

May 10th, 2026

10:15 am Worship Service

Rev. Ruth Hopkins

Nothing is more practical than
finding God, than
falling in love
in a quite absolute, final way.
What you are in love with,
what seizes your imagination, will affect everything.
It will decide
what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings,
how you spend your weekends,
what you read, whom you know,
what breaks your heart,
and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love,
and it will decide everything.

From Fr. Pedro Arrupe, 1907- 1991



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Rev. Ruth Hopkins
Guest 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 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

Irina Hall

Call to Worship

inspired by Psalm 66

One: Bless the Holy One, O peoples; let the sound of God's praise be heard.

Many: **For God who claims us, tests us, and sustains us comes and invites us to come to them.**

One: Bless the Holy One, O peoples; let the sound of God's praise be heard.

Many: **Blessed be God, who has not rejected our prayer or removed their steadfast love from us.**

One: Bless the Holy One, O peoples; let the sound of God's praise be heard.

Many: **Come as we proclaim, witness, and testify to all God has done. Bless the Holy One!**

Gathering Hymn

From All that Dwell Below the Skies (v. 1-2)

[please stand as you are moved and able]

Opening Prayer (unison)

Holy and Present God, hear the sound of praise as we share this space and time gathered among you. May our hearts be opened and our minds engaged. Let the Spirit of Truth live in our songs of adoration, prayers of intercession, and words of pondering. In your name, glory and honor. Amen.

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.

[please be seated]

Call to Prayer

Spirit of the Living God (v. 1)

Prayers of the People

One: We lift [them] up in prayer...

ALL: Creator, hold them in your love.

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Righteous God, receive these gifts we offer from our hearts and hands that they and we might be of service in your kingdom and for your glory. Amen.

[please be seated]

Parting Hymn

*Shalom to You (x1)
Shalom to you now, Shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living, and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.*

Benediction

Postlude

Irina Hall

*This inclusive version of The Lord's Prayer was created by our Lakeview CYF Sunday School Youth. Additional music public domain or licensed through OneLicense or CCLI
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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!



From All That Dwell below the Skies

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Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Ps. 117

Unison

1 From all that dwell be-low the skies let the Cre-a-tor's praise a-
2 E-ter-nal are your mer-cies, God; your truth stands ev-er high and

(Harmony) *(Unison)*

rise; Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Let the Re-deem-er's name be
broad: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Your praise shall sound from shore to

(Harmony)

sung through ev-ery land, by ev-ery tongue. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-
shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

(Unison)

lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Isaac Watts, author of more than 600 hymns, paraphrased the two verses of Psalm 117 into this two-stanza hymn, which was included in his *Psalms of David*, 1719. The tune originated in a German Catholic hymnal.

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN
8.8.4.4.8.8. with alleluias
Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Cologne, 1623
Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Spirit of the Living God

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Daniel Iverson, 1926

Acts 11:15; 2 Cor. 3:1-6; Gal. 5:25

F Gm D Gm F Dm C F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a melody line with notes and rests, and a chord line with chords indicated by letters above the staff. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and some moving lines.

F Gm D Gm F Bb/C C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff shows the continuation of the melody and chord line. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The key signature remains one flat.

Bb F G7 C

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

The third system features a more active melody in the treble staff, with eighth and sixteenth notes. The bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment. The key signature remains one flat.

F Gm D Gm F Dm C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The fourth system concludes the piece with a final cadence. The treble staff ends with a whole note chord, and the bass staff provides a final accompaniment. The key signature remains one flat.

Presbyterian minister Daniel Iverson was inspired to write this chorus one evening while attending revival services led by the George T. Stephans Evangelistic Party in Orlando, Florida, in 1926. It became widely popular at similar meetings before it was published several years later.

Tune: IVERSON 7.5.7.5.8.7.5.
Daniel Iverson, 1926

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Mal. 3:1; 2 Cor. 3:18; 5:17; Eph. 5:27

Charles Wesley, 1747; alt.

1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,
 2 Breathe, O breathe your lov-ing Spir-it in-to ev-ery trou-bled breast;
 3 Come, al-might-y to de-liv-er, let us all your life re-ceive;
 4 Fin-ish, then, your new cre-a-tion; pure and spot-less may we prove;

Fix in us a hum-ble dwell-ing, all your faith-ful mer-cies crown;
 Let us all in you in-her-it, let us find your prom-ised rest;
 Sud-den-ly re-turn, and ne-ver, ne-ver-more your tem-ples leave.
 Let us see your great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in you;

Je-sus, you are all com-pas-sion; pure, un-bound-ed love im-part.
 Take a-way our love of sin-ning; Al-pha and O-mega be;
 You we would be al-ways bless-ing, love you as your an-gels love,
 Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place,

Vis-it us with your sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.
 End of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.
 Pray and praise for your un-fail-ing, wound-ed arms out-stretched a-bove.
 Crowned as saints, we ev-er shall be lost in won-der, love, and praise.

This hymn is said to have been suggested by a "Song of Venus" from Dryden's King Arthur. It is one of 6,500 written by Charles Wesley, the "sweet singer of Methodism," who was skilled at

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.
 John Zundel, 1855
 Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL

Lakeview's Mission of the Month: MAY

We have 2 Missions for the month of May:
**Strengthen the Church, and
United Church Homes**



This year's theme for the Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering is "Sent Forth in Love." As members we have a shared commitment to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. We are working together to build the church to come, preserving our future. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.

Our 2nd Mission is United Church Homes, UCH began its mission at a time of ethnic discrimination, poverty, and pandemic. Over the years, people and situations have changed, but the mission has remained the same: to provide quality and affordable housing and healthcare options for older adults. Today, United Church Homes is a leading provider of healthcare and senior living services with a mission to transform aging by building a culture of community, wholeness, and peace for those they serve. In Dayton, UCH is currently fundraising for construction of the Longfellow Commons Community, which will convert a historical school and the rest of a city block into a place for members of the LGBTQ community and allies to call home and a safe place for them to belong in the community of others. Brimming with amenities like a theater, bodega, lounge, speakeasy, inspiration studio and fitness room, the community won't be shy about its abundance of life lived here. Progress has been made this year towards getting full site control of the 200 block on Salem Avenue and pursuing parcels on the 300 block as we consider needs for more parking etc. We are at \$8,013,682 toward our initial \$10 million goal.

Today we are so pleased to welcome UCH's Vice President for advancement, Gloria Hurwitz, who will tell us more about their mission and the Longfellow Commons project during our Mission Moment and after worship service (during fellowship/coffee hour).

Throughout the Month of May, donations will be divided 50/50 between these two missions, Strengthen the Church and United Church Homes Longfellow Commons Community project (you may choose to designate a different distribution, or choose only one, but you will need to make a notation when you donate.



DONATIONS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY:

- Manwich
- Pancake Syrup
- Canned Peas
- Pudding



May: Urgent Needs

- Jello
- Biscuit Mix
- Rice Varieties



Thank you to Pastor Ruth Hopkins for sharing your gift, time, and inspiration with us this morning!

FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Family Promise provides temporary housing to homeless families while assisting them in securing permanent housing, employment, and other needed services. Lakeview assists 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, June 15, 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!



The May Just For Lunch will be held on Wednesday May 27th at 12:30pm at Barrel House Kitchen on Mason-Montgomery Rd. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. All are welcome, but space is limited!



VBS will be Monday, June 29th - Fri. July 3rd
10:00 am-12:30 pm
FREE!

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for youth attendees and adult volunteers.



Come out and help the Scouts mulch our grounds, Saturday, May 16th beginning at 9am. Help is needed to weed the gardens any time before the 16th. Thank you!

THIS WEEK at Lakeview



TODAY

10:15 AM Sunday Worship
Sunday School

Monday, May 11

12:00 PM AA- FH
6:00 PM Girl Scouts- rm 8
6:30 PM BSA Scouts- FH
7:00 PM AA - 12&12 Study -CR

Tuesday, May 12

5:30 PM Cub Scouts- Pack Mtg
Sanctuary/FH/CR/Rm 8/9
7:00 PM EC Meeting- Zoom
8:00 PM AA - FH/CR

Wednesday, May 13

9a-3p Preschool Mother's Day Prgm
10:00 AM Lakeview Quilters-CR
12:00 PM AA Meeting - FH
6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal
6:45 PM Girl Scouts - rm 8
7:00 PM NAR-Anon - CR
7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 14

9a-3p Preschool Mother's Day Prgm
7:00 PM AA Meeting— FH
7:00 PM Al-Anon — CR

Friday, May 15

9a-3p Preschool Mother's Day Prgm

Saturday, May 16

8:30 AM AA Meeting- rm 8
9:00 AM Mulching Day w/ the Scouts!

Note: This Calendar does not reflect ALL facility scheduling.

Please email or call the office to check availability and/or request space.



Contributions to the Lakeview Operating fund can be made during offering, by using the giving envelopes in the main aisle, via automatic bill pay at your bank, online using the Pushpay app or the QR code here. Your generosity is deeply appreciated!



In Our Prayers

Mac McKenzie;
Eric K (Joyce's friend)
Karen Baumann & Larry;
Harry, Ernie, Karen (Pam's friends);
The Paul Family;
Lynn Potts;
Mike Maile;
Fred Wood;
Tom & Ruthie McCormack;
Linda Crawford & family;
Sue Anderson;
John & Kathy;
Patsy (friend of Pam)
Irina Hall & family
The Miller family
Ralph Abel
Pat B. & family (friend of Cindy W.)



Birthdays this Week

Faith Colwell (12)
Liza Daily (13)
Aiden Paul (15)



Office Hours this week to include:

Monday 10-2; Wednesday 4:30-6:30p;

Friday 10-2; Sunday 1-5p.

Add'l service, remote & rehearsal hours vary.

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