

February 15th, 2026

10:15 am Worship Service

Transfigured

Transfiguration Sunday



"Listen  
to Him!"

MATTHEW 17:5

LAKEVIEW

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Rev. Ruth Hopkins  
Interim 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](mailto:info@lakeviewucc.com), visit our website: [lakeviewucc.com](http://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

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*  
by Ludwig von Beethoven, arr. Howard Helvey

Melissa Toedtman

## Welcome and Announcements

## Time of Centering

*St. Clare Benediction*  
by John Rutter

Melissa Toedtman

## Call to Worship

One: We can each climb the mountain.

Many: Alone or with friends.

One: The change of view will do us good.

Many: We could use a new perspective.

One: But when we go up, we may be changed.

Many: The mountaintop is a place of power.

One: Like Jesus, we could be filled with light.  
Our lives could be transformed.

Many: Let us climb the mountain together, and be open  
and ready for the light.

**Gathering Song** *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* (v. 1-2)

## Opening Prayer (unison)

Glorious God,

you wrap yourself in a pillar of cloud  
and lead us through the wilderness to the mountain.

You pause before us,  
settling as a cloud settles on the mountain heights,  
mystery filled with light, beckoning us to come to you and  
to risk knowing you.

Filled with courage to come into your presence,  
into the mist where we must trust you to guide us,  
into the transforming power of your presence,  
we now come again to worship and take hope. Amen.

**Hymn of Community** *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* (v. 3)

## 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.

## **Call to Prayer**

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand* (v. 1)

## **Prayers of the People**

One: In the power and presence of God:

Many: We share your prayer

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father-Mother, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## **Call to Prayer** (reprise)

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand* (v. 3)

## **Special Music**

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*  
by John Rutter

Melissa Toedtman

## **Exodus 34:29-35**

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two covenant tablets in his hand, Moses didn't realize that the skin of his face shone brightly because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw the skin of Moses' face shining brightly, they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called them closer. So Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and Moses spoke with them. After that, all the Israelites came near as well, and Moses commanded them everything that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. Whenever Moses went into the Lord's presence to speak with him, Moses would take the veil off until he came out again. When Moses came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see that the skin of Moses' face was shining brightly. So Moses would put the veil on his face again until the next time he went in to speak with the Lord.

## **A Reading from the Christian Scriptures**

### **Matthew 17:1-9**

Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain. He was transformed in front of them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light.

Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus. Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, “Lord, it’s good that we’re here. If you want, I’ll make three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

While he was still speaking, look, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son whom I dearly love. I am very pleased with him. Listen to him!” Hearing this, the disciples fell on their faces, filled with awe.

But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Don’t tell anybody about the vision until the Human One is raised from the dead.

## Morning Message

*Transfigured*

Rev. Ruth Hopkins

## Hymn

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

## A Word About Giving

CARACOLE

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[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

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Melissa Toedtman

by John Rutter

## 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!*

## Prayer of Dedication (unison)

We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace. Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. Amen.

[please be seated]

## Parting Hymn

*I’m Gonna Live so God Can Use Me*

v. 1: *I’m gonna live so God can use me, anytime and anywhere* (repeat)

v. 2: *I’m gonna work so God can use me, anytime and anywhere* (repeat)

## Benediction

## Postlude

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Melissa Toedtman

by Beethoven, Arr. by John Carter

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## We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1988

1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and  
 2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the  
 3 Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our

ho - ly place, Where we wait with hope and long - ing for some  
 flesh-joined Word, Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the  
 faith de - cline, We, like Pe - ter, find it tempt-ing to re -

to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -  
 heav - enly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with  
 main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us

sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, Search - ing  
 won - der how the Law and Proph - ets meet: Christ with  
 cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, That our

like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.  
 gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.  
 dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

# Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932; alt.

1 Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
 2 When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger near,  
 3 When the shad-ows ap-pear and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
 when my life is al-most gone,  
 and the day is past and gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
 Hear me cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall:  
 At the riv-er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

*Refrain*

Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

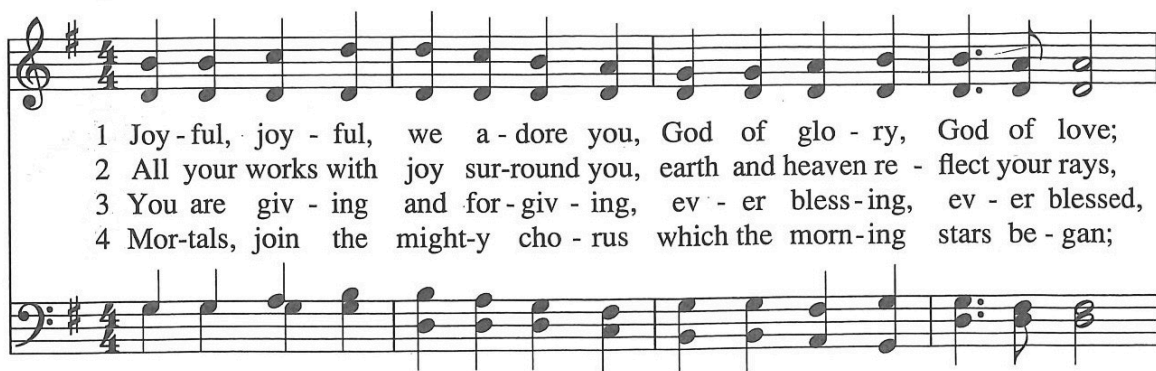
Thomas A. Dorsey was known as "Georgia Tom" when he played piano for blues singer Ma Rainey. He started writing gospel songs after what he called "a definite spiritual change." This inspirational song, composed following the deaths of his wife, Nettie, and a newborn child, derives from the tune Maitland.

Tune: PRECIOUS LORD Irr. with refrain  
 Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932

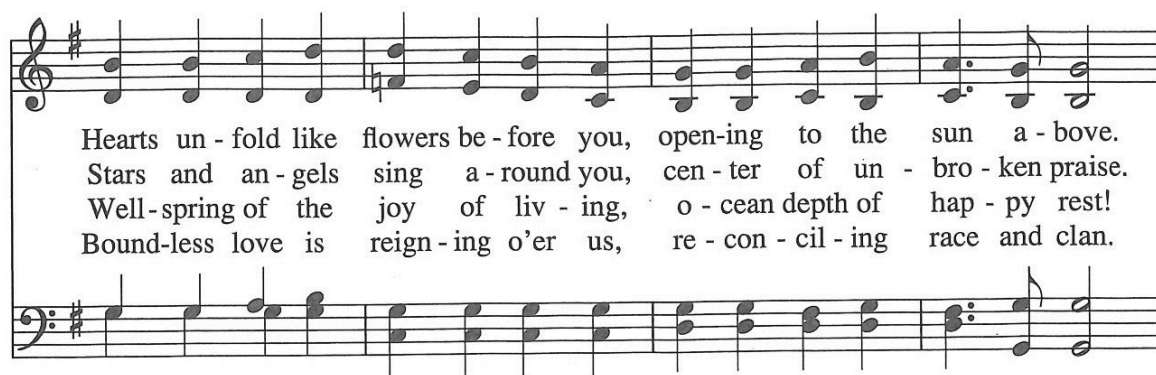
# Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Ps. 145:10; Isa. 49:13

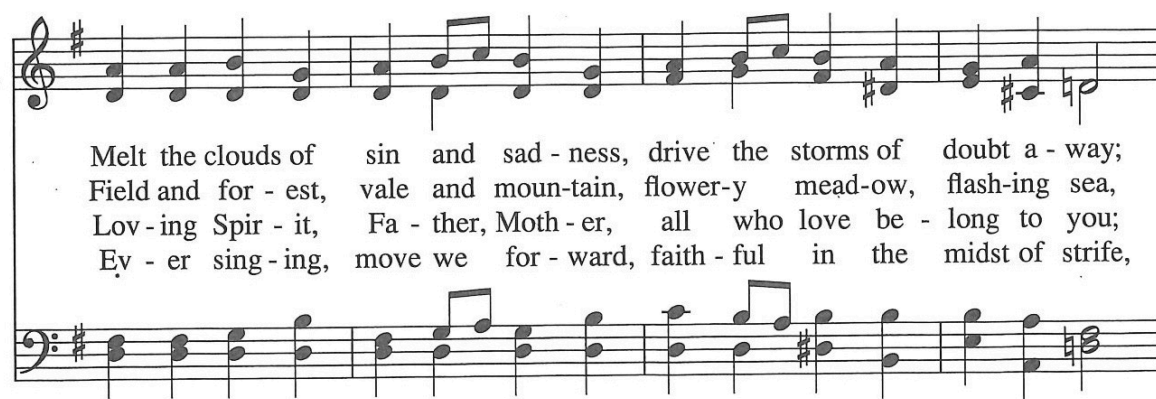
Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.



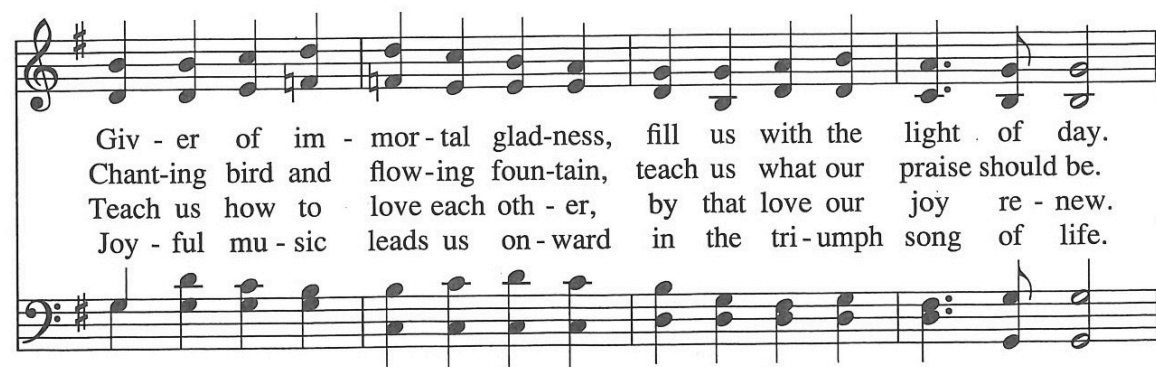
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love;  
 2 All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays,  
 3 You are giv - ing and for-giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blessed,  
 4 Mor-tals, join the might-y cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be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

## Lakeview's Mission of the Month:

FEBRUARY



### CARACOLE

Caracole is an organization located in Cincinnati that provides education, testing, housing and supportive services to individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS. In addition to the opportunity to provide monetary support to this agency through mission giving in February, we also have the opportunity to donate much needed supplies for individuals and families served by Caracole.

positively changing lives  
in the fight against HIV/AIDS



#### Most needed donations:

- Shampoo and hair care products for all hair types, incl. naturally textured hair\*
- Body wash\*
- Deodorant\*
- Razors and shaving cream\*
- Tissues
- Laundry detergent
- Full or queen size sheet sets+
- Blankets+

\* Personal care items most needed in unscented or gender- neutral scents.

+ New or gently used items, please.

During the month of February, you are invited to bring your donations of these items to church and place them in front of the altar. Questions? See Linda Overholt

#### Sandwich Making for Our Daily Bread

Thanks to your donations in January, on **Sunday February 15th** after service, we will meet with Harmony in the Fellowship Hall to prepare 300 sandwiches for Our Daily Bread.



Children are welcome and can work with their parents at their stations. Older children can be stationed by themselves. The stations will be: spreading peanut butter on bread, spreading jam on bread, placing the finished sandwiches in baggies, and packing the bags in boxes for delivery. There will be several stations set up to prepare meat sandwiches as well. We will also need some help with clean up. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby for interested volunteers.



The February Just for Lunch will be Wednesday, February 18th at 12:30pm at Half Day Café, in Mason-Deerfield. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. All are welcome, but space is limited!

#### **DONATIONS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY: February SPECIFIC NEEDS!**

- Kidney/Chili Beans
- Beef Stew
- Condiments
- Biscuit Mix (NOT Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix)
- cheddar cheese biscuit mix
- Hamburger Helper



##### **Personal Care Products:**

- Laundry Soap
- Shampoo
- Body Wash

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.

# Thank you.

We are looking forward to welcoming Irina back to services full-time, beginning next Sunday. At this time, Lakeview would like to express our deepest gratitude to Melissa Toedtman for once again stepping in as our substitute piano accompanist. Her talent and professionalism are obvious, but her time and effort have gone above and beyond. We are truly blessed to have had the benefit of her skill and spirit.

**Thank you, Melissa, for sharing your gift with us!**

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**Sunday School is GROWING, and we need YOU!**

We are so excited for the increase in the number of youth we are seeing on Sunday mornings, and we need volunteers to help us provide the best possible program for them. If you'd like to lend a hand, check out the Worship Volunteer sign-up sheet in the narthex and sign-up for a class or two!



## Ash wednesday

If you plan on joining in our Ash Wednesday zoom service, be sure to pick up a packet of Ash to take home. They can be found at the welcome area in the narthex.

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pwd=WOoMMCKTAyu2b5mkqjYWlp2TvmudtL.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82971957907?pwd=WOoMMCKTAyu2b5mkqjYWlp2TvmudtL.1)



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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!



## THIS WEEK at Lakeview



### TODAY

- 10:00 AM Harmony UU - FH
- 10:15 AM Sunday Worship
- 11:30 AM Our Daily Bread -FH
- 1:00 PM Lumos Rehearsal - Sanct.

### Monday, Feb 16 *Presidents' Day*

- 12:00 PM AA- FH
- 6:30 PM BSA Scouts- FH
- 7:00 PM Lumos Rehearsal- Sanct
- 7:00 PM AA - 12&12 Study -CR
- 7:00 PM Search Team mtg- zoom

### Tuesday, Feb 17

- 5:30 PM Cub Scouts- FH/CR
- 6:00 PM Lumos Pit Rehearsal- Sanct
- 8:00 PM AA - FH/CR

### Wednesday, Feb 18 *Ash Wednesday*

- 10:00 AM Lakeview Quilters-CR
- 12:00 PM AA Meeting - FH
- 6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal
- 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service-zoom**
- 7:00 PM NAR-Anon - CR

### Thursday, Feb 19

- 7:00 PM AA Meeting— FH
- 7:00 PM Lumos Rehearsal - Sanct
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon — CR

### Friday, Feb 20

- 2:00 PM AA set-up - FH

### Saturday, Feb 21

- 8:30 AM AA Anniversary Breakfast - FH

*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;  
Tim (Pam's Brother-in-law);  
The Huber Family; Mike Maile;  
Tom & Ruthie McCormack;  
Linda Crawford & family;  
Sue Anderson; Irina and family;  
Bob Sandman & family  
Fred Wood



### Birthdays this Week

Tony Maraucci (18);  
Corey Nieman (19)  
Deb Rufner (20)  
Patrick Nieman (21)



*Office Hours this week will include:  
Tuesday 10-2, Thursday 10-2; Sunday 2/15  
1-4p. Additional service, remote, and  
rehearsal hours vary. Email:  
[info@lakeviewucc.com](mailto:info@lakeviewucc.com)*

### LOOKING AHEAD:

Feb 22: The first Sunday worship service of Lent will include an imposition of ashes for all those who couldn't join the zoom service on Wednesday.