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LAKEVIEW



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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September 14th, 2025

Rev. Ruth Hopkins
Interim 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

It is Well with My Soul
by Phillip Bliss, arr. Howard Helvey
Melissa Toedtman

Welcome and Announcements

Special Music

When Morning Gilds the Skies
Chancel Choir; Josh Krovetz, *trumpet*; Melissa Toedtman, *piano*
by Joseph Barnby, arr. by Sean Paul

Call to Worship

One: Today, we are grateful to gather and worship God in peaceful conditions.

All: *While some congregations are rocked with bombshells, our service can exist in calm.*

One: While some communities are rife with discord, our neighborhoods are primed for dialogue.

All: *We are provoked to bring God's peace and praise wherever we go.*

One: We hold fast to the vision of Shalom throughout all of God's creation.

All: *We believe that peace is possible.*

Hymn of Welcoming

*Let There Be Peace on Earth**

*Let there be peace on earth And let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, The peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, We are family,
Let us walk with each other, In perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, Let this be the moment now;
With every step I take, Let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment, In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, And let it begin with me.*

Prayer of Inspiration (unison)

Holy God, as we follow you up the mountain of our lives, it is easy to feel lost. Inspire us with hope from your Word today. Teach us the peaceful way that invites all unto the lighted pathway of renewed love. 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.

Prayers of the People

One: In the power and presence of God:

All: *We share your prayer*

Pastoral Prayer**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father-Mother in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those that trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

Hymn of Rejoicing*There is a Balm in Gilead* (v.1-2)

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A Reading from the Hebrew Scripture

JEREMIAH 8:18 - 9:1

MSG

A Reading from the Pastoral Epistles

I TIMOTHY 2:1-7

MSG

Morning Message*Just Peace*

REV. RUTH HOPKINS

Special Music*My Spirit Be Joyful*

FREEWAY BRASS

J.S. Bach

Word About Giving

SHARED HARVEST

Terry Perdue, Exec. Director

[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*Amazing Grace*

Melissa Toedtman

Arr. John Carter

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Incarnate One, especially in these times of uncertainty, we hope to be companions of righteousness. With these offerings, we pray that our gratitude will manifest in acts of radical love and peace where and when they are needed most. Amen.

Hymn of Sending Forth*Go in Peace, Go in Love***Benediction and Blessing****Postlude***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Melissa Toedtman

Arr. John Carter

What is Just Peace?

Just Peace is not a destination, but a path requiring awareness and constant vigilance to resolve existing and developing conflict in ourselves, our families, our communities, our institutions, and our world. This path requires non-violence when possible and even when impossible to engage in love and restraint. Just Peace envisions a renewed, vibrant, diverse, and sustainable world free of violence.



Just Peace is grounded in God's activity in creation; God's covenant patience and provision in the wilderness; in the reconciling activity of Jesus Christ; in the presence of the Holy Spirit; and in the community of reconciliation. Shalom is the vision that pulls all creation toward a time when weapons are made into ploughs and all creatures lie down together without fear; where all have their own vine, fig tree, and dwell secure from want. As Christians, we offer this conviction to the world: Peace is possible!

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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!***

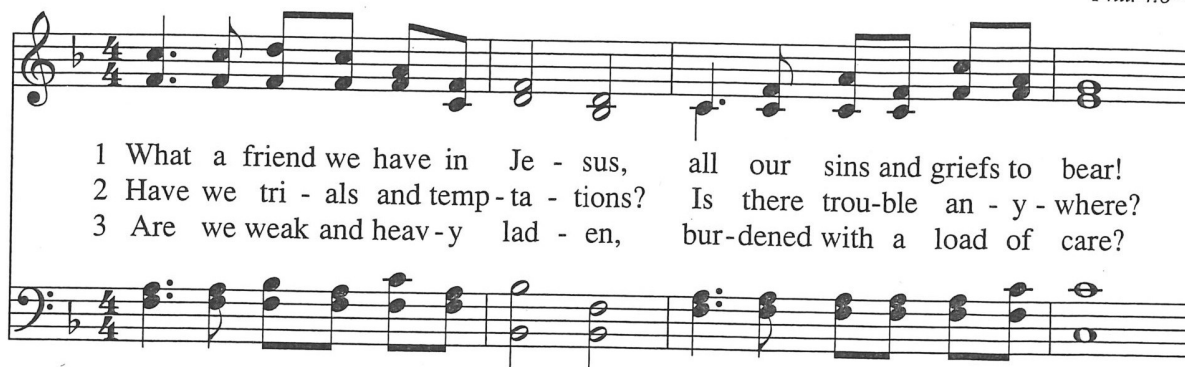


What a Friend We Have in Jesus

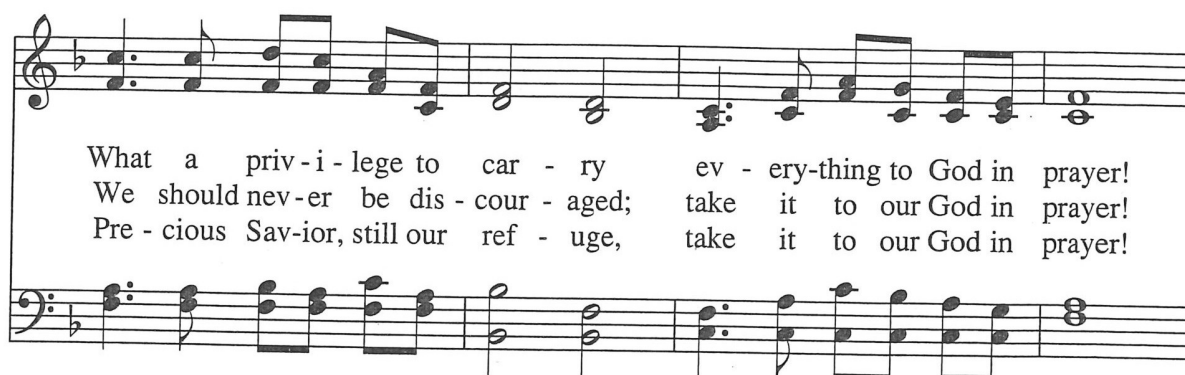
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Joseph Scriven, 1855; alt.

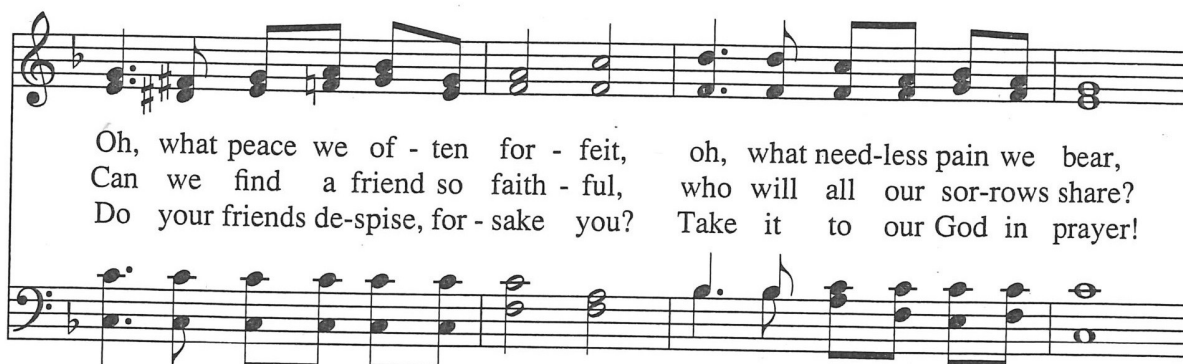
Phil. 4:6-7



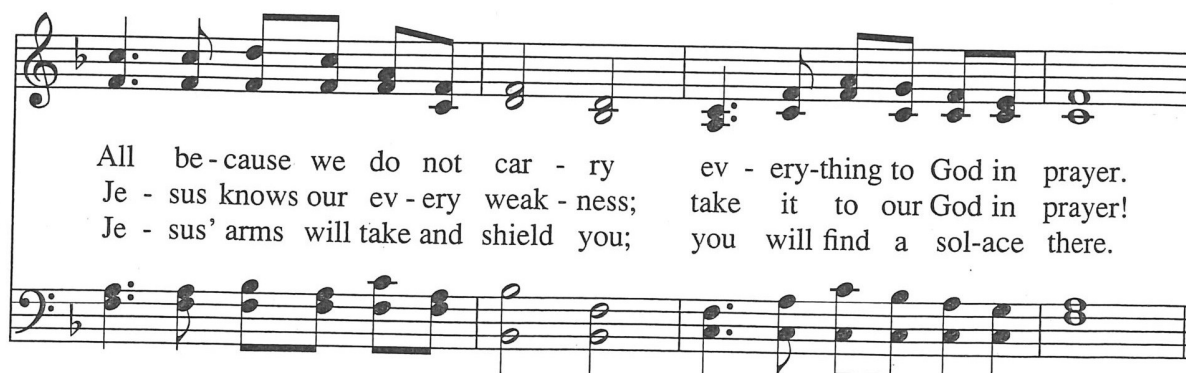
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, bur - dened with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to our God in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, take it to our God in prayer!



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need-less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de-spise, for - sake you? Take it to our God in prayer!



All be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer.
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to our God in prayer!
Je - sus' arms will take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

No stranger to sorrow himself, Joseph Scriven wrote this hymn to comfort his mother in Ireland. Scriven, who moved to Canada as a young man, attempted to follow literally the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount.

Tune: ERIE 8.7.8.7.D.
Charles C. Converse, 1868

Jer. 8:18-22; 46:11; Acts 10:34-43

African-American spiritual; alt.

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to make the wound-ed whole,

Last time, end

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain,
2 Don't ev-er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend,
3 If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,

to Refrain

But then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a-gain.
who, if you ask for knowl-edge, will nev-er fail to lend.
you can tell the love of Je-sus, who died to save us all.

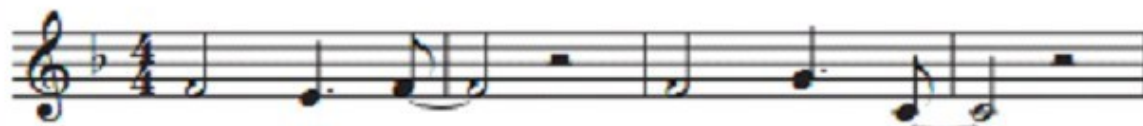
This is one of the most moving of the African-American spirituals because it illustrates the way in which the enslaved tried to encourage those who were feeling especially weighed down by the burden of their captivity.

Tune: BALM IN GILEAD Irr. with refrain
African-American spiritual

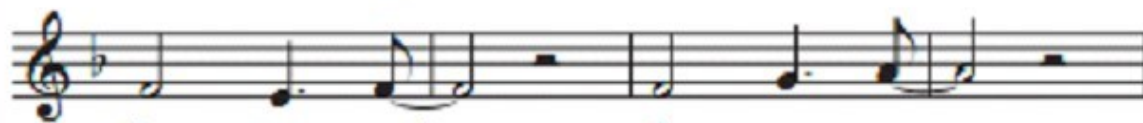
GO IN PEACE, GO IN LOVE

Mary Louise Bringle
 Spanish Tr. Ronald F. Krisman
 French Tr. Andrew Donaldson

GIPGIL
 Sally Ann Morris



Go in peace. Go in love.
 Spanish: Ve - te_en paz y_en a - mor.
 French: Va en paix. Va ai - mer.



Go to seek. Go to serve.
 Ve_a ser - vir. Ve_a bus - car.
 Va ser - vir. Va cher - cher,



Go in hope to work and pray. And
 Es - pe - rar, o - rar y_o - brar. Con -
 es - pé - rer, a - gir, pri - er. car



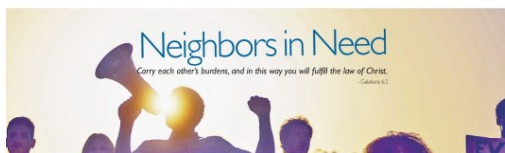
God goes with you all the way. And
 ti - go Dios va_a ca - mi - nar. Con -
 Dieu est là, à ton cô - té. Car



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SEPTEMBER MISSIONS: NEIGHBORS IN NEED & SHARED HARVEST

Lakeview supports two missions during the month of September.



One mission is **Neighbors in Need**, a special offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Our gifts support American Indian UCC congregations and their pastors, as well as national ministries that address poverty, economic development, global concerns, civil and human rights, peace-making, racial and economic justice, environmental concerns and public policy advocacy.

The Second Mission is **Shared Harvest Foodbank**, a local mission which collects, warehouses, transports and distributes food to over 100 food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters and other non-profit agencies in a five-county area in Southwest Ohio: Warren, Butler, Darke, Miami and Preble counties. Shared Harvest warehouse and offices are located in Fairfield and has been serving the community for 42 years.

Check their website at www.sharedharvest.org for detailed information. Terry Perdue, Executive Director, will be with us for worship and Lunch & Learn this morning, to tell us more about the current challenges and needs of Shared Harvest and the people they serve.

September Mission giving will be split 50/50 between these two funds, unless otherwise indicated on your donation.

DONATIONS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY:

September Breakfast Needs:

- o Pancake Mixes, syrup
- o Martha White muffin mix
- o Granola Bars
- o 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.



Welcome FREEWAY BRASS!!

TODAY 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



Join us for Lunch and Learn after service today!

Our guest speaker for our first Lunch and Learn of the fall is **Terry Perdue**, the **Executive Director of Shared Harvest Food Bank** in Fairfield. Don't worry if you didn't sign up, there is always room for all! Just follow the yummy smells and hungry faces down to room 8 in the CE wing after worship.



Adult Faith Formation classes are being held from 9:00-9:45 am in room #8 on Sunday mornings (on 2nd Sundays, class will be held in the conference room). The Series is "Living Into"- with each week being a value we are challenged to live into. Each class stands alone - but you are invited to come from September through October.

See the September LINK for details! *Note: childcare is not provided during this time.



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



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

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!!

FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lakeview made a commitment several years ago to assist 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. 20, 2025

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!



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; Irina and family

Birthdays this Week

Alex Miller (14); Dan Prows (15);
Lisa Barrows, Ben Miller (16); Mary Densmore (20)

THIS WEEK at Lakeview



Today

9:00 AM Adult Faith Formation-
Conference Room
10:15 AM Sunday Worship
11:30 AM Lunch n' Learn - rm 8
3:00 PM Freeway Brass-
Sanctuary

Monday, Sep 15

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

Tuesday, Sep 16

5:30 PM Cub Scouts- FH, narthex
CR, Rm 7-9
8:00 PM AA - FH/CR

Wednesday, Sep 17

10:00 AM Quilting Group- CR
12:00 PM AA Meeting - FH
6:30 PM Handbell Polishing
"party" & Rehearsal
7:00 PM NAR-Anon - rm 7

Thursday, Sep 18

7:00 PM AA Meeting— FH
7:00 PM Al-Anon — rm 8

Friday, Sep 19

Saturday, Sep 20

8:30 AM AA Meeting- rm 8

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