low-income neighborhoods.

Washington UCC strives to partner with the citizens of Camp Washington to create a community that is safe and clean, where people have enough food, decent housing, opportunities for education and work, and live in an environment that nurtures all families.

Outreach Programs include a store where residents can obtain clothing and household goods at no cost, community meals, a homework club for kids, boxes of food at Thanksgiving and their annual “Gifts to the Manger” program providing Christmas gifts for kids. The Back to School program provides children connected to Washington UCC with school uniforms, hygiene items, a backpack, and school supplies.

Our donations this month will help Washington UCC ensure students in their community have what they need to succeed in school.

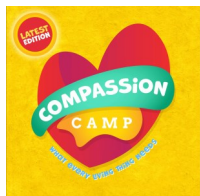
JULY DONATIONS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY

July is “Stock the Pantry Month”–
Canned, Bagged and Boxed foods:



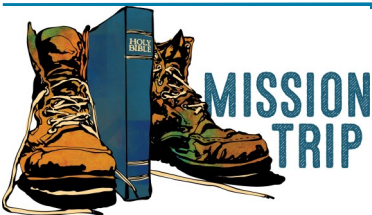
Just look for the bins under the bulletin board in the church lobby. Thank you for your generosity and the positive impact you continue to make in our community for those in need.

- Instant potatoes
- Rice & Rice mixes
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Hamburger Helper
- Canned Veggies



This Summer’s VBS, *Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs*, Starts tomorrow, Monday July 29 and runs through Aug 2nd at the church from 10am-12:30pm. Kids can attend one day, or every day!

There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby, or click [HERE](#) or use the QR code to sign up online.



On August 19-23 a group of Lakeview folks will be traveling to the Whitesburg, Kentucky area for our Summer Mission Trip. We will be taking on several projects, including building a set of stairs and a wheelchair ramp for a man with mobility issues and doing some much-needed maintenance and upkeep on the community center that serves the youth, local community groups, and those in need in

the area.

There will also be a ‘play day’ as we tour the area and take in the sights.

Please see the LINK newsletter for more information and details and reach out to Dave Maile with any questions. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby so please go ahead and get your name added to the list for a great week of fellowship, fun, and service.



Our guest musician today is Richard Densmore. Our many thanks to Richard for sharing his time and talent with us!



In August, our worship services will beckon us on a journey -a journey *about* journeying.

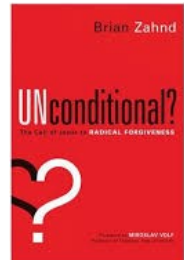
We will be joining together on an adventure where we see things with new eyes, a new look at our surroundings. Because whether we travel great distances or simply begin to see our local surroundings as if for the first time, it can be a spiritual practice. A practice that encourages us to open ourselves more fully to curiosity and wonder, reflection and

transformation; leading us to be travelers-not merely tourists-immersing ourselves in soul-widening adventures as we explore and immerse ourselves in God's kin'dom. We hope you will join us on this quest!

Unconditional? The Call of Jesus to Radical Forgiveness, by Brian Zahnd

Thursday Evening Book Group at 7:30-9:00 pm

You are still invited to join us for our Thursday Evening Book Group! We meet BOTH in person AND as a Zoom meeting-whichever works best for you! (Contact us if you have any questions about the technology) We are reading and discussing *Unconditional? The Call of Jesus to Radical Forgiveness* by Brian Zahnd. In this book the author considers the “beauty, reconciliation, and to[1]tal restoration of forgiveness the way Jesus taught us to live it. More than just another biblical exposition, this book begins with the horror of the Holocaust as it explores what forgiveness means—and how far it should go—in the real world of murder, rape, child abuse, genocide, and other atrocities.”



The book is available in an electronic version, as well as a paper copy, so check out your favorite book purveyor to get a copy. We began meeting this past week, but please feel free to come join us. We meet each Thursday evening to discuss and learn from the book and from each other. Please call the church office or see Pastor Todd if you have any questions.



If you aren't a Kroger rewards member, or haven't set up your community rewards partner yet, it's very easy and free to do! It really **does** make a difference! Step-by-step instructions can be found here:

<https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>

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.



In Our Prayers

Chris Bilyeu and Family; The Anderson Family; Mac McKenzie; Susan Colding; The Alkire Family; The O'Brien Family; Louise (Pam's Mother-in-law); Ed McEleney; Ernie and Karen (Pam's friends); Leslie (Pam's friend); Esther Friedhoff and family; The Paul Family; Adrienne (daughter of Lisa Barrows' friend); the Madden family; Sherri & Carolyn (friends of the Coldings); Katie & John (Overholt family)

Birthdays this Week

Jody McOsker, Andrew Bierkan (29); Lizzie McOsker, Lexie McOsker (31)



Today

10:15 AM

Sunday Worship in Sanctuary

Monday, July 29

10:00 AM

VBS- Compassion Camp

12:00 PM

AA Meeting - FH

6:00 PM

Girl Scouts #4059—rm 8

6:30 PM

BSA Scouts- FH

Tuesday, July 30

10:00 AM

VBS- Compassion Camp

8:00 PM

AA Meeting - FH/narthex

Wednesday, July 31

10:00 AM

VBS- Compassion Camp

10:00 AM

Lakeview Quilters—CR

12:00 PM

AA Meeting - FH

7:00 PM

NAR-Anon rm 7

Thursday, August 1

10:00 AM

VBS- Compassion Camp

7:00 PM

AA Meeting— FH

7:00 PM

Al-Anon Family Group— rm 8

7:30 PM

Book Group - CR

Friday, August 2

10:00 AM

VBS- Compassion Camp

Saturday, August 3

8:30 AM

AA Meeting—FH