

Two Processions

10:15 am Worship Service

March 29th, 2026

PALM SUNDAY

LAKEVIEW

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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

Irina Hall

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Centering

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
arr. by Carolyn Walz Kramlich, c. 2019

Irina Hall

*Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang;
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.*

Call to Worship

One: We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

Many: **We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;
we will travel through betrayal and death,
cradling hope deep in our hearts**

One: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us

Many: **We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love
before him, to cushion his walk**

One: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:
modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

All: ***Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings in the
realm of God.***

Gathering Hymn

All Glory, Laud and Honor (v. 1-3)

Opening Poem

The Poet Thinks About the Donkey
by Mary Oliver

On the outskirts of Jerusalem
the donkey waited.
Not especially brave, or filled with understanding,
he stood and waited.
How horses, turned out into the meadow,
leap with delight!
How doves, released from their cages,
clatter away, splashed with sunlight.
But the donkey, tied to a tree as usual, waited.
Then he let himself be led away.
Then he let the stranger mount.

Never had he seen such crowds!
And I wonder if he at all imagined what was to happen.
Still, he was what he had always been: small, dark, obedient.
I hope, finally, he felt brave.
I hope, finally, he loved the man who rode so lightly upon him,
as he lifted one dusty hoof and stepped, as he had to, forward.

Special Music

Ride On, King Jesus
arr. Sharon Rogers

Handbell Choir

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

Change My Heart, O God (v. 1)

*Change my heart, O God, make it Ever True. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, make it Ever True. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.*

Prayers of the People

One: In the power and presence of God:
Many: **We share your prayer**

Prayer of Confession

One: Great Creator, forgive me
Many: **when I speak before listening, when I speak over my
neighbor, when I speak with barbed words**
One: Creator God, forgive me
Many: **when I listen to society, when I listen to my friends,
when I listen to the news, but I do not listen to you.**
One: Creator God, forgive me
Many: **when I shout out, but do not shout your name, when I listen,
but do not listen for your voice. Forgive me.
Create in me a heart like yours.**

[Time of Silent Reflection]

Words of Assurance

One: Friends, whether or not you stuck to your Lenten goals this year,
whether or not this is your first time in church or your thousandth
time, whether or not you know to speak to God or listen for God's
voice,
Many: **God listens to us. God is merciful.
God is abounding in steadfast love.**

One: There is nothing you could do or leave undone that could keep God from loving you. So, hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

Many: **We are seen. We are heard. We are loved. We are forgiven.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father-Mother, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Call to Prayer (reprise) *Change Our Hearts, O God* (v. 2)

Change our hearts, O God, make them ever true.

Change our hearts, O God, may we be like you.

You are the Potter, we are the clay. Mold us and make us, this is what we pray.

Change our hearts, O God, make them ever true.

Change our hearts, O God, may we be like you.

Matthew 21: 1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Morning Message

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Special Music

A Hosanna for Our Time

Chancel Choir

by Karen Marroli, c. 2025 Birnamwood Publ.

A Word About Giving

One Great Hour of Sharing

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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

Irina Hall

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Gracious God, use our offerings and our lives to bring wholeness to this world. Amen.

Parting Hymn

When Peace Like a River (v.1)

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*When peace, like a river, upholds me each day,
when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot,
you have taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul),
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Benediction

written by Cheryl Lawrie

Postlude

Irina Hall

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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!

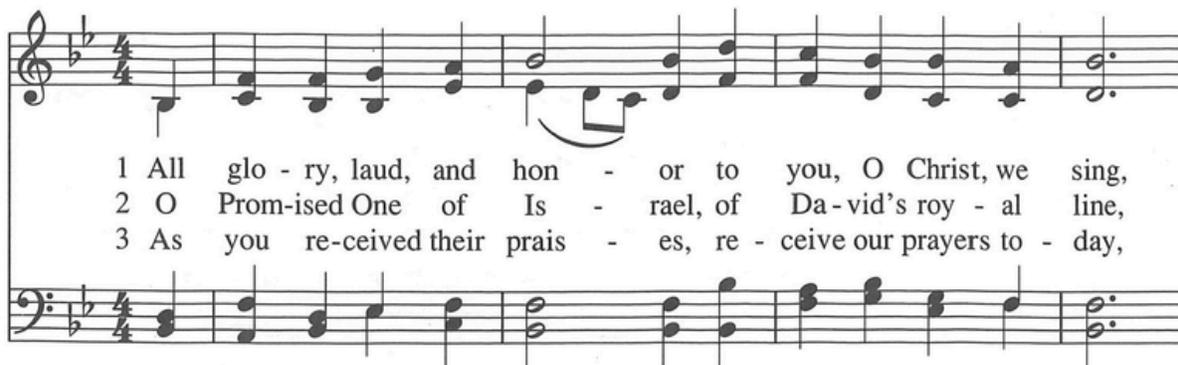


All Glory, Laud, and Honor

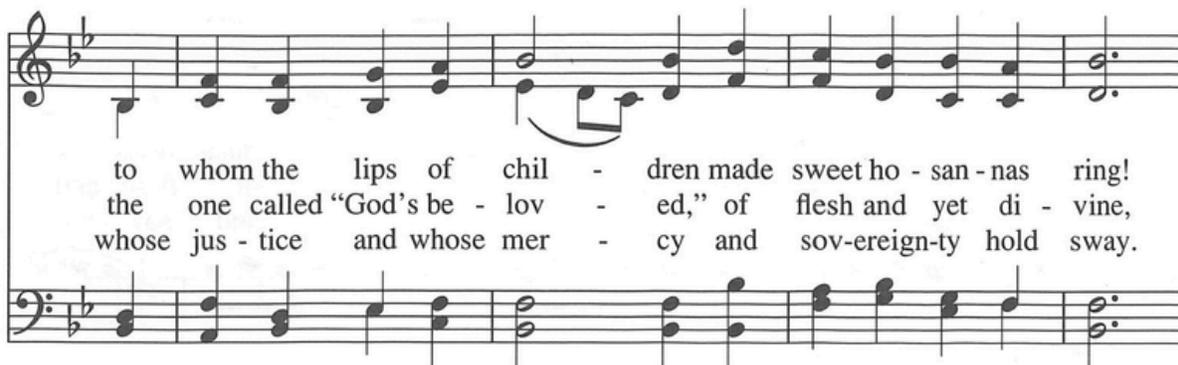
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Theodulph of Orléans, 9th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1854; alt.

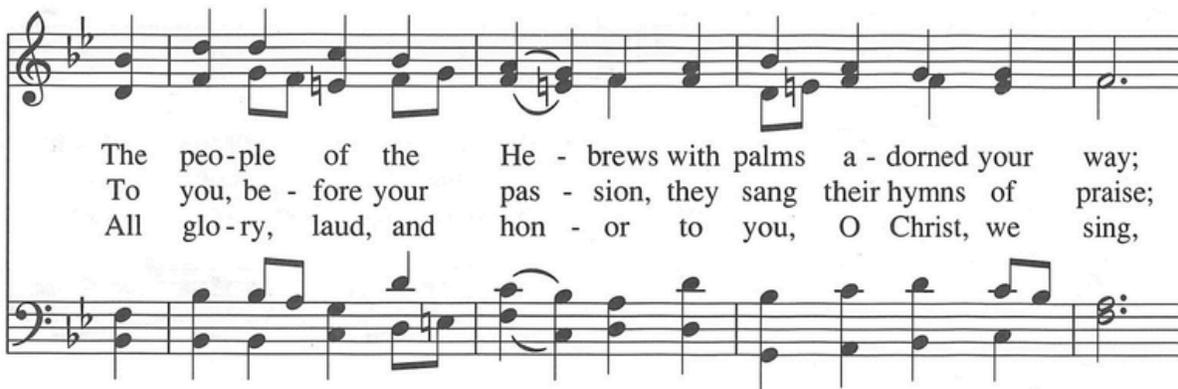
Matt. 21:8-9



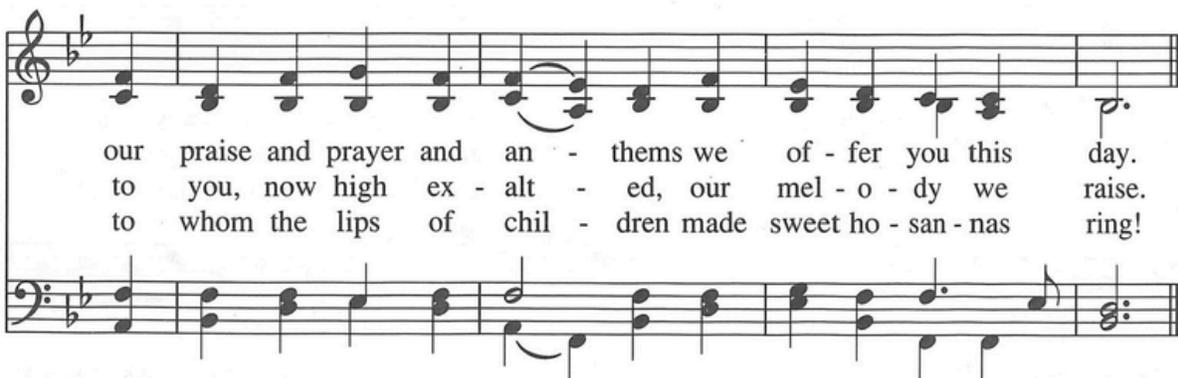
1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,
2 O Prom-ised One of Is - rael, of Da - vid's roy - al line,
3 As you re - ceived their prais - es, re - ceive our prayers to - day,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
the one called "God's be - lov - ed," of flesh and yet di - vine,
whose jus - tice and whose mer - cy and sov - ereign - ty hold sway.



The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms a - dorned your way;
To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, O Christ, we sing,



our praise and prayer and an - thems we of - fer you this day.
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Brought to France by Charlemagne, Theodulph became bishop of Orléans but was later imprisoned by Charlemagne's successor. According to legend, he was released when the king, Louis the Pious, heard him sing this hymn from prison.

Tune: ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.6.D.
(VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN)
Melchior Teschner, 1615
For another setting, see 217

Lakeview's Mission of the Month: MARCH

One Great Hour of Sharing

The March mission is One Great Hour of Sharing, in which we join Christians in seven other denominations to support relief services wherever and whenever disaster strikes in the U.S.A. and abroad, and also to provide long-term development and assistance, refugee resettlement, and social services. For more information on our missions, see the A.I.M. bulletin board in March and the March Link article.



**One Great
HOUR**
OF SHARING



Today is the last day to honor or memorialize a loved one in the Easter Sunday bulletin by making a donation to the flower fund or the Lakeview Foundation. Forms are available in the narthex.

DONATIONS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY:

- Kidney/Chili Beans
- Beef Stew
- Condiments
- Biscuit Mix
- Diced Tomatoes
- Hamburger Helper
- Ramen Noodles



March SPECIFIC NEEDS!

Personal Care Products:

- Laundry Soap
- Shampoo
- Body Wash
- Men & Women's Deodorant



Be sure to mark your calendar for a special Second Sunday Lunch n'Learn, LAFF: Lunch & Fun & Fellowship, April 12th! Look for details in the April LINK.



We hope everyone will plan to join us **Thursday, April 2nd** for our Maundy Thursday Service of Service, which will begin with a very special Passover Seder. Service begins a **7:00pm**. To be sure there is enough for all, please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex.



Seder Meal

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, April 27, 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. 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!



Transfiguration Spirituality Center in Glendale is presenting two upcoming retreats for the LGBTQ and Trans community:

**Rainbows of Hope: Queer Joy in the Struggle Across the Ages May 29 - 31, and
The Divine Knows My Pronouns July 10 - 12, 2026.**

For information and registration, please visit www.ctretreats.org or check out the flyers in the narthex.

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



THIS WEEK at Lakeview



TODAY

10:15 AM Sunday Worship

Monday, March 30

Preschool Spring Break Begins

12:00 PM AA- FH

6:30 PM BSA Scouts- FH

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

Tuesday, March 31

5:30 PM Cub Scouts- FH/CR

8:00 PM AA - FH/CR

Wednesday, April 1

10:00 AM Lakeview Quilters-CR

12:00 PM AA Meeting - FH

6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal - Sanct.

7:00 PM NAR-Anon - CR

7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 2 *Maundy Thursday*

7:00 PM Service of Service - rm 8/9

7:00 PM AA Meeting— FH

7:00 PM Al-Anon — CR

Friday, April 3 *Good Friday*

7:00 PM Good Friday Zoom Service

Saturday, April 4

8:30 AM AA Meeting- FH

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

In Our Prayers

Mac McKenzie;

Eric K (Joyce's friend)

Karen Baumann & Larry;

Harry, Ernie, Karen (Pam's friends);

The Paul Family; Lynn Potts;

Tim (Pam's Brother-in-law);

Mike Maile; Fred Wood;

Tom & Ruthie McCormack;

Linda Crawford & family;

Sue Anderson;

Patsy (friend of Pam)

Irina Hall & family



Birthdays this Week

Julie Peterson (30)

Frankie Daily (2)

Lilly Daily (2)



Office Hours this week to include:

Tuesday 10-2; Wednesday 1-5p;

Thursday 11-4; Sunday 1-3p.

Add'l service, remote & rehearsal hours vary.

Email: info@lakeviewucc.com



Holy Week

April 2nd **Maundy Thursday** Service of Service & Passover Seder
7:00pm, rooms 8/9

April 3rd **Good Friday** Zoom Service 7:00pm (zoom only),
watch your email for link.

April 5th **Easter Sunday!** 10:15 am, in the Sanctuary
Join us as we welcome the gift of new life!



A Hosanna for Our Time

by Karen Marroli
based on Zechariah 9:9-12 and Luke 19:28-40

When the world cries for power will our souls cry for peace? Does the kingdom we're seeking comfort with refuge and release? Does the realm of our longing reign with riches or welcome with grace?
What kingdom shall we choose?

Hosanna, sing Hosanna! Behold the King of Peace, riding lowly among us, conquering the reign of fear! Hosanna, sing Hosanna! Behold the King of Love! Now the light of justice shatters the bow and spear!
Hosanna!

Will our souls cry for healing while the world cries for war? Does the kingdom we're seeking rule with a peace that shall endure? Does the realm of our longing boast of power or soothe with love?
What kingdom shall we choose?

Hosanna, sing Hosanna! Behold the King of Peace, riding lowly among us, conquering the reign of fear! Hosanna, sing Hosanna! Behold the King of Love! Now the light of justice shatters the bow and spear!
Hosanna!

Will we choose to rage with strength and strife? Will we choose to heal with words of life? Will we bow to riches and might? Will we reach for the crown of light? Let the stones cry out in songs of praise as we turn from earthly power to walk in humbler ways!
Hosanna!