LAKEVIEW UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 29, 2018

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Pastor CYF Minister Music Director Accompanist All People

Please sign the registry of attendance and pass it along to the person next to you, and then to the row behind you. For the courtesy of those around you, please set your electronic device to silent.

* Indicates stand as you are able.

Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude-Kindling of the Christ Candle

As we light the candles, let us take a moment to focus our hearts and minds for worship.

* Call to Worship

One: There are those who say, "There is no God! We are alone, on our own."

Many: We gather to declare the glory of God in our lives.

One: Some say, "It is your light alone, no one else matters and no one else cares."

Many: We gather, strengthened by the Spirit that dwells in our hearts and

our community.

One: The foolish one says, "Everything I have is mine; I owe nothing to anyone."

Many: We gather to praise the One who calls us to serve others in love.

ALL: Let us raise our voices and together worship God!

* Opening Hymn

"Joys Are Flowing like a River"

#284

* Prayer for the Community (unison)

Gracious God, we find as we come to You that we are empty and long to be filled; we are hungry and long to be fed; we are lost and long to be found. Gather us into Your love and pick up the pieces of our lives, just as they gathered the fragments of the loaves and fish that remained after feeding the crowd. Call us anew to eat our fill and to share of our gifts, for in Your presence there is abundance. Amen.

* Sharing God's Peace

Please share God's peace by greeting one another with a smile, a handshake, a hug, a wave ... whatever is most comfortable for you.

Large-print bulletins and hearing-assistance tools are available. Please see an usher for assistance. Nursery is offered for children through Kindergarten. Sunday School is offered for children through 8^{th} grade and begins after the Passing of the Peace.

Call to Prayer "I Must Tell Jesus" #486

I must tell Jesus all of my trials, I cannot bear these burdens alone; In my distress my Jesus will help me, who ever loves and cares for God's own. I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! I cannot bear my burdens alone; I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus! Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.

Prayers of the People

We begin by sharing our joys and concerns. Each sharing is lifted up with:

One: We lift them up in prayer.

All: Lord, hold them in Your love

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

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. And 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 "His Eye is on the Sparrow" soloist Natalie Nolte

Hearing the Good News Psalm 14:1-7 (CJB) John 6:1-21 (NRSV)

Sharing the Good News

Hymn of Rejoicing "My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff" #418

Fifth Sunday Mission Moment "Sweet Cheeks"

Sarah Huber

#780

Offertory

* **Doxology** Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Gracious God, whose abundance is beyond our understanding, bless these gifts and use them to fill empty stomachs and empty hearts. May these offerings be multiplied to abundantly nourish all Your people. Amen.

- * Hymn of Sending Forth "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"
- * Commission and Benediction
- * Closing Response

"The Trees of the Field"

#23

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace The mountains and the hills will break forth before you There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field Will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field Will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands
While you go out with joy.

* Postlude

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Worship Volunteers:

Worship Leader: **Corey Nieman**; Prayers of the People: **Katie Madden** Scripture Reader: **Sarah Huber**; Nursery: **Faith Colwell**



"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!



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