

Oct 18, 2026 | 10:15 am Worship Service | Four Things Handbells Taught Me...



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October 18th, 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

Irina Hall

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Centering

Irina Hall

Call To Worship

One: Come, beloved, remembering the love that has brought us this far.

All: We gather with gratitude and hope for the story still unfolding.

One: God calls us to choose whom we will serve.

All: We turn our hearts toward God and our lives toward love.

One: Let our promises take shape in welcome, courage, and care.

All: As for us and our house, we will serve the Lord.

One: Come, let us renew our covenant and worship together.

All: May the love we proclaim become the promise we live.

***Gathering Hymn** *Oh, Blest the House* v. 1-2

*Opening Prayer (unison)

God of deliverance and enduring love, you carried the people of Israel through uncertainty and called Joshua to lead them into a new chapter of their shared story. Gather us now, remembering the grace that has brought us this far. Open our hearts to your still-speaking Spirit, and equip us to live with faith, courage, and peace. When power demands our loyalty or fear narrows our welcome, turn us toward your love. May our covenant take root in ordinary moments—in promises kept, neighbors cared for, and justice pursued. Let the words we speak in worship become the promise we live beyond these walls. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who calls us to worship you and serve you with our lives. Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: The Peace of Christ be with you

Many: And also with you.

[*Please stand as you are moved & able]

[please be seated]
Call to Prayer

Spirit of Gentleness (refrain)

w/ Handbell Choir

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.

Special Music

Song of Reflection
by Dan R. Edwards

Handbell Choir

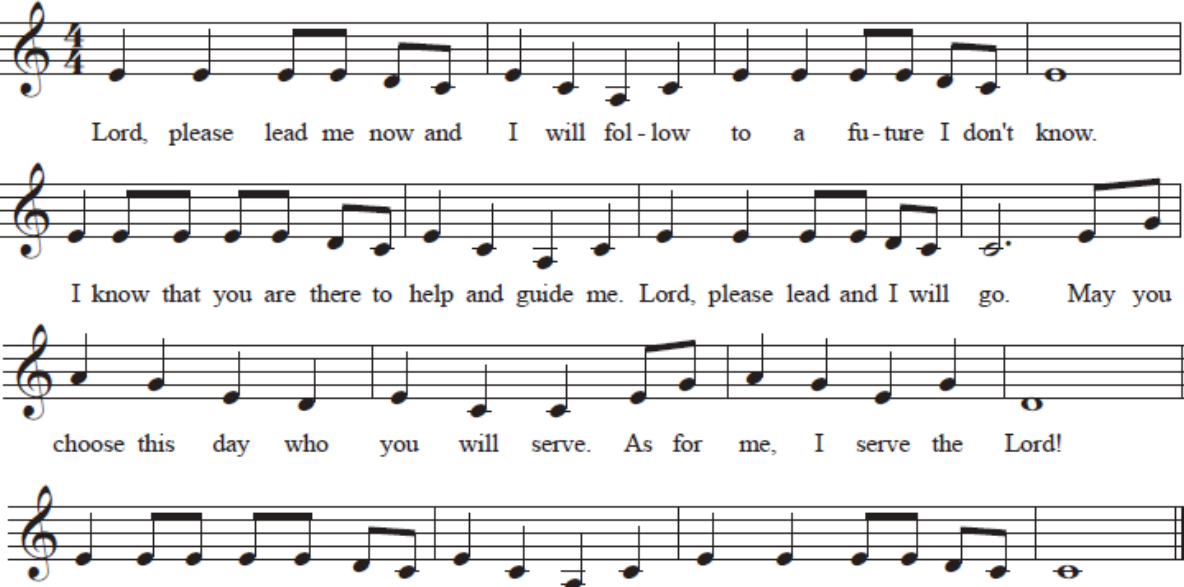
Hearing the Good News

Joshua 24:1-15; Matthew 4:8-10

NRSVUE

Meditation Hymn

Lord, Please Lead



Lord, please lead me now and I will fol-low to a fu-ture I don't know.

I know that you are there to help and guide me. Lord, please lead and I will go. May you

choose this day who you will serve. As for me, I serve the Lord!

You are the light that casts a-way my dark-ness. Lord, please lead and I will go.

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Sharing the Good News

Four Things Handbells Taught Me...

Bob Sandman

Hymn

Hark the Bells! v.1 & 3

[please be seated]

A Word About Giving Washington UCC Gifts to the Manger

Ellen Abel

[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

***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 enduring love, receive our time, our treasures, and the care with which we offer them. May these gifts help us keep the promises we make together: to welcome generously, to stand beside our neighbors, and to work for justice and peace. Guide us in their use, that our covenant may bear fruit beyond these walls. In all we give and all we do, may your love become the promise we live. Amen.

***Hymn of Sending**

Eagles' Wings

*And God will raise you up on eagle'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.*

***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; Photo by [Andre Schofield](#) on [Unsplash](#)

**"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!



Oh, Blest the House

Oh, blest that house where faith is found and all in
Then here will I and mine to - day a sol - emn

hope and love a - bound; they trust in God and
prom - ise make and say: though all the world for -

serve God still and do in all God's ho - ly will.
sake God's Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support through chords and single notes.

Text: Christoph C. L. von Pfeil, 1712–1784, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, sts. 1,2,4,5, alt.;

tr. *Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal*, 1880, st. 3, alt.

Tune: *Geistliche Lieder aufls new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1535, ed. Joseph Klug;

setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941, alt.

Text and music: public domain

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Eph 6:4; Ps 128; Jos 24:15



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Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Unison, brightly
Refrain

James K. Manley, 1978; alt.

D G A Dsus4 D
 Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the
 Bm E7 Asus7 A7
 wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,
 D G A Dsus4 D
 Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from
 Bm G A7 D G D
 plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea. *Last time, end*



Save the Date: Sunday , November 22nd

Our 2027 Stewardship Campaign will wrap up with the dedication of pledges on Sunday, Nov. 22nd and we hope you will plan to spend the early afternoon with your Lakeview family as we anticipate the Advent season with our traditional "Hanging of the Greens", followed by our church Thanksgiving meal, the *GIVING THANKS LUNCH*. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the narthex in early November.

HARK! THE BELLS.

J. H. F.

1. Hark! the mu sic of the bells, Call- ing us to praise and pray'r; Clear and
 2. To the tem- ple of the Lord Let us haste with will- ing feet; There to
 3. May Thy blessings, Lord, de- scend, As to Thee our hearts we raise ; While th

CHORUS.

sweet their chiming tells Of the joy that waits us there.
 read His ho - ly Word, There to sing His prais- es sweet. } Hark! the
 bells and voic- es blend In a grate- ful song of praise.

' bells, hap- py bells, Float- ing on the tran- quil
 1 Hark! the bells, happy bells,

air; Hark! the bells, happy bells, Calling us to the house of pray'r.
 1 Hark! the bells, happy bells,

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James Henry Fillmore USA 1849-1936.

Born at Cincinnati, OH, he helped support his family by running his father's singing school. He and his brothers, Charles and Frederick, founded the Fillmore Brothers Music House in Cincinnati, specializing in publishing religious music. He was also an author, composer, and editor of music, composing hymn tunes, anthems, and cantatas, as well as publishing 20+ Christian songbooks and hymnals. He issued a monthly periodical "The music messenger", typically putting in his own hymns before publishing them in hymnbooks. He was instrumental in the prohibition and temperance efforts of the day. His wife died in 1913, and he took a world tour trip with single daughter, Fred (a church singer), in the early 1920s. He died in Cincinnati. His son, Henry, became a bandmaster/composer.

-John Perry; from https://hymnary.org/person/Fillmore_JH

OCTOBER
Mission of the
Month:
Washington UCC
Gifts to the
Manger



The October mission is Washington UCC Gifts to the Manger program. Gifts to the Manger will use our donated funds to purchase clothes and toys for kids in the Camp Washington area. Parents will be able to “shop” at the church and provide a nice Christmas for their children. In 2026, 100+ families are expected to receive food boxes, and 290 children will receive gifts, thanks to contributions from many generous donors, including our congregation.

Lakeview members and friends will have the opportunity to help sort and set up gifts and/or assist shoppers in picking out gifts for their children in December (details to come later). Let us share our blessing with others during this holiday season!



DONATIONS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY:

URGENT NEEDS : Personal Care Items. These items cannot be purchased with SNAP benefits, so the pantry must use cash donations to stock them. Our assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Please remember the pantry can't accept outdated or perishable items. Even though we provide a list of most needed items, any other items are welcome at all times.

Personal Care Products:

- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Body Wash
- Laundry Detergent
- Hand Soap



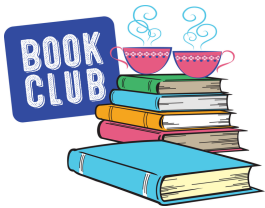
The October Just for Lunch will be
Wednesday, October 28th at 12:30 pm
at Mac's Pizza Pub,
2920 US-22, Maineville.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. All are welcome, but space is limited.



On **December 5th from 9a to 12p**, BSA Troop 617 will be helping us with our Fall clean-up.

Hopefully all the leaves will be down and all of the garden plants will be ready for the annual pruning and removal of dead leaves, limbs, etc. Please bring your rakes, tarps, gas leaf blowers, gloves, pruners, etc. to help the BSA Scouts get OUR HOUSE ready outside for the fall and winter seasons. If you have any questions please contact Steve Friedhoff 513-247-0933.



Book Group – Help Us Find Our Gathering Time

If you're interested in our upcoming book group, please add your name to the interest sheet on the bulletin board outside the pastor's office, and let Pastor Anthony know which day and time work best for you.

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 still needed to:

- Host the families during evening hours (approx. 5 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.)—1 volunteer 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!



All Saints' Sunday

Observed on Sunday, November 1st

Lakeview will observe All Saints' Day on Sun. Nov. 1st. Those of you who have loved ones that have passed, that you wish to honor, please use the sign up sheet in the narthex, or contact the church office at info@lakeviewucc.com.



Lakeview UCC - Leadership Opportunities

There will be a few executive council positions open beginning in January. We are specifically searching for a vice-moderator candidate and those who are interested in training this year for a future Treasurer/ Assistant Treasurer position.

These positions are vital to the function and health of our congregation. Please reach out to Adam Paul if you have any questions or would like to be nominated.

THIS WEEK at Lakeview



TODAY

10:00 AM Harmony UU
10:15 AM Sunday Worship
11:30 AM HUU Mtg. - rm 8

**Pastor Anthony is out of town 10/18-10/20*

Monday, October 19

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

Tuesday, October 20

5:30 PM Cub Scout- Den Mtgs
8:00 PM AA - FH

Wednesday, October 21

10:00 AM Lakeview Quilters-CR
12:00 PM AA Meeting - FH
5:00 PM Preschool Carving Night-FH
6:30 PM Irina- rehearsal - CR
7:00 PM Eagle Board of Review- Snct/nrthx
7:00 PM NAR-Anon - rm 8

Thursday, October 22

5:00 PM Preschool Carving Night-FH
7:00 PM AA Meeting— rm 8
7:00 PM Al-Anon — CR

Friday, October 23

11:30 AM Soccer Shots- FH (rain location)
7:00 PM AA - rm 8

Saturday, October 24

8:30 AM AA Meeting- rm 8
TBD Harmony Fall Festival

In Our Prayers

Mac McKenzie
Eric K (Joyce's friend)
Karen Baumann & Larry
Harry & Kathy (Pam's friends)
The Paul Family
Lynn Potts
Tom & Ruthie McCormack
Linda Crawford & family
John & Kathy
Patsy (friend of Pam)
Trinity UCC in Dorseyville PA
Jean McEleney
Landa (Pam's friend)
Jimmy (friend of Pam)
Bob W. (Bill O's Cousin)
Gary S. (friend of Linda F.)



Birthdays this Week

Rosemary Ennis (22)
Tyler Spearhart (23)



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Pastor Office Hours this week

Thur: 10a-2p; Fri: 10a- 2p

Email: lakeviewuccpastor@gmail.com

Cell: (419)773-0379

Office Hours this week:

Sun 2-4p; Mon 10-2; Wed 10:30-2:30

Thur 10-2; Fri 12-4

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!

