

# THIRD SUNDAY *in Lent*

Water From the Rock

10:15 am Worship Service

March 8th, 2026

Last night as I was sleeping I dreamt—marvelous error!—  
that a spring was breaking out in my heart.  
I said: Along which secret aqueduct,  
Oh water, are you coming to me,  
water of a new life that I have never drunk?

Last night as I was sleeping, I dreamt—marvelous error!—  
that I had a beehive here inside my heart.  
And the golden bees were making white combs  
and sweet honey from my old failures.

- from Antonio Machado's poem,  
*"Last night, as I was sleeping"*

## LAKEVIEW

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March 8th, 2026

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

Irina Hall

## Welcome and Announcements

## Time of Centering *Herzliebster Jesu, was hast du verbrochen?*

(O dearest Jesus, what hast Thou broken?)  
by H. Walcha; Richard Densmore, *organ*

## Call to Worship

One: We come, our souls thirsting for God, our spirits longing for love.

All: We come to the One who supplies every need;  
we come to the One who gives us living water.

One: We come, with prayers in our hearts, and with words too painful to speak.

All: We come to the One who listens to our hearts,  
who carries our suffering through eternity.

One: We come, with our brokenness and loss, with our hope to be made whole.

All: We come to the One who knows all our secrets,  
who brings peace to all of us - and to each of us.

## Gathering Song *All My Hope on God is Founded* (v. 1-2)

## Opening Prayer (unison)

Into the stream of those who have labored before us,  
Spirit, let us flow.

Into the river that rolls down with justice, Spirit, let us step.

Into the well that is deeper than our divisions, Spirit, let us draw.

In this moment, in every moment, we pray:

give us this water, Jesus, so we will never be thirsty again. Amen.

## Gathering Song (reprise) *All My Hope on God is Founded* (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 *Change My Heart, O God* (1x)

## 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 is 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Call to Prayer** (reprise)      *Change My Heart, O God*      (2nd verse, 1x)

**Special Music**      *In Christ Alone*      Natalie Nolte & Irina Hall  
Getty & Townend, arr. by Lloyd Larson

**Exodus 17:1-7**      CEB

The whole Israelite community broke camp and set out from the Sin desert to continue their journey, as the Lord commanded. They set up their camp at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people argued with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses said to them, "Why are you arguing with me? Why are you testing the Lord?"

But the people were very thirsty for water there, and they complained to Moses, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt to kill us, our children, and our livestock with thirst?"

So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What should I do with this people? They are getting ready to stone me."

The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of Israel's elders with you. Take in your hand the shepherd's rod that you used to strike the Nile River, and go. I'll be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Hit the rock. Water will come out of it, and the people will be able to drink." Moses did so while Israel's elders watched. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites argued with and tested the Lord, asking, "Is the Lord really with us or not?"

**Morning Message**      *The Gift of Thirst*      Rev. Ruth Hopkins

**Hymn**      *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*      (v. 1-4)

**A Word About Giving**      One Great Hour of Sharing      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**      *Vater unser im Himmelreich*      Richard Densmore, organ  
(Our Father, Thou in heaven above), G.P. Telleman

## 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)

Let these offerings become seeds taking root in love and justice.  
Let these seeds become harvests of liberation for all of us.  
Let these harvests become offerings toward the slow work of healing and transformation.  
Amen. [please be seated]

## Parting Hymn

*When Peace Like a River* (v.1)

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*When peace, like a river, upholds me each day,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot,  
you have taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."  
It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul),  
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

## Benediction (unison)

Let us be strong and resilient like living stones.  
May God's presence be the rock under our feet, the flame that kindles our passion, and the wings that lift us to pursue our vision.  
May the Spirit of Life sustain us and guide us.  
Blessed be.

## Postlude

Irina Hall

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### Lent Three: Living Stones Meditation

#### Three Readings

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“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn.”  
-Isaiah 44:7-8

As torrents in summer, half dried in their channels,  
Suddenly rise, tho' the sky is still cloudless.  
For rain has been falling.  
Far off at their fountains;

So hearts that are fainting grow full to o'erflowing,  
And they that behold it, marvel, and know not  
That God at their fountains  
Far off has been raining!

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

He said: “The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. God is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior - from violent ones you save me. I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.”

-2 Samuel 22:2-4

# All My Hope on God Is Founded

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Joachim Neander, c. 1680  
Paraphr. by Robert Bridges, 1899; alt.

Ps. 62:5-8; 1 Tim. 6:17

1 All my hope on God is found - ed: who else can my hope re-new?  
2 Well does the al - might-y Giv - er boun-teous gifts on us be-stow!  
3 In glad hymns to God e - ter - nal sac - ri - fice of praise be done,

Still through change and chance God guides me, on - ly good and on - ly true.  
With de - light our souls are nour-ished; plea-sure leads us where we go.  
high a - bove all prais - es prais - ing for the love in Christ made known.

God un - known, grace a - lone, calls my heart to be God's own.  
At God's hand does love stand; joy a - waits each new com - mand.  
Hear Christ's call, one and all; those who fol - low shall not fall.

British composer Herbert Howells studied with Charles V. Stanford at the Royal College of Music in London and later taught there. The tune was composed for an English school and was named for Howells' son who died in childhood.

Tune: MICHAEL 8.7.8.7.3.3.7.  
Herbert Howells, 1930, 1977

# 128 Change My Heart, O God

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G/B F/A Dm Gsus C F/G

Change my heart, O God, make it ev-er true.  
*Reprise: Change our hearts, O God make them ev-er true.*

Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.  
*Change our hearts, O God may we be like you.*

You are the Pot - ter, I am the clay.  
*You are the Pot - ter, We are the clay.*

Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.  
*Mold us and make us, this is what we pray.*

Change my heart, O God, make it ev-er true.  
*Change our hearts, O God make them ev-er true.*

Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.  
*Change our hearts, O God may we be like you.*

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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!



# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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Isaac Watts, 1707; alt.

Gal. 6:14; Phil. 3:7-8

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross,  
2 For - bid it, then, that I should boast,  
3 From sa - cred head, from hands, and feet,  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,

on which the Christ of glo - ry died,  
save in the death of Christ, my God;  
sor - row and love flow min - gled down!  
that were a pres - ent far too small;

My rich - est gain I count but loss,  
All the vain things that charm me most  
Did e'er such love and sor - row meet,  
Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,

and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
I sac - ri - fice them to Christ's blood.  
or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

*Originally titled "Crucifixion to the World by the Cross of Christ," this hymn has been acclaimed as one of the finest in the English language. Isaac Watts' hymnody grew out of his dissatisfaction with the restraints of the metrical psalters.*

Tune: HAMBURG L.M.  
Lowell Mason, 1825

**Lakeview's Mission of the Month: MARCH**

**One Great Hour of Sharing**

The March mission is One Great Hour of Sharing, in which we join Christians in seven other denominations to support relief services wherever and whenever disaster strikes in the U.S.A. and abroad, and also to provide long-term development and assistance, refugee resettlement, and social services. For more information on our missions, see the A.I.M. bulletin board in March and the March Link article.



Plan to stay after worship on Sunday, March 15 for a Special Coffee Hour. Because of some scheduling conflicts as well as the remediation work in the CE Wing, we are unable to offer a "Lunch and Learn" in March. Instead, we invite you to participate in an expanded coffee hour which will include the opportunity to hear more from our guest speaker that day, Megan Bergert, Minister for Refugee and Migration Services for the National UCC. (Her work is funded through the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering, our March Mission of the Month.)

To help us plan for this event, please sign up and, if you are able to provide some refreshments/hors d'oeuvres, indicate what you plan to bring. (All are welcome, whether or not you provide food, but it will be helpful to get an estimate of planned attendance.)

If you have questions about this event, contact Pastor Ruth, Sandee McAlpine, or Linda Overholt.



The March Just for Lunch will be Wednesday, March 18th at 12:30pm at Scramblers in Sharonville. 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:**

**March SPECIFIC NEEDS!**

- Kidney/Chili Beans
- Beef Stew
- Condiments
- Biscuit Mix (NOT Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix)
- Diced Tomatoes
- Hamburger Helper
- Ramen Noodles



**Personal Care Products:**

- Laundry Soap
- Shampoo
- Body Wash
- Men & Women's Deodorant

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.



Check the March LINK for the Lakeview Holy Week Schedule!

## FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lakeview made a commitment several years ago to assist 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, April 27, 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!



## WALK IT. RUN IT. ROCK A WIG.



This year’s theme invites you to bring the big hair. Wigs are encouraged —so go bold, go colorful or go totally over-the-top as you walk, run or cheer from the sidelines.

Get your wig on and join Caracole for our 13th annual Cincinnati AIDS Walk + 5K/10K Run on Sunday, March 29 at Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum.

Whether you’re tackling the 5K, running the 10K or bringing a little one to the Lois Kay Kids Fun Run, there’s something for everyone.

*All proceeds benefit our mission to positively change lives in the fight against HIV.*

Learn more:

[Caracole.org/AIDSwalk](http://Caracole.org/AIDSwalk)

Sunday, March 29th

Learn more, donate and register at [caracole.org/AIDSwalk](http://caracole.org/AIDSwalk)



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



## THIS WEEK at Lakeview



### TODAY

*Daylight Savings Time Begins*

- 10:15 AM Sunday Worship
- 1:00 PM Lumos Rehearsal - Sanct.
- 2:30 PM 4H Crusaders- FH

### Monday, March 9

- 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

### Tuesday, March 10

- 5:30 PM Cub Scouts- FH/CR
- 8:00 PM AA - FH/CR

### Wednesday, March 11

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

### Thursday, March 12

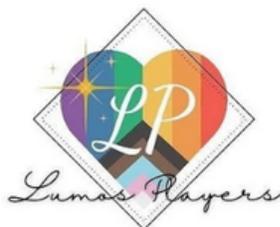
- 10:00 AM Klosterman Inspection
- 7:00 PM AA Meeting— FH
- 7:00 PM Lumos Rehearsal - Sanct
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon — CR

### Friday, March 13

- 7:30 PM Lumos Production - Sanct.

### Saturday, March 14

- 8:30 AM AA Meeting- FH
- 7:30 PM Lumos Production - Sanct.

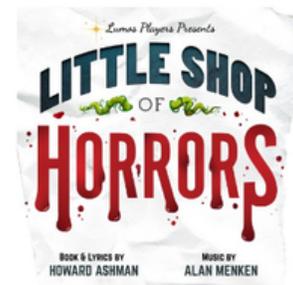


Lumos Players Presents:

*Little Shop of Horrors*

March 13, 14, 20 & 21 at 7:30pm right here at Lakeview UCC

Tickets available online: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/lumosplayers/2039524>



### 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; Kevin Rheinfrank;  
Patsy (friend of Pam)  
Bob Sandman & family  
Fred Wood



### Birthdays this Week

Arwen Huber (13)



*Office Hours this week will include:  
Monday 10-2; Thursday 10-2; Sunday 1-4p.  
Add'l service, remote & rehearsal hours vary.  
Email: [info@lakeviewucc.com](mailto:info@lakeviewucc.com)*

*Note: This Calendar does not reflect ALL facility scheduling.  
Please email or call the office to check availability and/or request space.*