

Reformation Sunday

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10:15 am Worship Service

October 26th, 2025



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Corey Nieman
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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 *Prelude on a Southern Folk Hymn* Willa Bailes
Arr. By G. Young

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Centering *My Inmost Heart Now Raises* Willa Bailes
JC Bach

A Litany for Reformation Sunday

Today we celebrate Reformation Sunday with this special litany, interweaving Martin Luther's great Reformation hymn with the words from Scripture that inspired it, Psalm 46.

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Many: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

*All Sing: A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our present help amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe
with craft and power great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth without an equal.*

One: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

Many: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

*All Sing: Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would
be losing, But there is one who takes our side,
the One of God's own choosing.
You as who that may be? Christ Jesus sets us free!
With mighty power to save, victorious o'er the grave,
Christ will prevail triumphant.*

One: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
God speaks and the earth melts.

Many: God is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

One: Come, behold the works of the God!

Many: God makes wars cease to the end of the earth; God
breaks the bow, shatters the spear, and burns the
shields with fire.

*All Sing: And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear for God has willed the truth to triumph through us.
The powers of evil grim, we tremble not for them;
their rage we can endure, for lo, their doom is sure;
one little word will fell them.*

One: Be still, and know God!

Many: God is exalted among the nations; God is exalted in the earth.

One: God is with us;

Many: The God of Jacob is our refuge.

*All Sing: That word beyond all earthly powers forever is abiding.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, for Christ is with us siding.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill; God's truth shall triumph still;
God's reign endures for ever.*

Opening Prayer (unison)

O Still Speaking God,
throughout history and the wide world
you have gathered people around your Word
to instruct and inspire.
We give thanks for all
who have received your vision
and shaped diverse and faithful communities
to follow in your Way.
Continue to open that vision to us,
that we may become transformed
by the renewing of your Word in our hearts. Amen

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision (v.1-2)

#451

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

Just As I Am (v.1)

#207

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.

Special Music

Then Sings My Soul/How Great Thou Art
By Stuart K. Hine, Arr. Mary McDonald

Natalie Nolte &
Willa Bailes

Scripture Readings

2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 16-18
LUKE 18:9-14

Morning Message

Reformation

Hymn

I Sing the Mighty Power of God (v.1-3)

#12

Word About Giving

WASHINGTON UCC GIFTS TO THE MANGER

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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

In Thee Alone, O Christ, My Lord
J Pachelbel

Willa Bailes

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

We thank you today for all you have given to us. When we bear more power and privilege, we are called to share more of our talents, time, and treasures. In our efforts to seek humility and balance, may we soberly evaluate our gifts and understand the healthiest ways to apportion them to strengthen your Realm and love your children. Amen.

Hymn of Sending Forth

*We Are Marching in the Light of God** (v.1-2) #526

Siyahamba 'kukhanyeni kwenkos, Siyahamba 'kukhanyeni kwenkos (repeat)
Siyahamba, 'hamba. Siyahamba, (ooh) 'hamba, Siyahamba 'kukhanyeni kwenkos, (repeat)

We are marching in the light of God, We are marching in the light of God, (repeat)
We are marching, marching. We are marching, (ooh) marching,
We are marching in the light of God (repeat)

Benediction and Blessing

Postlude

Toccata in F Major
D Buxtehude

Willa Bailes

Be Now My Vision

Ancient Irish text, c. 8th century; transl. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912; adapt.

Unison

1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;
2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;
3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,
4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part -
ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;
you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

You my best thought, by day or by night,
Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,
You and you on - ly are first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.
now and for - ev - er your child I will be.
great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Dating from the eighth century or earlier, this Irish hymn was translated into prose by Mary Byrne. It was then versified by Eleanor Hull, author of several books on Irish literature and history. David Evans arranged the Irish melody for this text in 1927.

Tune: SLANE 10.10.9.10.
Traditional Irish melody
Harm. David Evans, 1927

Just as I Am

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Charlotte Elliott, 1836; alt.

John 6:37; Eph. 2:14



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that your
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
 3 Just as I am, you will re - ceive, will wel - come,
 4 Just as I am, your love un - known has bro - ken

blood was shed for me, And that you called in -
 con - flict, many a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with -
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause your prom - ise
 ev - ery bar - rier down; Now to be yours, and

vit - ing me, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 yours a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Tune: WOODWORTH L.M.
 William B. Bradbury, 1849

This text appeared in Charlotte Elliott's Hymn Book, published in England in 1836. Disabled at age thirty, she continued a career of writing and editing. This hymn has been translated into many languages.

"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 Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ps. 136:5-9; James 1:17

Isaac Watts, 1715; alt.

1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of our God that filled the earth with food;
 3 On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glo - ry known.

That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad, and built the loft - y skies.
 God formed the crea-tures with a word, and then pro - nounced them good.
 The clouds a - rise and spread their showers by or - der from your throne.

I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Oh, how your won-ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye:
 All life is but a gift from you and ev - er in your care;

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 If I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 Wher - ev - er peo-ple gath - er, you, O God, are pres-ent there.

The tune Ellacombe was named for a place in Devonshire, England. It was first published in a collection of tunes used in the private chapel of the Duke of Wirtemberg, and was possibly sung with the text "Ave Maria, klärer."

Tune: ELLACOMBE C.M.D.
 Gesangbuch der herzoglichen
 Wirtembergischen katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784
 Descant, The New Century Hymnal, 1993



The October mission is Washington UCC Gifts to the Manger program.

At Christmas, Washington UCC provides new toys, clothing, socks, underwear, hats and gloves for children in the 45225 and 45214 zip codes (the 2 poorest zip codes in Cincinnati). Each family also receives a large food box with a frozen chicken or turkey. In 2024, 333 children from 89 families were blessed to receive gifts through this ministry! This is done through the support of many organizations: churches (such as Lakeview), businesses, individuals and generous financial donors. Let us share our blessings with others during this holiday season!



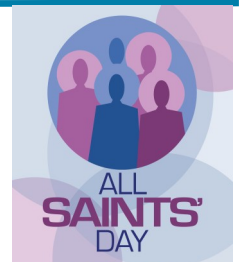
Sunday School is GROWING, and we need YOU!

If you are interested in helping out- whether it's one Sunday a month, every Sunday, or anything in-between, please sign up in the bulletin board in the narthex or contact Corey directly: cyfministry@lakeviewucc.com

All Saints' Sunday

Observed on Sunday, November 2nd

Lakeview will observe All Saints' Day on Sun. Nov. 2nd. Those of you who have loved ones that have passed away that you wish to honor, please use the sign up sheet in the narthex, or contact the church office at info@lakeviewucc.com. **Today is the last day to add names to this list.**



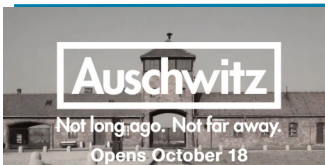
Many thanks to Willa Bailes for sharing her time and talent with us today!



Lakeview UCC - Leadership Opportunities

There will be a few executive council positions open beginning in January. Printed descriptions of these roles are available in the narthex for review. As we continue to grow and organize the work of the church, we invite you to review the following leadership roles. These positions are vital to the function and health of our congregation. If you or someone you know feels called to serve, please let us know!

Note: Each position typically involves attending one Executive Council meeting per month, usually held via Zoom on Tuesday evenings. These times can be adjusted based on group availability.



Auschwitz Exhibit and the Museum Center

If you are interested in seeing this temporary exhibit at the Museum Center during the first week of December, please use the sign up sheet in the narthex or contact Sandee McAlpine at:

Sandeemc8@gmail.com. Dates and carpooling TBD based on interest

and availability. Tickets range in price from \$26 to \$37 depending on age and how many are in our group. <https://www.cincymuseum.org/auschwitz>



Mark your calendar for **Sunday, November 23rd**, when we will celebrate a wonderful time of Thanksgiving and Fellowship together with the **Giving Thanks Lunch**, *followed by the Hanging of the Greens*. Check out the November LINK for more information!



Volunteer Event November 22nd

Join Lakeview UCC and Harmony UU in our community outreach service project at New Life Furniture Bank. New Life partners with over 75 agencies to provide furniture and household items to people who are coming out of devastating circumstances.



On **Saturday, November 22**, we have an opportunity to help New Life prepare for upcoming furniture and household deliveries, which is especially meaningful during the Holiday season. Our session is from **9:30 to 12:30**, and we will be doing a variety of tasks involved in sorting and packing materials for their delivery trucks the following week. (There will be some tasks and areas with seating if needed.) The New Life offices and warehouse are located just north of the intersection of Reed Hartman and Cooper Road - almost behind Chipotle. The address is 11335 Reed Hartman Hwy, Unit 134, Cincinnati, Ohio 45241

PLEASE REGISTER BY NOVEMBER 17th using the link below or scan the QR code and follow directions on the signup genius. Children under 7 may not attend this event.

If volunteers are interested, there are several good places to gather for lunch afterwards. There is no sign up for lunch; those who are interested can discuss options that day.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA5A92CA6F94-59225787-harmony>

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There will be NO Lunch and Learn scheduled in November or December. We will plan to reconvene in January.



Save the Date for a Mission Opportunity!

On **December 13th**, we will have an opportunity to help the staff at Washington UCC set up for their Gifts to the Manger event. Watch this space for more details and look for a sign-up sheet in November.

DONATIONS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY:

October Breakfast Needs:

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

THIS WEEK at Lakeview



Today

- 9:00 AM Adult Faith Formation-
Conference Room
10:15 AM Sunday Worship
1:00 PM Lumos Rehearsal
3:00 PM Girl Scouts- rm 8

Monday, Oct 27

- 12:00 PM AA- FH
6:00 PM Girl Scouts- rm 8
6:30 PM BSA Scouts- FH
7:00 PM AA - 12&12 Study -CR
7:00 PM Search Team mtg- Zoom
7:00 PM Lumos Rehearsal-Sanct.

Tuesday, Oct 28

- 5:30 PM Cub Scouts Den mtgs
FH, narthex, CR, Rm 7-9
7:00 PM EC Meeting- Zoom
8:00 PM AA - FH/CR

Wednesday, Oct 29

- 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

Thursday, Oct 30

- 7:00 PM AA Meeting— FH
7:00 PM Lumos Rehearsal- Sanct.
7:00 PM Al-Anon — rm 8

Friday, Oct 31 Happy Halloween!

Saturday, Nov 1

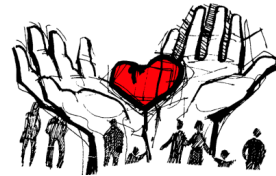
- 8:30 AM AA Meeting- rm 8

Note: This Calendar does not reflect ALL facility scheduling. Please email or call the office to check availability and/or request space.

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! Step-by-step instructions found here: <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>

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;
The Allemang family



Birthdays this Week

Allen Watts (27)



*Office Hours this week: Sun 1-5p,
Mon 7-9p; Tues 10a-3p; Wed- Remote work
& evening rehearsals; Thurs 10a-2p
Office Closed Fri & Sat.*

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