

September 13, 2026

10:15 am Worship Service

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LAKEVIEW



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September 13th, 2026

Rev. Anthony Spearhart
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 after the Gathering Hymn.

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

Melissa Toedtman

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Centering

Melissa Toedtman

Call To Worship

***Gathering Hymn** *God Speak to Me That I May Speak* v.1-2

***Opening Prayer** (unison)

God of wonder, stretch our imagination beyond what we already know. Interrupt the limits we place on what is possible. Sharpen our attention to the holy hidden in ordinary things. Give us courage to see differently, to listen more deeply, and to remain open to truths that cannot be reduced to easy answers. As we listen to the stories of scripture, help us find our story within these stories—and within your story still unfolding among us. Meet us in this hour with surprise, with beauty, with questions, with awe—and awaken us to what you may be inviting us to see next. Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: The Peace of Christ be with you
Many: And also with you.

[please be seated]

Call to Prayer *Change My Heart, O God* v.1

Prayers of the People

One: In the power and presence of God...
All: We share in your prayer.

An Inclusive Lord's Prayer[^]

Loving God, Holy is your name.
May your love be enacted in the world
May your will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors
Save us in times of trial and deliver us from evil.
May all that we do come from love forever.
Amen.

*[*Please stand as you are moved & able]*

Hearing the Good News

Psalm 78:1-7 and Mark 4:1-9, 33-34

NRSVUE

Meditation Hymn

Lord, Please Lead

Jerry Salt(er)



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Sharing the Good News

Where the Story Finds Us

Rev. Anthony
Spearhart

*Hymn

God Speak to Me That I May Speak v. 3-4

A Word About Giving

The Haitian Support Center

[please be seated]
Ellen Abel, 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

Melissa Toedtman

*Doxology

*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!
Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God of abundance, receive these gifts and receive us with them. Take what we offer—our resources, our imagination, our questions, our hopes—and weave them into the work you are still doing in the world. May what we give help create spaces where people encounter grace, discover belonging, and find their own lives within your larger story. Amen.

*Hymn of Sending

Eagles' Wings

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Text: Exod. 19:4; paraphr. by Michael Joncas; alt.

Music: Michael Joncas, 1979; arr. Carlton R. Young, 1988

And God will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the
sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, with chords D, Asus4, A, and D. The second staff contains the second line, with chords Em, A7, D, and D7. The third staff contains the third line, with chords G, A, Bm, F#m, Em, A7, and D. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the third staff.

*Benediction

Postlude

Melissa Toedtman

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A Very Special Thank You goes out to
Melissa Toedtman for sharing her time and
talent with us today!

**"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!

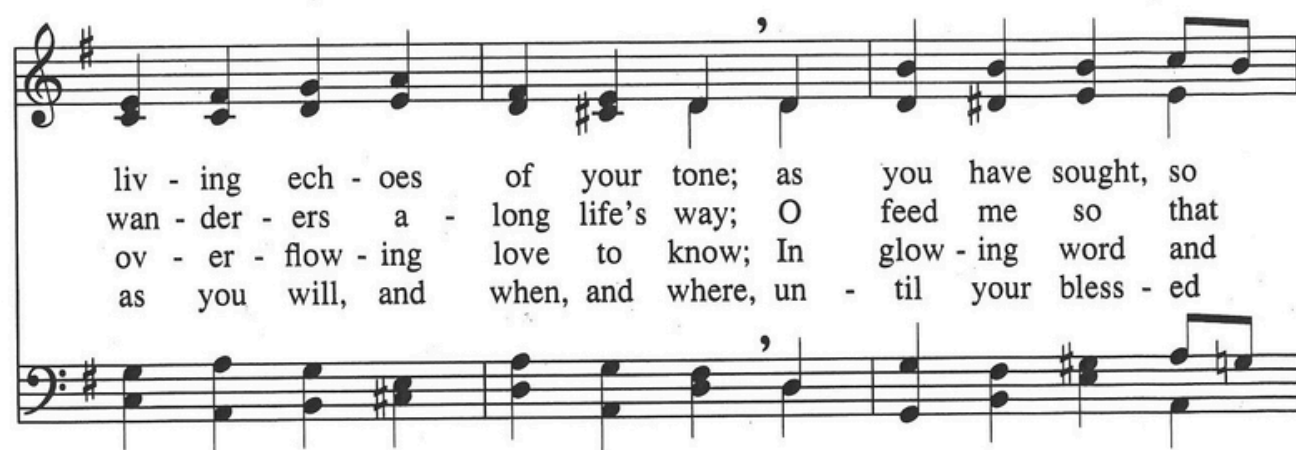


God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

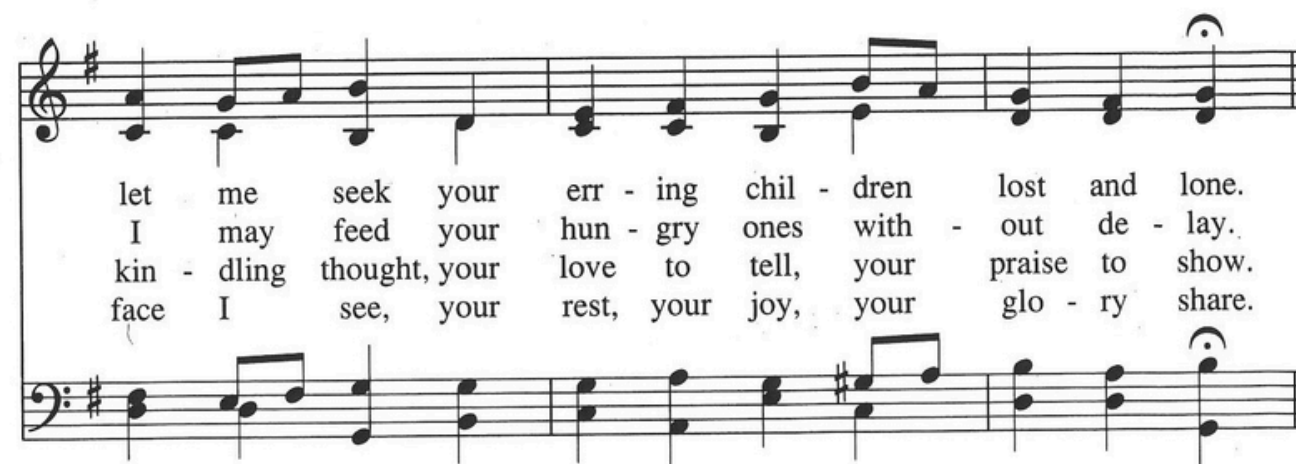
Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872; alt.



1 God, speak to me, that I may speak in
 2 O lead me, God, that I may lead some
 3 O fill me with your full - ness, God, your
 4 O use me, God, use ev - en me just



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan - der - ers a - long life's way; O feed me so that
 ov - er - flow - ing love to know; In glow - ing word and
 as you will, and when, and where, un - til your bless - ed



let me seek your err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gry ones with - out de - lay.
 kin - dling thought, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Daughter of the English hymnwriter William H. Havergal, Frances Ridley Havergal was a gifted poet and student of several languages, including Hebrew and Greek. She also composed several hymn tunes. Canonbury was adapted from one of Robert Schumann's piano pieces.

Tune: CANONBURY L.M.
 Arr. from Robert Schumann, 1872

Change My Heart, O God

$\text{♩} = 100$
C G/B F/A Dm Gsus C F/G

C B/G F/A Dm G⁷ Am Em⁷/G

1. Change my heart, O God, — make it ev - er true. —

Fmaj⁷ Cmaj⁷/E Dm G⁷ C G⁷/B

Change my heart, O God, — may I be like you. —

Esus E 3 Am Dm A

You are the Pot - ter, I am the clay. —

Esus E 3 Am Gsus/D D G

Mold me and make — me, this is what I pray.

C G/B F/A Dm G⁷ Am Em/G

Change my heart, O God, — make it ev - er true. —

F Cmaj⁷/E Dm G C

Change my heart, O God, — may I be like you. —

Words (verse 1) and Music: Eddie Espinosa

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SEPTEMBER Mission of the Month: The Haitian Support Center



Our Mission of the Month for September will focus on the crisis unfolding for Haitians in Springfield. As many of you know, Haitians in the US have lost their temporary protection status (TPS). There is a large community of Haitians in Springfield, OH. With a recent Supreme Court ruling, they have now lost their TPS status, are unable to work and are being deported, in most cases leaving family members behind, with no means of support. The Springfield community is in dire need of help from all of us. For the month of September, we will be channeling mission donations to The Emergency Fund for Haitian Refugees in Springfield. We hope for generous donations to send to Springfield.

Since September was our planned month for the all-UCC Neighbors in Need offering, you may still designate some of your mission giving to Neighbors in Need in September, if you wish. Just be sure to indicate the mission you choose to support when you make your offering. (Even though the Springfield Haitians are truly our “neighbors in need”, the UCC all-church offering, while supporting many other neighbors across the country, does not directly support the Springfield community.) In addition, we will direct all non-perishable food donations to the Haitian Support Center in Springfield during September. Please see the list of urgently needed donations.

If you have any questions about our September mission initiatives, please see Ellen Abel, Pastor Anthony, Dave or Donna Maile, Sandee McAlpine or Linda Overholt.



Neighbors in Need is one of our 5-for-5 UCC Offerings, and traditionally it has been a mission of the month for September. It is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.



If you would like to donate to Neighbors in Need this month, please indicate this on your giving envelope or through Pushpay. The Haitian Support Center is the *default* Mission for September, and giving will not be split unless directly indicated by the giver. If you use recurring giving, you can email info@lakeviewucc.com to split your gift, if desired.



Plan to stay after worship today for our Lunch n' Learn

Pastor Anthony will be joined by a guest from the Alzheimer's Association for a conversation about connection, advocacy, education, support, and local resources. Pastor Anthony will also share a little about his work with the national Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Partnership between the Alzheimer's Association and the Open & Affirming Coalition of the United Church of Christ.

Don't worry if you didn't sign up, there's always enough for all!

PANTRY DONATIONS FOR THE HAITIAN SUPPORT CENTER

Urgent Donations Needed:

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| • Applesauce | • Canned spaghetti sauce (metal jars) |
| • Bagged beans (black or pinto beans, 1-5 pounds bags) | • Canned tomatoes |
| • Lentils (1-5 pound bags) | • Canned chicken |
| • Bagged rice (brown or white, 1-5 pound bags depending on availability) | • Canned tuna |
| • Boxed cereal | • Shelf-stable milk (Parmalat whole, 2%, or Lactose Free and Lala 2% or whole, but also plain unsweetened almond milk) |
| • Boxed mac and cheese | • Toilet paper |
| • Boxed ramen | • 1-gallon plastic zip bags |
| • Boxed spaghetti | • Diapers |
| • Canned corn, green beans, peaches, pears, peas | • Baby wipes |
| • Canned potatoes | • Toiletries |
| • Canned ravioli and beef-a-roni | |
- *Please no glass due to safety concerns.



Lunch at Queen City Kitchen Saturday, September 26th

Saturday, September 26 is the date for our next opportunity to serve lunch to our Walnut Hills neighbors. This is one of our missions that allows us to feed folks in this neighborhood six times a year, and it also allows us as members of Lakeview to work together and enjoy each other's company. We meet at the kitchen located in Walnut Hills Baptist Church at 10:30, cook and then serve lunch from 12 noon to one o'clock. After a quick clean-up, we're out by 1:30.

Walnut Hills Baptist Church is located at 2386 Kemper Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45206. Please contact Ruthie McCormack if you wish to be a part of this fun group. We'd be glad to have you join in.

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, Oct. 19, 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.
- Spend the night—2 volunteers needed.

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!



Don't forget to mark your calendar for Pastor Anthony's Installation Service, Sunday, September 27th at 1:30pm. See the September LINK for details!

If you are able to help with the reception following, please see the sign-up sheet in the lobby or contact Linda Overholt.



THIS WEEK at Lakeview



TODAY

10:15 AM Sunday Worship
11:30 AM Lunch & Learn

Monday, September 14

Pastor Anthony - out 9/14 through 9/16

12:00 PM AA- FH

12:00 PM Faith in Church Office (12-2p)

6:30 PM BSA Scouts - FH

7:00 PM AA - 12&12 Study -CR

Tuesday, September 15

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

8:00 PM AA - FH

Wednesday, September 16

10:00 AM Lakeview Quilters-CR

12:00 PM AA Meeting - FH

6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal

7:00 PM NAR-Anon - rm 8

7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 17

7:00 PM AA Meeting— FH

7:00 PM Al-Anon — CR

Friday, September 18

11:30 AM Soccer Shots- Preschool

7:00 PM AA - rm 8

Saturday, September 19

8:30 AM AA Meeting- rm 8

Pastor Office Hours TBD this week

Email: lakeviewuccpastor@gmail.com

Cell: (419)773-0379

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
Tom & Ruthie McCormack
Linda Crawford & family
John & Kathy
Patsy (friend of Pam)
Trinity UCC in Dorseyville PA
Jean McEleney
Bob Barrows
Landa (Pam's friend)
Bob W. (Bill O's Cousin)
Gary S. (friend of Linda F.)



Birthdays this Week

David McAlpine (13)
Alex Miller (14)
Dan Prows (15)
Lisa Barrows (16)
Ben Miller (16)



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Office Hours this week:

Mon: 12-2 (Faith); Wed: 3-5p; Thur
10-2; Fri 12-4p.

Email: info@lakeviewucc.com



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

