

September 7th, 2025

10:15 am Worship Service

Knit Together

Communion Sunday



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LAKEVIEW

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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 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

Sing Praise
arr. Howard Helvey

Melissa Toedtman

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Centering

Now the Silence
by Carl Schalk, arr. by John Carter

Melissa Toedtman

Call to Worship

- One: We come into your house, Divine Potter. We are your clay.
- Many: We praise you, O God. Wonderful are your works. Mold us again!
- One: We bring our burdens and concerns, our hopes and dreams, our doubts and our delights.
- Many: We praise you, O God. Wonderful are your works. Hold us in your sure and righteous hand!
- One: We seek your wisdom. Reveal your direction and our path.
- Many: We praise you, O God. Wonderful are your works. Rebuild and replant us!

Hymn of Welcoming *Change My Heart, O God* (v.1 & 3) #128

Prayer for Transformation and New Life (unison)

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. We pray in the assurance that your mercy, O God, is available and near to us. And, we also pray in hope that your mercy will release us from inaction, apathy, and overwhelm so that we may be your instruments of redemption, reparation, and restoration in the world. Forgive us, perhaps most of all, for simply seeking your mercy for the ills of the world rather than your miraculous power to rise in us to overcome them. Grant us grace to pray boldly with our words and our actions in your name.

Words of Grace

Hymn of Rejoicing *Help Us Accept Each Other* (v.1-3) #388

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (v.1)

#506

Prayers of the People

One: In the power and presence of God:

All: *We share your 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.

Hymn of Rejoicing

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (v.2)

#506

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

MSG

Morning Message

Knit Together

REV. RUTH HOPKINS

Special Music

The Trees of the Field

By Stuart Dauermann, arr. by Ronn Huff

CHANCEL CHOIR

Word About Giving

NEIGHBORS IN NEED & SHARED HARVEST

AIM

[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

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Melissa Toedtman

Arr. John Carter

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Generous God, receive our offerings and magnify them to propel the ministry of this church. May the community and the world benefit from our generous giving. In gratitude, we pray with our contributions. Amen.

Communion Hymn

Come and Feast for All Are Welcomed (v.1 & 3)

#457

Celebration of Communion

Invitation

One: May God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts

Many: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

Many: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Remembrance and Blessing

Coming to the Lord's Table

Special Music

One Bread, One Body
by John Foley, arr. John Carter

Melissa Toedtman

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Life-giving God, may we, who share Christ's body, live his risen life;
We, who drink his cup, bring new life to others;
We, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and all creation will live to praise your name. Amen.

Hymn of Sending Forth

Go in Peace, Go in Love

Benediction and Blessing

Postlude

Praise to the Lord the Almighty
Arr. John Carter

Melissa Toedtman

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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!*



Change My Heart, O God

♩=100



1. Change my heart, O God, make it ev - er true.
 *2. Cleanse my soul, O God, wash it with your grace.
 *3. Stir my mind, O God, move it to be - lieve.



Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
 Cleanse my soul, O God, ten - der your em - brace.
 Stir my mind, O God, help me to per - ceive.



Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.



Change my heart, O God, make it ev - er true.



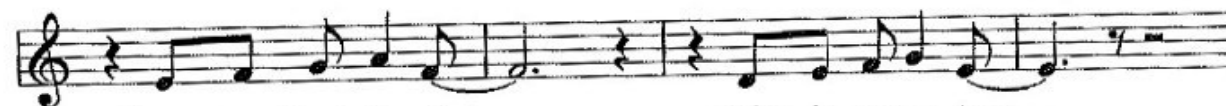
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.



You are the Pot - ter, I am the clay.



Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.



Change my heart, O God, make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

Help Us Accept Each Other

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*Fred Kaan, 1974; alt.**John 15:12; 17:20-23; Eph. 4:1-6, 11-16*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The lyrics are:

1 Help us ac-cept each oth-er as Christ ac-cept-ed us;
2 Teach us, O God, your les-sons, as in our dai-ly life
3 Let your ac-cep-tance change us, so that we may be moved
4 God, for to-day's en-coun-ters with all who are in need,
teach us as sis-ter, broth-er, each per-son to em-brace.
we strug-gle to be hu-man and search for hope and faith.
in liv-ing sit-u-a-tions to do the truth in love;
who hun-ger for ac-cep-tance, for righ-teous-ness and bread,
Be pres-ent, God, a-mong us, and bring us to be-lieve
Teach us to care for peo-ple, for all, not just for some,
To prac-tice your ac-cept-ance, un-til we know by heart
Bring us new eyes for see-ing, new hands for hold-ing on;
we are our-selves ac-cept-ed and meant to love and live.
to love them as we find them, or as they may be-come.
the ta-ble of for-give-ness and laugh-ter's heal-ing art.
re-new us with your Spir-it; God! Free us, make us one!

Dutch theologian Fred Kaan was ordained in the United Reformed Church in England and Wales and has served as an international church administrator. Author of more than 200 hymns, Kaan frequently has addressed contemporary issues in his texts.

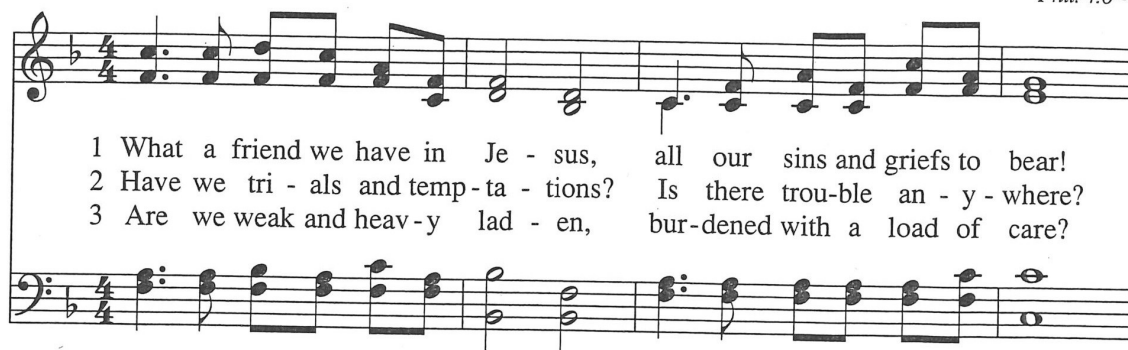
Tune: AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.
Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

What a Friend We Have in Jesus


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Joseph Scriven, 1855; alt.

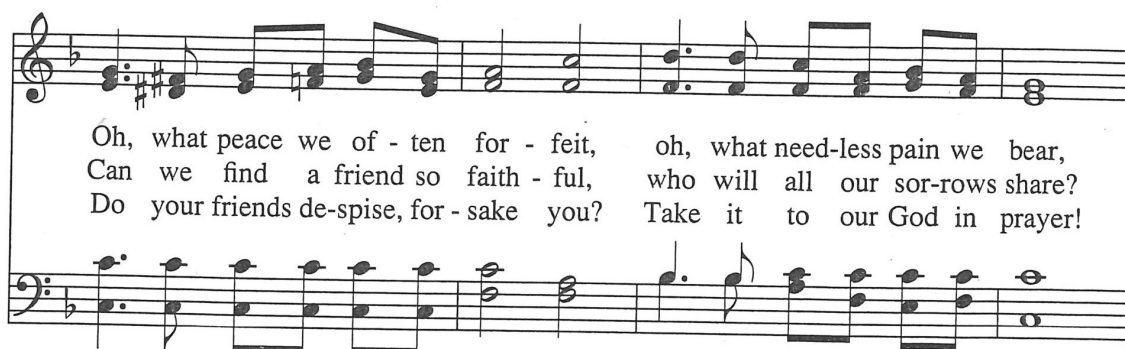
Phil. 4:6-7



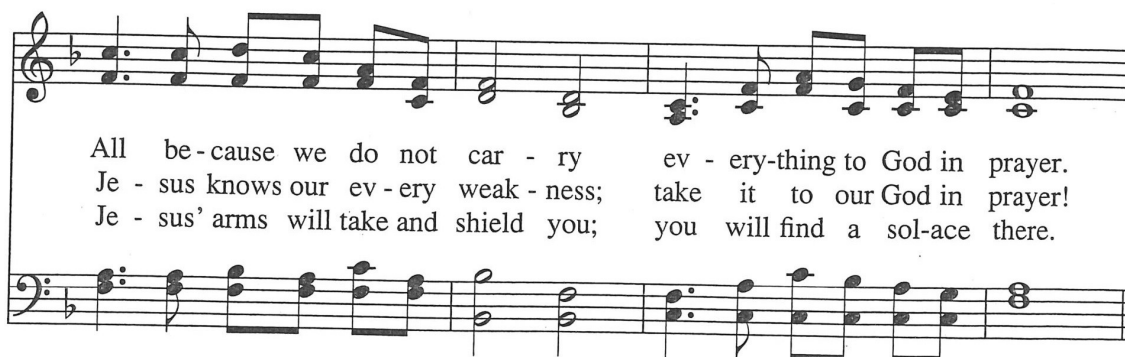
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, bur - dened with a load of care?



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

Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed 457

1. Come and feast, for all are wel-comed at God's ta - ble
 2. Here we nur - ture and en-cour - age as we share this
 3. See the chal - ice lift - ed up - ward; smell the fra - grant,
 4. With the Spir - it - blessed com-mis - sion, "Go and serve this

spread with love. Come pro - claim God's grace and good - ness
 com - mon meal, while we fos - ter deep com-mun - ion
 bro - ken bread; taste the gifts from field and vine - yard;
 meal to all," take its love and peace - ful vi - sion

in, a - round us, and a - bove. Come and feast, for
 and our in - ner - selves re - veal. Here we nur - ture
 hear the words that Je - sus said: "Eat and drink, and
 in - to ev - ery ban - quet hall. Go and serve as

all are wel - comed at God's ta - ble spread with love.
 and en - cour - age as we share this com - mon meal.
 in re - mem - brance touch your souls with wine and bread."
 nour - ished peo - ple, glad - ly feed - ing one and all!

WORDS: Larry E. Schultz, 2004

MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1867

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REGENT SQUARE

8.7.8.7.8.7

Higher key, No. 126

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.
ti - go Dios va_a ca - mi - nar.
Dieu est là, à ton cô - té.



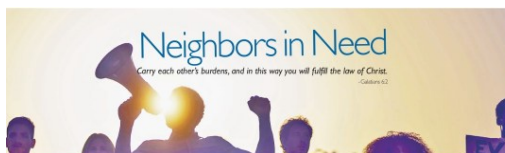
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SEPTEMBER MISSIONS: NEIGHBORS IN NEED & SHARED HARVEST

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 on September 14, 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:

- 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.



NEXT 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



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



Adult Faith Formation classes are being held from 9:00-9:45 am in room #8 on Sunday mornings. 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.



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!!

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

Birthdays this Week

Wendy Motsinger (7); Linda Overholt (11); David McAlpine (13)

THIS WEEK at Lakeview



Today

9:00 AM Adult Faith Formation-
rm 8
10:00 AM Harmony UU- FH/rm8
10:15 AM Sunday Worship
11:30 AM Harmony Mtg- rm 7

Wednesday, Sep 10

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

Monday, Sep 8

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

Thursday, Sep 11

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

Tuesday, Sep 9

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

Friday, Sep 12

Saturday, Sep 13

8:30 AM AA Meeting- rm 8

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



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