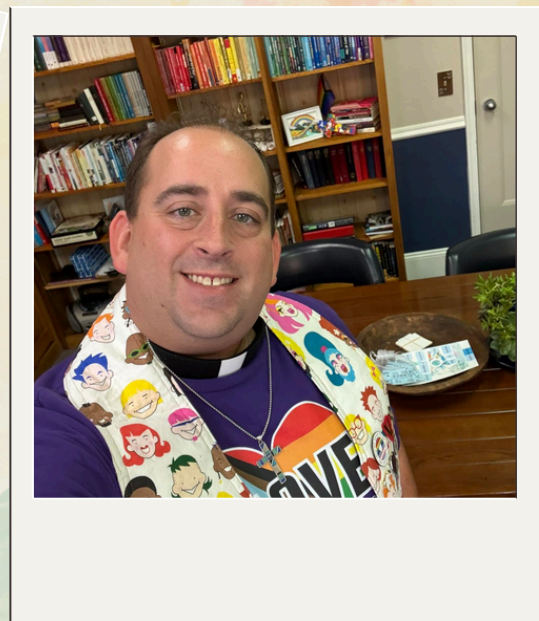




THE
PASTORAL
Installation
OF

REV. ANTHONY SPEARHART



Sunday, September 27th, 2026 1:30pm

LAKEVIEW



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Rev. Anthony Spearhart
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 after the Gathering Hymn.

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

Rise Up, O Saints of God

Irina Hall

Welcome

FESTAL SONG, Wm. H. Walter

*Call To Worship

One: We gather from many places, carrying many stories.

All: **And God gathers us into one beloved community.**

One: We come to celebrate a call received and a covenant shared.

All: **We come trusting that the Spirit is still speaking.**

One: We give thanks for the faithfulness that has brought us to this moment.

All: **And we open our hearts to the story still unfolding.**

One: We gather as congregation, pastor, and wider church.

All: **Called together for the work of love, justice, mercy, & peace.**

One: Come, beloved of God. Let us worship together.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*Hymn

All Are Welcome v.1 & refrain

*Opening Prayer (unison)

God of every beginning and every journey,
you call your people into community
and weave our lives together
in ways we could never fully imagine.

We give thanks for the ministry that brought Lakeview
to this day,
for those whose faithfulness shaped this congregation,
for the call that brought Anthony here,
and for the wider church that surrounds us in covenant.
Fill this place with your Spirit.

Open our hearts to your Word, our lives to one another,
and our imaginations to the ministry still ahead.

Give us courage for the journey, grace for one another,
and faith enough to follow where you lead.

May everything we do in this hour
bear witness to your extravagant welcome
and your transforming love.

Amen.

Special Music

Walk in the Spirit of Love

Chancel Choir

by Mark Blankenship & Ed Seabough, arr. by Jay Rouse

[*Please stand as you are moved & able]

Affirmation of Faith

written by Rev. Anthony Spearhart

Rev. Jessica Tinkham

One: The sacraments make grace visible—
in water, in bread, in cup—
signs that God's love is embodied, shared, and real.
A calling is placed before us—
not only to believe, but to become—
to love more deeply,
to seek justice more boldly,
and to live as signs of God's unfolding Kin-dom.

All: God is still speaking.
The story is not finished.
The invitation remains—
to help write what comes next.
Amen.

*Hymn

All Are Welcome

v.2 & refrain

Scripture

Romans 12:9-21

MSG

Sharing the Hum of Love

Rev. Dr. David Long-Higgins,
Heartland Conference Minister

Special Music

Thanksgiving
by Vince Ambrosetti

Marty Brookhart
(Anthony's brother)

THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

Rev. Mimi Chamberlin
& Rev. Michelle Wilkey

Greeting

One: ...Because we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and sin that clings so closely,
and let us run with perseverance that race that is set before us.

Many: Let us look to Jesus, pioneer and perfecter of the faith, who,
for the joy that was its result, endured the cross, despising
the shame, and is seated at the right hand of God, who sent him.

Presentation

Exhortation

Covenant

One: ...Members and Friends of Lakeview United Church of Christ, Maineville,
will those who are able please stand and affirm your covenant with
your pastor and teacher? (Remain standing)

*Many: We, members, and friends of Lakeview Church, receive Anthony
Spearhart as our pastor and teacher, promising to labor with him in
the ministry of the Gospel and to extend to him due honor and
support. We gather with him and the entire United Church of
Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

Prayer of Installation

Signing the Three-Way Covenant

Declaration

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the Southwest Ohio Northern Kentucky Association of the Heartland Conference of the United Church of Christ, I declare to all that Reverend Anthony Spearhart is duly installed as pastor and teacher of Lakeview United Church of Christ, Maineville.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Hymn**

All Are Welcome

v.4 & refrain

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Anthony Spearhart

***Hymn**

All Are Welcome

v.3 & refrain

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Special Music

Irina Hall

Prayer After Communion

One: ...May the communities we build be stories of extravagant welcome.

ALL: May the lives we live
be stories of courage, justice, mercy, and peace.
May those who come after us
find in our witness
something worth carrying forward.
The story is not finished.
By your Spirit,
help us live faithfully
into what comes next.
Amen.

***Benediction**

Rev. Dr. David Long-Higgins

***Song of Sending**

Let There Be Peace on Earth

*Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God, our creator, we are family.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me.*

Postlude

Irina Hall

**Guests are invited to continue the celebration
at the reception in Fellowship Hall.**

WALK IN THE SPIRIT OF LOVE

*And now, these three remain: faith, hope and love;
but the greatest of these is love.*

Walk in the spirit of love.

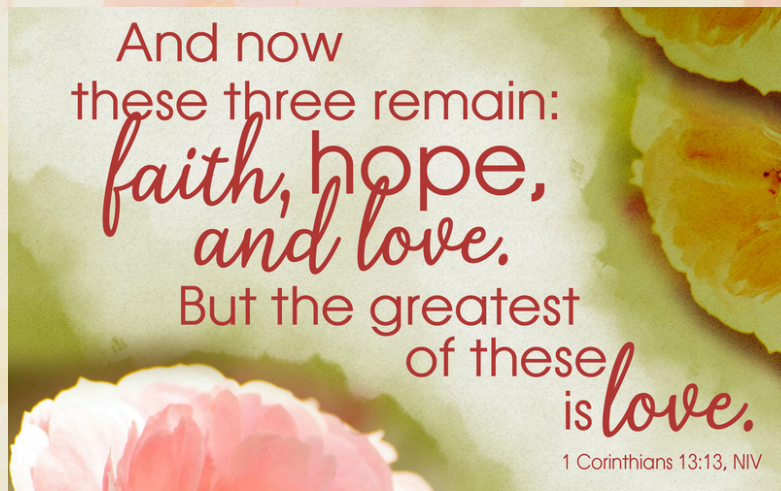
Love one another as Jesus loves you.

Live in the spirit of love.

Live like Jesus every day.

Walk like Jesus. Follow in his way.

Serve in the spirit of love.



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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 Build a House

All Are Welcome

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are provided for five different voices, numbered 1 through 5.

System 1: The vocal line starts with a C⁷ chord. The lyrics are: "1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and", "2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and", "3 Let us build a house where love is found in", "4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be -", "5 Let us build a house where all are named, their".

System 2: The vocal line starts with a Dm chord. The lyrics are: "all can safe - ly live, a place where saints and", "words are strong and true, where all God's chil - dren", "wa - ter, wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on", "yond the wood and stone to heal and strength-en,", "songs and vi - sions heard and loved and trea-sured,".

System 3: The vocal line starts with a Gm chord. The lyrics are: "chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for -", "dare to seek to dream God's reign a -", "ho - ly ground where peace and jus - tice", "serve and teach, and live the Word they've", "taught and claimed as words with - in the".

give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi-sions, rock of
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit-ness and as
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re-
 known. Here the out - cast and the strang-er bear the
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh-ter, prayers of

faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall
 sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we claim the
 vealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the
 im - age of God's face; let us bring an end to
 faith and songs of grace; let this house pro-claim from

end di - vi - sions:
 faith of Je - sus:
 feast that frees us: all are wel-come; all are wel-come;
 fear and dan - ger:
 floor to raf - ter:

17 F Gm C⁷ F B $\flat$ F C⁷ F
 all are welcome in this place.