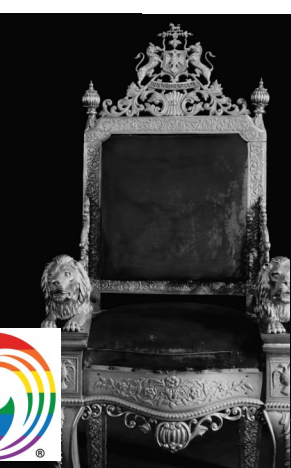


For all who
exalt themselves
will be humbled,

Luke 14:11, NRSV

and those who
humble themselves
will be exalted.



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August 31st, 2025

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

Come Down, O Love Divine
Arr. Howard Helvey

Melissa Toedtman

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Centering

A Gaelic Blessing
By John Rutter

Melissa Toedtman

Call to Worship*

One: Children of God, when we witness the needs of strangers and listen to the struggles of our friends, remember:

Many: **Let mutual love continue.**

One: When we hear the struggles of those in prison and recognize the suffering of people near and far, remember:

Many: **Let mutual love continue.**

One: When temptations to hoard more money, more power, and more influence surround us on every side, remember:

Many: **Let mutual love continue.**

One: As we gather for worship, remember: God is here among us, surrounding us with love and forming us to live in love everywhere we go.

ALL: ***We choose to cooperate with God's love today and every day so that mutual love will continue wherever we go and whatever we do. Amen.***

Hymn of Welcoming *Come Down, O Love Divine* (v.1-3)

Invocation (unison)+

In the face of all our realities:
We are the people who heal each other,
who grow strong together, who name the truth,
who know what it means to live in community,
moving toward a common dream
for a new heaven and a new earth.
In the power of the love of God our Creator,
The company of Jesus Christ,
And the leading of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Hymn of Rejoicing *Christ Be Beside Me* (v. 1-3)

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.

Call to Prayer

I Need You Every Hour (v.1)

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Prayers of the People

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

Like the Murmur of a Dove's Song
Arr. John Carter

Melissa Toedtman

Hearing the Good News

LUKE 14: 1, 7-14

NRSVUE

Sharing the Good News

REV. LORENZO THOMAS

Hymn of Rejoicing

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

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

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit
Arr. John Carter

Melissa Toedtman

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Faithful and Unchanging God, in a world that shifts and sways, you remain our firm foundation. You have called us into a life of mutual love, teaching us to serve, to welcome, and to give with generous hearts. Bless these gifts we offer today, that they may extend your love to those who hunger, who seek justice, and who long for hope. Shape us into a people whose generosity reflects your own, that through our giving, we may proclaim your unshakable kingdom. In the name of Jesus Christ, our constant and faithful guide. Amen.

Hymn of Sending Forth

Shalom to You

Benediction and Blessing

Postlude

To God Be the Glory
Arr. John Carter

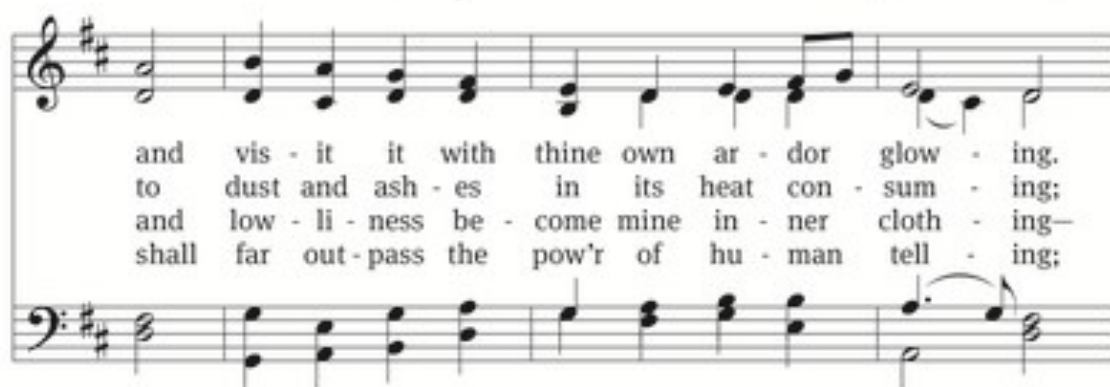
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Come Down, O Love Divine

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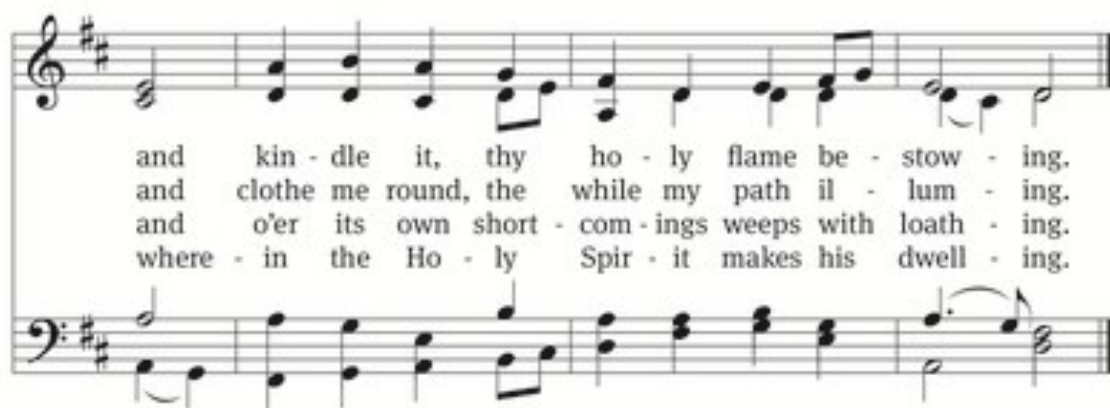
1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,



and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing.
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing -
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
 no soul can guess his grace till it be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes his dwell - ing.

Text: Bianco da Siena, c. 1350-1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833-1890
 Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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Eze 36:26,27; Ro 5:5; Gal 5:16-26; Eph 1:17-19; 1 Co 2:9-12

Christ Be Beside Me

1. Christ be be - side me, Christ be be - fore me,
2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
3. Christ be in all hearts Think - ing a - bout me;

Christ be be - hind me, King of my heart.
Christ all a - round me, Shield in the strife.
Christ be on all tongues Tell - ing of me.

Christ be with - in me, Christ be be - low me,
Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my sit - ting,
Christ be the vis - ion In eyes that see me;

Christ be a - above me, Nev - er to part.
Christ in my ris - ing, Light of my life.
In ears that hear me, Christ ev - er be.

Text: Ascribed to St. Patrick; Music: BUNESSAN © 1969 OCP. Reprinted underOneLicense.net #A- 709014.

“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!***

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.

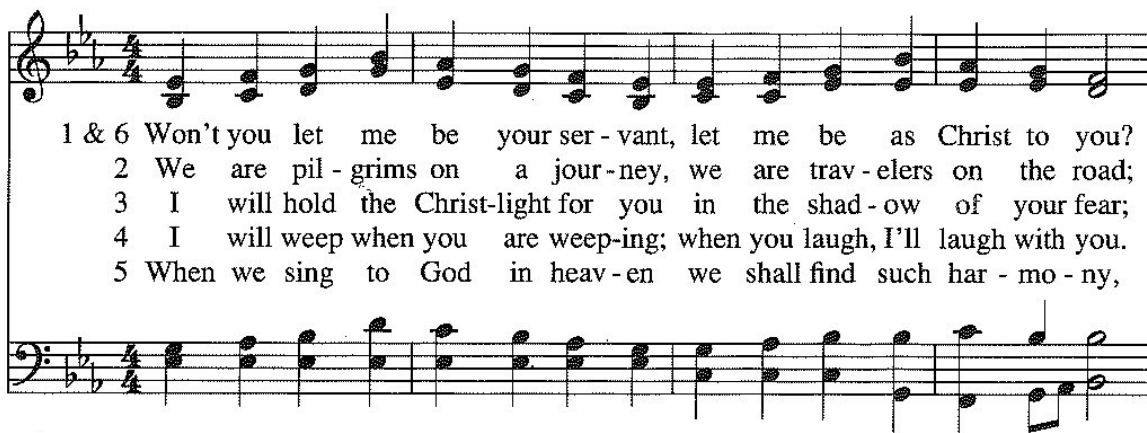
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Robert Lowry, 1872

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

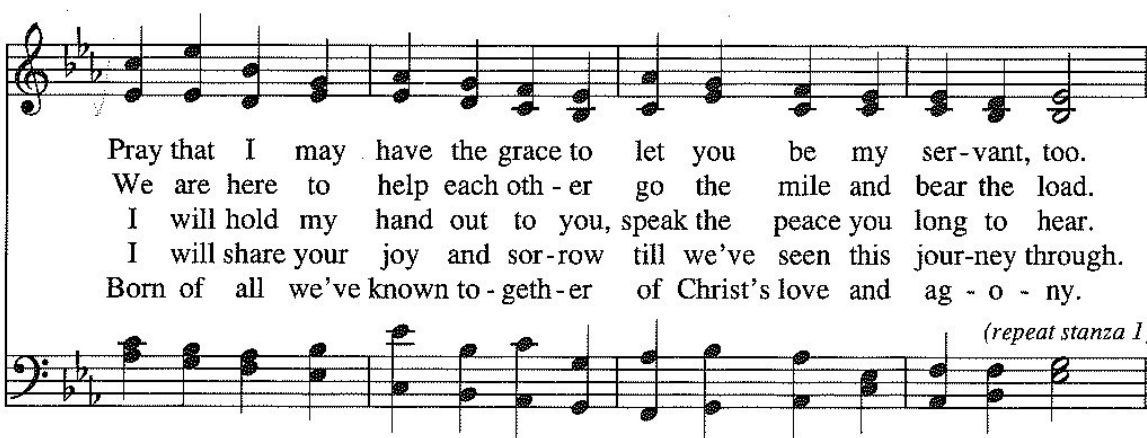
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Richard Gillard, 1977; alt.

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

Shalom to You

Unison



Sha - lom to you now, sha - lom, my friends.
 May God's full mer - cies bless you, my friends.
 In all your liv - ing and through your lov - ing,
 Christ be your sha - lom, Christ be your sha - lom.

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AUGUST MISSION: REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

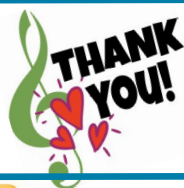
Sponsoring Refugees. Strengthening Communities.

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. 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.



Through their own savings, help from our Go fund Me site, and the sponsors, the family now has a used car, increasing their independence and opening new opportunities. We knew new tires would be needed at the time of purchase, however it is not in their budget to afford this expense right now. Our August mission giving will enable the family to purchase the tires, be safe in driving, and help them locate better paying jobs.

In February of 2025 we received word that the Welcome Corp program had been terminated, eliminating both the support staff that were helping our 5 member sponsor group under the Welcome Corp umbrella and the pathway for any additional refugees to enter the US. Their SNAP benefits will also be terminated at their next recertification appointment. 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.



Many thanks to Melissa Toedtman for sharing her time and talent with us today and in the following weeks!



Fellow gardeners - if you didn't get to join us for the "rip the weeds & trim the plants" party here on Saturday, consider coming out tomorrow, Labor Day, from 9:30-11:30 Or pick you own time. Questions - ? please call or text Rosemary Ennis 513-265-2579

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.



The first Chancel Choir (7:30) & Handbell (6:30) rehearsals of the season will be this Wednesday, September 3rd.

Returning and new singers & ringers welcome!

If you would like to join as a new ringer (for just a month or the whole season), please email Natalie at info@lakeviewucc.com, so we can make sure everyone has a bell assignment at the first rehearsal.



Lunch and Learn Returns on September 14!

Our guest speaker for our first Lunch and Learn of the fall will be **Terry Perdue**, the **Executive Director of Shared Harvest Food Bank** in Fairfield. See the September LINK for details, & check out the sign-up sheet in the narthex.



Please consider joining the Lunch and Learn team!

Team members help with set up/clean up, select topics/speakers, write bulletin/LINK updates, and inventory supplies for these once a month events (usually Sept-April, with a break for Advent).

We all enjoy and learn from these gatherings, generally held the second Sunday of the month; but we need more help if we are to be able to continue. Sandee and David McAlpine, Kristin Jordan, and Linda Overholt, are current members of the team, but not all of our members are available every month.

Please contact Linda Overholt if you are willing to help us out! Free training offered!!

YOUR LOCAL CINCINNATI BRASS QUINTET



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH 3:00 PM - FREEWAY BRASS

Mark your calendar now- you won't want to miss this! Freeway Brass will join us during our worship service at 10:15am Sunday morning, Sept 14th.

At 3:00pm, they will be performing a FREE public recital here at Lakeview in the sanctuary.

"Freeway Brass is an up and coming brass quintet located in Cincinnati, OH. The members met and formed the group while attending University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. Now a few years later, the quintet strives to bring a high level of performance and teaching to local communities in Ohio and Kentucky. Members of the quintet teach in over 10 school districts all across Cincinnati and Dayton as well as perform with groups such as the Springboro Wind Symphony, River's Edge Brass Band, and the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra."

You can check them out at Freewaybrass.com



The September Just for Lunch will be held Monday, **September 29th at 12:30pm** at Half Day Café in Mason/Deerfield. 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



There are two more chances to see Lumos Players:

A Murder is Announced

Sept. 5-6 at 7:30pm at Lakeview
UCC

**TICKETS
SCAN ME**



In Our Prayers

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

THIS WEEK at Lakeview



Today

10:15 AM Sunday Worship

Monday, Sep 1

Labor Day

12:00 PM AA- FH

6:30 PM BSA Scouts- FH

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

Tuesday, Sep 2

First Day of Preschool

5:30 PM Cub Scouts- FH, CR,
Rm 7-9

8:00 PM AA - FH/CR

*September Office Hours: Sun 1:30-3:30,
Tues 10a-3p; Thurs 10a-2p;
additional rehearsal & remote work hours vary*

Wednesday, Sep 3

10:00 AM Quilting Group- CR

12:00 PM AA Meeting - FH

6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal

7:00 PM NAR-Anon - rm 7

7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Rehearsal- Sanctuary

Thursday, Sep 4

6:30 PM BSA Commtee- rm 7

7:00 PM AA Meeting— FH

7:00 PM Al-Anon — rm 8

Friday, Sep 5

7:30 PM Lumos Players: "A
Murder is Announced"

Saturday, Sep 6

7:30 PM Lumos Players: "A
Murder is Announced"

