

August 10th, 2025

10:15 am Worship Service

Practicing Faith

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



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# LAKEVIEW



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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 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

Irina Hall

## Welcome and Announcements

## Time of Centering

Irina Hall

## Call to Worship

One: The mighty one, God the Holy One, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Many: Out of the kindom, the perfection of beauty, the splendor of creation, the wonder of ages, God shines forth.

One: The mighty one, God the Holy One, speaks and calls to the heavens above and to the earth in order to judge the people.

Many: Out of justice and righteousness, God shines forth.

One: The mighty one, God the Holy One, speaks and receives our thanksgiving, honor, and praise.

Many: Out of our witness, worship, and testimony, God shines forth.

**Hymn of Welcoming** *O For a World* (v.1, 3 & 5) #575

## Invocation (unison)

Wonderful God, set your kindom before us anew. Dwell with us as we bring our songs and prayers, our hopes and hesitations, our faith and our disbelief before you. Demonstrate your kindom to us and through our time of gathering so that we may be firm and steadfast in love and action to make your way known. Reveal the path you trail before us so that we may follow you clearly without distraction or detour. May your Spirit enliven, challenge, and guide us in all things and for all days. Amen.

## Words of Grace

**Hymn of Rejoicing** *We Live by Faith & Not By Sight* (v.1-3) #256

## Passing the Peace of Christ

*\*Service Prayers by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay*

One: The Peace of Christ be with you  
Many: And also with you.  
One: Let us share this peace with one another.

## Call to Prayer

*I Need You Every Hour* (v.1)

#517

## Prayers of the People

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

## Pastoral Prayer

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father-Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.  
Amen.

## Special Music

*Covenant Prayer*  
by Karen Marrolli

Natalie Nolte & Irina Hall

## Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

## Morning Message

PRACTICING FAITH

REV. RUTH HOPKINS

## Hymn of Rejoicing

*In the Bulb There is a Flower* (v.1 - 3)

#433

## Word About Giving

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

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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

Irina Hall

## Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Generous God, as we bring our gifts, we ask for you to receive them  
and endow us with wisdom and discernment to be good stewards of  
your abundant blessings. Amen.

## Hymn of Sending Forth

*The Trees of the Field*

## Benediction and Blessing

## Postlude

Irina Hall

# O for a World

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Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; 1 Pet. 3:8-12

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,  
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,  
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice  
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.  
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.  
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.  
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.  
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.  
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Inspired by Charles Wesley's phrase "O for a thousand tongues" and the familiar tune Azmon, Miriam Therese Winter wrote this hymn envisioning a new world order for the Presbyterian Women's Triennial Conference in 1982. It was later recrafted and recorded by the Medical Mission Sisters.

Tune: AZMON C.M.

Carl G. Gläser, 1828

Adapt. Lowell Mason in Modern Psalmody, 1839

**"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!**



# We Live by Faith and Not by Sight

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Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

John 20:24-29

Unison

1 We live by faith and not by sight;  
2 We may not touch Christ's hands and side,  
3 Help then, O Christ, our un - be - lief;  
4 That, when our life of faith is done,

no gra - cious words we hear From Christ who spoke as  
nor fol - low where Christ trod; But in con - fess - ing  
and may our faith a - bound To call on you when  
in realms of clear - er light We may be - hold you

none e'er spoke, who still we know is near.  
we re - joice: our Sav - ior and our God!  
you are near and seek where you are found:  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

*As dean of Canterbury, Henry Alford exemplified ecumenism by working closely with non-Anglican groups. He promoted New Testament scholarship with his famous commentary on the Greek New Testament, one of fifty books he published during his lifetime.*

Tune: DUNLAP'S CREEK C.M.  
Samuel McFarland, c. 1816  
Harm. Richard Proulx, 1986

## I Need You Every Hour

*Annie S. Hawks, 1872; alt.**Refrain added by Robert Lowry, 1872; alt.*

1 I need you ev - ery hour, O God of grace;  
 2 I need you ev - ery hour, in faith or fear;  
 3 I need you ev - ery hour, in joy or pain;  
 4 I need you ev - ery hour; teach me your will,

the peace your voice af - fords, I now em - brace.  
 temp - ta - tions lose their power when you are near.  
 come quick - ly and a - bide or life is vain.  
 and your rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.

*Refrain*

I need you, how I need you! Ev - ery hour I need you;

O bless me now, my Sav - ior; I come to you.

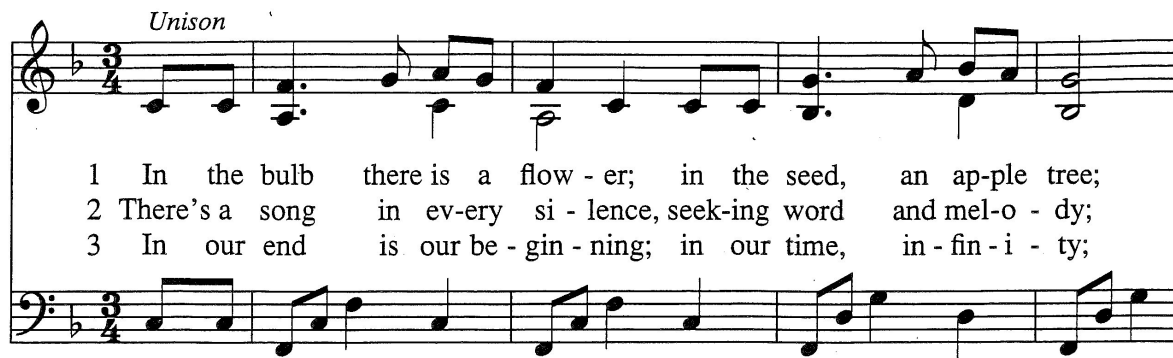
*First sung at a convention of the National Baptist Sunday School Association, this hymn was used by Dwight Moody and Ira Sankey in both England and the United States. Annie S. Hawks, a Baptist, was the author of some 400 hymns.*

Tune: NEED 6.4.6.4. with refrain  
 Robert Lowry, 1872

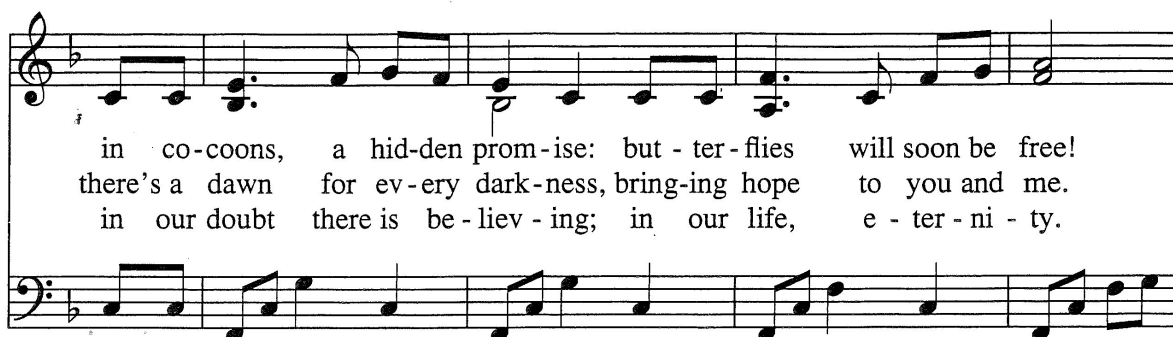
## In the Bulb There Is a Flower

Natalie Sleeth, 1985

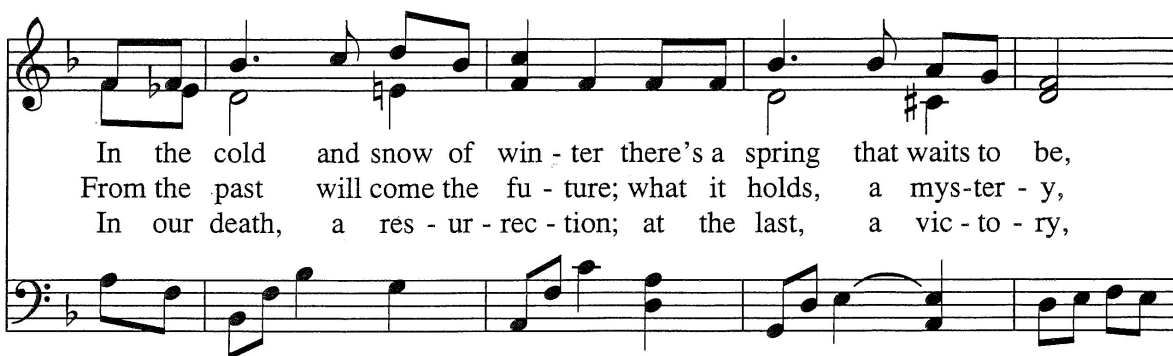
*Unison*



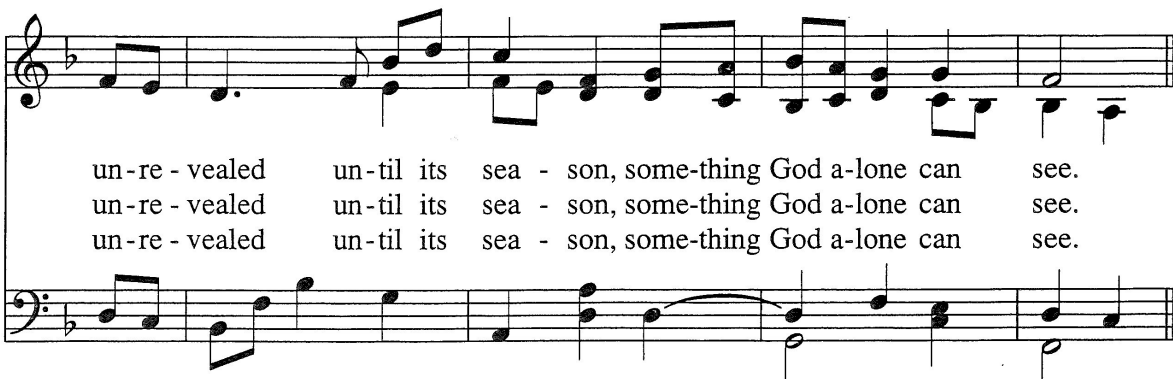
1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
 2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
 there's a dawn for ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.  
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.  
 un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.  
 un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

Natalie Sleeth composed her "Hymn of Promise" first as a choral anthem and then adapted it to this version for congregational singing. It was dedicated to her husband, Ronald Sleeth, who died shortly after she completed it.

Tune: PROMISE 8.7.8.7.D.  
 Natalie Sleeth, 1985

## The Trees of the Field

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the

moun-tains and the hills will break forth be-fore 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.

Words: Steffi Geiser Rubin, 1950-

Music: Stuart Dauermann, 1944-

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Isaiah 55:12

THE TREES OF THE FIELD



## AUGUST MISSION: REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

## Sponsoring Refugees. Strengthening Communities.

Last August we began the journey to support a refugee family through the Welcome Corps program. “The Welcome Corps” allows private US citizens to sponsor refugees who have been approved for resettlement in the US by the US Refugee Admissions Program. In groups of 5 or more, sponsors provide needed support for the first 90 days and continue to help them reach independence. On January 17, 2025, we welcomed Cesar, Maryory, and their two children, Cesar Arturo (14) and Marsella (11), refugees from Venezuela. Four of the five sponsor members are from Lakeview UCC and with the contributions of money and furnishings from the congregation the family has made great strides in beginning a new life in America.



Cesar Arturo and Marsella are enrolled and attend AWL (Academy of World Languages). Cesar and Maryory both have found work in a restaurant near their apartment off Dana Ave. Cesar recently passed his driving test and now has his Ohio driver’s license. Through their own savings and help from our Go fund Me site and the sponsors, the family now has a used car which will make them more independent and will open new opportunities for higher paying jobs.

In February of 2025 we received word that the Welcome Corp program had been terminated by Trump administration. This did not affect the status of the family, who have received social security numbers and state IDs, but it did eliminate the support staff that were helping our 5 member sponsor group under the Welcome Corp umbrella and eliminated the pathway for any additional refugees to enter the US. Recently the passage of the BBB bill will eliminate SNAP benefits at their next recertification appointment. When their used car was purchased, we knew new tires would be needed, however at this time it is not in their budget to afford this expense. Our August mission giving will enable the family to purchase the tires, be safe in driving, and help them locate better paying jobs. This is one of those rare times when you see clearly where your giving is needed and the people that it will help. We are the people that “We the People” refers to, and we can represent the welcoming people that we are called to be.



Join Rev. Ruth on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am on August 17 and 24 in the Conference Room for coffee, donuts, and discussion. We will get to know each other and see if there is any interest in an Adult Education class.

If you’d like to join us, just come with your favorite morning beverage (unless its coffee) and join us in the Conference Room. Also, visit Pastor Ruth’s bulletin board near the office to indicate your interest in days, times, and topics.



The August Just for Lunch will be held on Monday, August 25th at 12:30pm at deShā’s on Montgomery Rd. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. All are welcome, but space is limited! Questions? Call Rosemary: 513-265-2579

## In Our Prayers

the Anderson Family; Mac McKenzie; The Bierkan Family; Karen Baumann & Larry; Esther Friedhoff & family; Cindy Wood; Ernie and Karen (Pam's friends); Tim (Pam's Brother-in-law); Adrienne (friend of Barrows'); the Paul Family; Tom & Ruthie McCormack; The Kievit Family; Mike Maile; The Huber Family; The McEleney family; The Massung Family

## Birthdays This Week

Peggy Crews-Hamblin (13); Mike Maile (14)

## THIS WEEK at Lakeview

### Today

10:15 AM Sunday Worship  
1:00 PM Lumos Rehearsal

### Monday, Aug 11

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

### Tuesday, Aug 12

8:00 PM AA - FH/CR

### Wednesday, Aug 13

10:00 AM Quilting Group- CR  
12:00 PM AA Meeting - FH  
2:30 PM Cub Scout Recruitment  
Event- Parking Lot/lawn  
7:00 PM NAR-Anon - rm 7

### Thursday, Aug 14

6:30 PM BSA Scouts- FH  
7:00 PM Lumos Rehearsal  
7:00 PM AA Meeting— FH  
7:00 PM Al-Anon — rm 8

### Friday, Aug 15

### Saturday, Aug 16

8:30 AM AA Meeting- rm 8/9

Office Hours this week: Sunday 1:30-3:30; Mon -10-2; Natalie on vacation 8/12 through 8/19



## DONATIONS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY:

### URGENT NEEDS!

- Condiments- ketchup, mustard, mayo, etc.
- Dry spaghetti noodles
- Kids Cereals (the ones kids like!)

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

