

July 20th, 2025 | 10:15 am Worship Service | Sixth Sunday after Pentecost | Rev. Lorenzo Thomas



“After nourishment, shelter and companionship,
stories are the thing we need most in the world.”
- Philip Pullman

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Rev. Lorenzo Thomas
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 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: We gather this morning to remember our call:

Many: **To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.**

One: We bring with us the events of the week in the world and in our lives,

Many: **Trying to know how to be just and loving and humble in the midst of it all.**

One: We gather here, and see those who are doing justice, who are kind beyond measure, who set the example for humility.

Many: **With gratitude for living saints, with thankfulness for the purpose of faith,**

All: *Let us worship God.*

Hymn of Welcoming *O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God* (v.1-3)

Prayer for Transformation (unison)

Gracious God, evil surrounds us and entices us to join in its ways, of matching energy and returning evil for evil, of seeking the comfortable and convenient way over the common good, of turning from pain and despair rather than leaning into solidarity and support. Help us, O God, to choose the path you have paved and give us strength to journey into rough spaces. Surround us with hosts of righteousness and infuse us with peace that surpasses understanding as we serve as agents and ambassadors of your kingdom. As you continually make all things new, fill us with the joy of new life. Amen.

Words of Grace

Hymn of Rejoicing

When Peace Like a River (v. 1-2)

Sharing God's Peace

Call to Prayer

Precious Lord, Take My Hand (v.1)

*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand.
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

Prayers of the People

An Inclusive Lord's Prayer

by Bill Wallace, Aotearoa/New Zealand

O most Compassionate Life-giver,
may we honor and praise you;
May we work with you to establish your new order
of justice peace & love;
Give us what we need for growth,
And help us, through forgiving others, to accept forgiveness.
Strengthen us in the time of testing, that we may resist all evil,
For all tenderness, strength and love are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

Hearing the Good News

LUKE 10:38-42

NRSVUE

Special Music

Still

Natalie Nolte & Irina Hall

Sharing the Good News

Rev. Lorenzo Thomas

Hymn of Rejoicing

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant (v. 1-4)

Word About Giving

WASHINGTON UCC BACK TO SCHOOL

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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 Thanksgiving (unison)

Giver of all good and perfect gifts, we celebrate the opportunity to contribute to the ministry of this faith community. Receive the resources we offer in love and hope that needs will be met, lives will be changed, and the world will receive the testimony of compassionate care, action, and sharing. Amen.

Hymn of Sending

God is Our Shelter and Strength (v. 1)

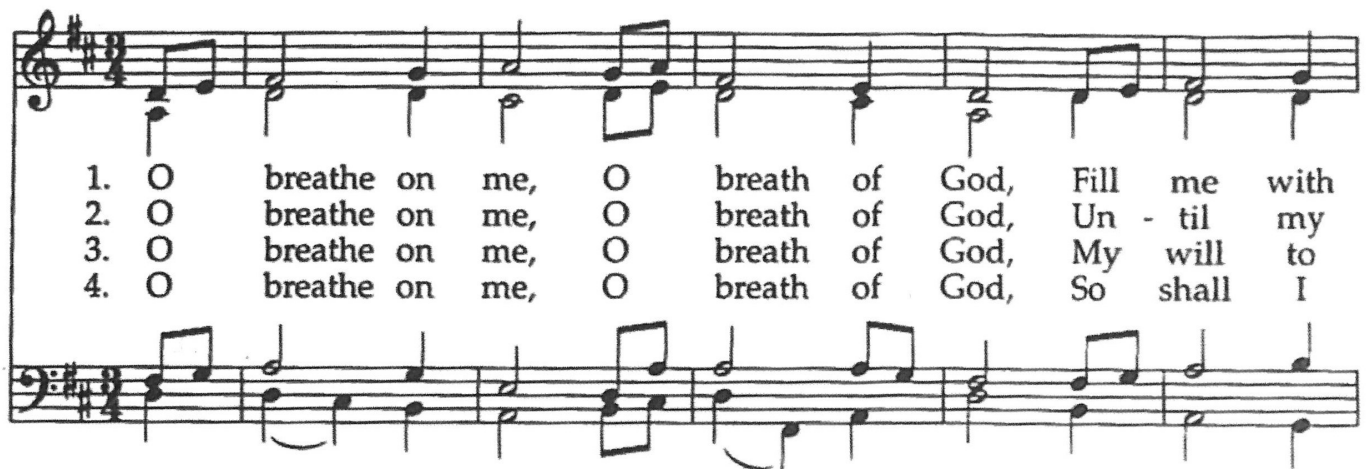
Benediction and Blessing

Postlude


Irina Hall

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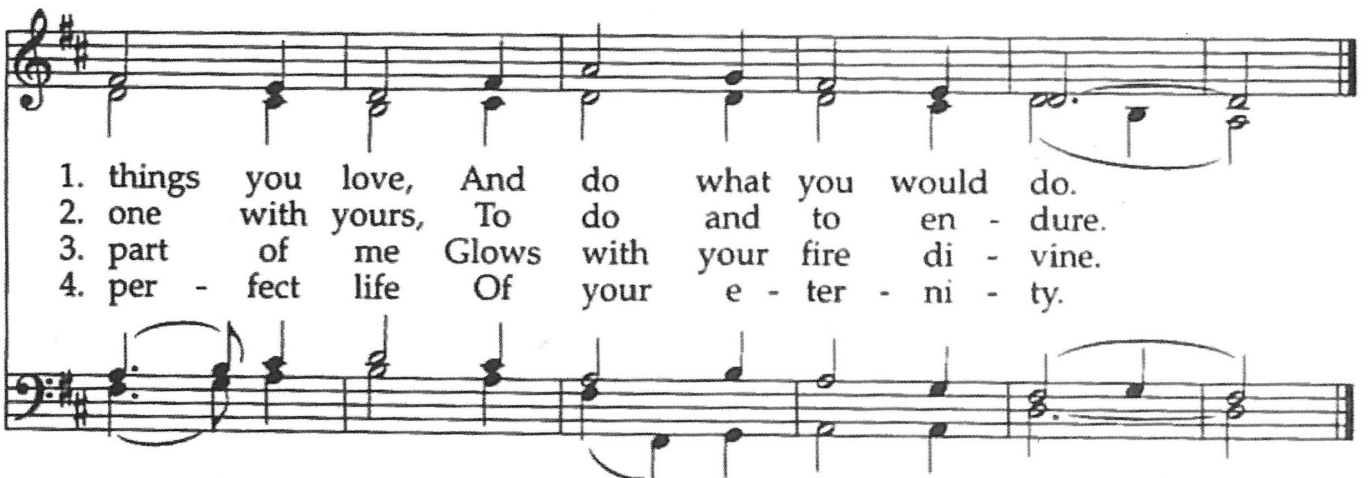
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1. O breathe on me, O breath of God, Fill me with
 2. O breathe on me, O breath of God, Un - til my
 3. O breathe on me, O breath of God, My will to
 4. O breathe on me, O breath of God, So shall I



1. life a - new, That I may love the
 2. heart is pure; Un - til my will is
 3. yours in - cline, Un - til this self - ish
 4. nev - er die, But live with you the



1. things you love, And do what you would do.
 2. one with yours, To do and to en - dure.
 3. part of me Glows with your fire di - vine.
 4. per - fect life Of your e - ter - ni - ty.

When Peace, Like a River

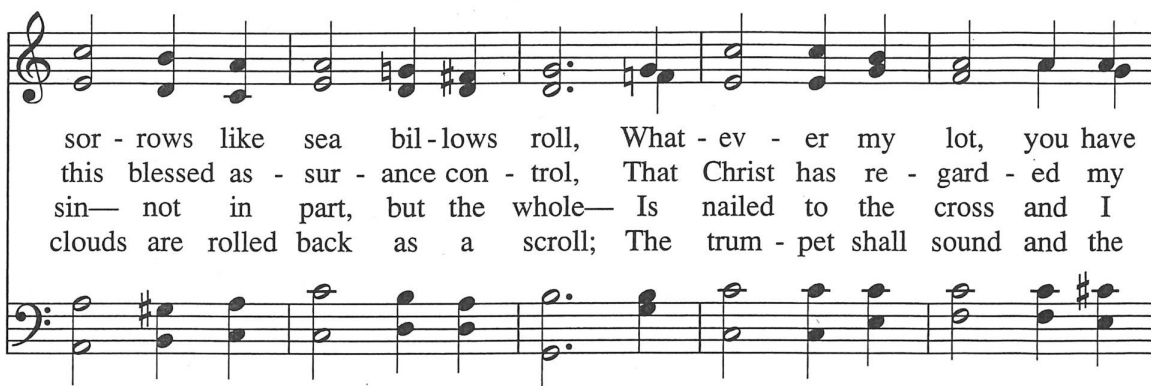
(It Is Well with My Soul)

Ps. 146; Col. 1:19-23; 2:13-14; 3 John 1:2

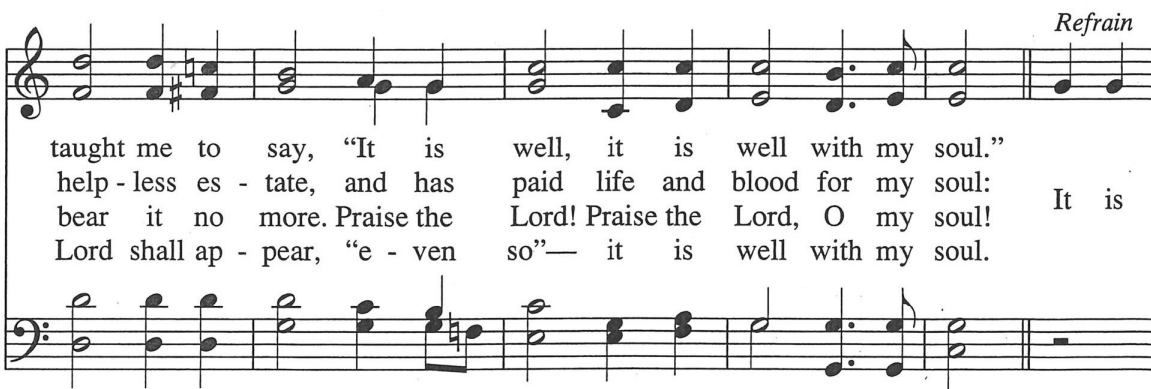
Horatio G. Spafford, 1873; alt.



1 When peace, like a riv - er, up - holds me each day, when
 2 Though e - vil should tempt me, though tri - als should come, let
 3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought— my
 4 O God, speed the day that is filled with your light, when

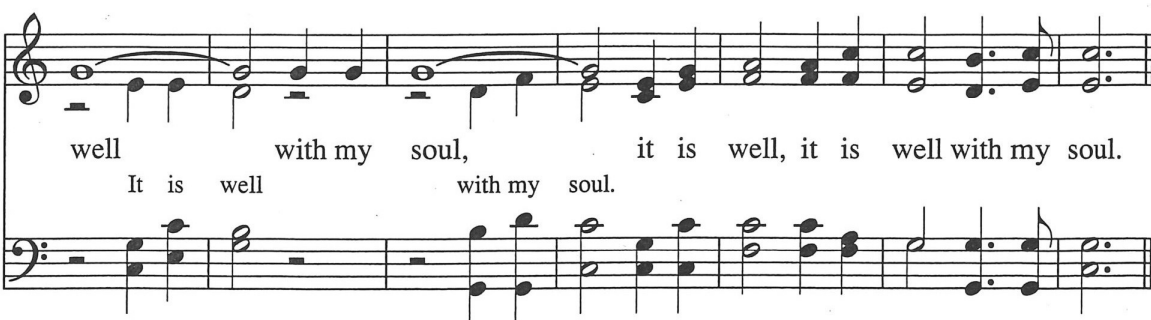


sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, What - ev - er my lot, you have
 this blessed as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my
 sin— not in part, but the whole— Is nailed to the cross and I
 clouds are rolled back as a scroll; The trum - pet shall sound and the



Refrain

taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
 help - less es - tate, and has paid life and blood for my soul:
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! It is
 Lord shall ap - pear, "e - ven so"— it is well with my soul.



well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul.

This hymn was written out of grief over the loss of the author's four daughters in the sinking of the SS Ville du Havre. After leaving his Chicago law practice, Horatio G. Spafford and his wife settled in Jerusalem.

Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE 11.8.11.9. with refrain
 Philip P. Bliss, 1876

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

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Richard Gillard, 1977; alt.

Rom. 12:9-18; Col. 1:24-29

1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - elers on the road;
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
5 When we sing to God in heav - en we shall find such har - mo - ny,

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
Born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

Richard Gillard was born in England and later made his home in New Zealand. Largely self-taught, Gillard has described his

Tune: SERVANT SONG 8.7.8.7.
Richard Gillard, 1977

**“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!**

God Is Our Shelter and Strength 206

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D Bm⁷ Gsus² D

1. Though the moun-tains trem-ble in the heart of the sea,
2. Now be still and trust and know that God is mak-ing peace,
3. There's a riv-er flow-ing through the might-y heart of God,

Gsus²/B Em⁷ Bm⁷ Bm⁷/A A Bm⁷ A/C#

we will not fear, we will not fear.____
we will not fear, we will not fear.____
we will not fear, we will not fear.____

D Bm⁷ Em/G D/F#

Though the na-tions stum-ble and the gov-ern-ments de-cree,
God de-stroys the weap-ons and will make the wars to cease,
Ho-ly One is with us, yes the Ho-ly One is here,

Em⁷ Bm⁷ A⁷ sus⁶ A⁷ D D A/C# Bm⁷ A G/A A

we will not fear, we will not fear: God is our
we will not fear, we will not fear:
we will not fear, we will not fear:

G/B A⁷ G D/F# A G A/G Em⁷ G/A

shel-ter and strength, God is our hope in an-y trou-ble..

A Bm⁷ A/C# D G/D A/B G A/G G D/A A/G

God is our shel-ter and strength, God

G A/E G/B G/A A Bm⁷ A/C# D

1. 2. 3.

is our help in an-y tri-al.____

Music: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

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JULY MISSION: WASHINGTON UCC BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM



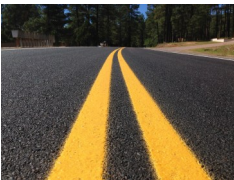
Washington United Church of Christ is located in a suburb of Cincinnati where residents face great financial challenges. The congregation is dedicated to providing outreach ministries to their neighbors in Camp Washington and surrounding low-income neighborhoods.

Washington UCC strives to partner with the citizens of Camp Washington to create a community that is safe and clean, where people have enough food, decent housing, opportunities for education and work, and live in an environment that nurtures all families.

Outreach Programs include a store where residents can obtain clothing and household goods at no cost, community meals, a homework club for kids, boxes of food at Thanksgiving and their annual "Gifts to the Manger" program providing Christmas gifts for kids.

The Back to School program provides children connected to Washington UCC with school uniforms, hygiene items, a backpack, and school supplies.

Our donations this month will help Washington UCC ensure students in their community have what they need to succeed in school.



Parking Lot Closure: the Lakeview parking lot will be closed from **Monday July 28 through Friday August 1st**. The building will be available to groups who still wish to hold regularly scheduled meetings during this time, just be sure to plan ahead and make alternate parking arrangements.



Lakeview UCC VBS starts TOMORROW! 10am-12:30pm, July 21-25, 2025. Our theme this year is Hand in Hand - we will be exploring many different ways in which we can come together to create a brighter future for all of God's creation, For more information please reach out to Corey, Faith or the church office.

DONATIONS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY:

June and July are BREAKFAST MONTHS!

- Cereal
- Pop Tarts
- Granola Bars
- Pancake mix
- Muffin mixes



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.

VOLUNTEER AT MATTHEW 25 AND STAY FOR LUNCH



Our neighbors at Harmony UU, have invited us to join them for a service project at Matthew 25. Typically, volunteers sort and pack donations.



MATTHEW 25:
— MINISTRIES —
M25M.ORG

DATE: Saturday, September 13th TIME: 11 AM-1 PM

Matthew 25 is responding to the disaster in Texas. This is a way for us to come alongside Texans as they recover from this devastating flood.

We ask that you seriously consider a positive response to this event. We appreciate that Harmony reached out to include us and this opens the door to us asking them to join us in some of our own missions. Perhaps they will join us in food drives, diaper drives, and our product drive for Caracole next year. Working together, we can do more for our community.

Children are welcome to attend along with an adult.

There is a signup sheet in the lobby. The folks at Harmony would like to know soon how many will attend, so they can make arrangements with Matthew 25. Please include your email and the number attending. We will send you a link to Harmony's "Sign Up Genius" page and there is also a volunteer waiver to sign.

Harmony has also suggested that we join them for lunch in M25's new onsite café once our shift is over.

Questions? Contact Sandee at Sandeemc8@gmail.com



The July Just for Lunch will be held on Monday, July 28th at 12:30pm at Scrambler's on Hauck Rd, in Sharonville. 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

Sign Up to Help With Worship and Fellowship—WE NEED YOU!

In case you have missed it, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the lobby where you are encouraged to volunteer for Sundays. We are in need of greeters, scripture readers, help with Communion preparation/serving, and providing and/or serving refreshments/doing cleanup after worship.



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! Applepay is now accepted via Pushpay.



If you aren't a Kroger rewards member, or haven't set up your community rewards partner yet, it's very easy and free to do! When you think of Kroger for your Easter goodies you can contribute to LUCC at the same time. It really **does** make a difference! Step-by-step instructions found here: <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>

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

Rob Fite (21); Sarah McOsker (24); Zoey Daily (26)

THIS WEEK at Lakeview



Today

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

Monday, July 21

10:00 AM VBS
11:00 AM AA- FH
6:30 PM BSA Scouts- FH
7:00 PM AA - 12&12 Study -CR
7:00 PM Lumos Rehearsal
7:00 PM Search team mtg - zoom
Family Promise hosting evening

Tuesday, July 22

10:00 AM VBS
8:00 PM AA - FH/CR

Wednesday, July 23

10:00 AM VBS
10:00 AM Quilters -CR
12:00 PM AA Meeting - FH
7:00 PM NAR-Anon - rm 7

Thursday, July 24

10:00 AM VBS
7:00 PM AA Meeting— FH
7:00 PM Al-Anon — rm 8
7:00 PM Lumos Rehearsal

Friday, July 25

10:00 AM VBS

Saturday, July 26

8:30 AM AA Meeting- rm 8/9

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

