

April 28th , 2024

10:15 am Worship Service

Fifth Sunday of Easter

A Conversion Story



LAKEVIEW



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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.

Todd Peterson Pastor	Corey Nieman CYF Minister	Natalie Nolte Dir. Vocal Music	Irina Hall Dir. Instr. Music	Ministers All People
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Prelude *Be Thou My VSION* Melissa Toedtman

Welcome & Announcements

Time of Centering *Gaelic Blessing* Melissa Toedtman

Call to Worship

- One: We gather today to worship, and in this place, no one is an 'other,'
- Many: **For all are welcome in God's family!**
- One: In this community we welcome and affirm all God's children,
- Many: **For love is the language of faith!**
- One: Here in our lives, there are no divisions,
- Many: **For God dwells in each of us!**
- ALL: *Come, let us worship in unity and love.*

Hymn of Welcoming *The Church's One Foundation* (v.1-2) #386

Prayer for Community

- One: God who gives grace; in our fears and concerns and in our joys and pleasures, we find Your loving touch and the healing balm of your presence.
- Many: **In our failures and despair and in our joys and dreams, we find the comfort of Your compassion and the inspiration of Your Spirit.**
- One: God who calls and welcomes; you know at times we are hesitant to share Your love and too afraid to extend your grace.
- Many: **Remind us again that perfect love casts out such fear. Surround and strengthen us with Your perfect love, even in the face of our imperfections.**
- One: God who restores; In our failures and despair and in our successes and dreams, we find the assurance of your redeeming mercy and the inspiration of Your Spirit.

Many: Imbue us with a love so strong that we may know its transformation, that we may cast aside our pride and embrace the power of your light.

ALL: *God who renews; Your gifts and blessings to us are beyond measure, and we bring our joyful praise. You are the home we long for and the family where we find we truly belong, the garden where we are refreshed and renewed.
In the name of love we pray, Amen*

Musical Interlude

Melissa Toedtman

Passing of the Peace

Call to Prayer

We Live by Faith and Not By Sight (v.1 & 3)

#256

Prayers of the People

One: We lift them up in prayer

Many: Lord, hold them in Your love.

The Lord's Prayer

version by David Sorril

God, you love us like a good parent, and are present in every aspect of our existence.

May your nature become known and respected by all. May your joy, peace, wholeness and justice be the reality for everyone as we live by the Jesus Way. Give us all that we really need to live every day for you. And forgive us our failures as we forgive others for their failures. Keep us from doing those things which are not of you, and cause us always to be centered on your love. For you are the true reality in this our now, and in all our future. In the Jesus Way we pray. Amen.

Special Music

For All the Saints

Handbell Choir

This performance is dedicated in memory of Rev. Dave Schwab

Hearing the Good News

ACTS 8:26-40

NTFE

Sharing the Good News

Hymn of Rejoicing

In Water We Grow (v. 1-3)

#375

Word about Giving

CHILDHOOD FOOD SOLUTIONS

Offertory Music

Melissa Toedtman

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

God of grace and love, we bring these offerings today and we pray that You would use our lives and our gifts to be a blessing to You, Your church, and the world. Amen.

Hymn of Sending

Let It Shine

#196

*Let it Shine, let it shine, the light of the world that shows the way;
Let it shine, let it shine, and show us peace today.
The church bears witness to God's grace, its mission crystal clear,
To show the world God's human face, a world that God holds dear.
Let it Shine, let it shine, the light of the world that shows the way;
Let it shine, let it shine, and show us peace today.*

Benediction and Blessing

Postlude

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Be Thou My Vision, For the Beauty of the Earth and *Gaelic Blessing*, arr. By John Rutter
For All the Saints, Ralph Vaughn Williams, arr. By Jacob B. Weber
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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!*



The Church's One Foundation

Eph. 2:13-22; 4:4-6; 1 Cor. 3:11

Samuel J. Stone, 1866; alt.

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ our Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of our war,
 4 Yet we on earth have un - ion with God, the Three-in - One,

we are Christ's new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;
 one char - ter of sal - va - tion, one God, one faith, one birth,
 we wait the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;
 One name to - geth - er - bless - ing, one ho - ly food we share,
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious, our long - ing eyes are blessed,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! God, give us grace that we,

with pre - cious blood Christ bought us for all e - ter - ni - ty.
 to one hope we are press - ing, at one in work and prayer.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

Like the writings of Ambrose many centuries earlier, this hymn was born out of a doctrinal dispute. The young priest Samuel J. Stone composed twelve hymns on the articles of the Apostles' Creed in support of those reacting against nontraditional views of biblical scholarship. This hymn is based on article nine, "the

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

We Live by Faith and Not by Sight

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Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

John 20:24-29

Unison

1 We live by faith and not by sight;
2 We may not touch Christ's hands and side,
3 Help then, O Christ, our un - be - lief;
4 That, when our life of faith is done,

no gra - cious words we hear From Christ who spoke as
nor fol - low where Christ trod; But in con - fess - ing
and may our faith a - bound To call on you when
in realms of clear - er light We may be - hold you

none e'er spoke, who still we know is near.
we re - jice: our Sav - ior and our God!
you are near and seek where you are found:
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

As dean of Canterbury, Henry Alford exemplified ecumenism by working closely with non-Anglican groups. He promoted New Testament scholarship with his famous commentary on the Greek New Testament, one of fifty books he published during his lifetime.

Tune: DUNLAP'S CREEK C.M.
Samuel McFarland, c. 1816
Harm. Richard Proulx, 1986

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Unison

1. In wa - ter we grow, se - cure in the womb,
 2. In wa - ter we wash: the dirt of each day,
 3. In wa - ter we dive, and can - not draw breath,
 4. In wa - ter we dwell, for by its deep flow

and speech - less - ly know love's safe - ty and room.
 its trou - ble and rush are car - ried a - way.
 then sur - face a - live, re - bound - ing from death.
 through blood - stream and cell, we live, think, and grow.

Bap - tiz - ing and bless - ing, we pub - lish for good
 In Christ re - cre - a - ted by love's cleans - ing art,
 Our old self goes un - der, in Christ dead and drowned.
 Praise God, love out - flow - ing, whose well of new birth

the free - ing, ca - ress - ing safe - keep - ing of God.
 self - will and self - ha - tred dis - solve and de - part.
 We rise, washed in won - der, by love clad and crowned.
 bap - tiz - es our know - ing, and wa - ters the earth.

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1989
 MUSIC: Carl F. Schalk, 1987

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Childhood Food Solutions is Lakeview’s mission for the month of April. This small local program provides food for hungry children in the Roll Hill neighborhood of Cincinnati on weekends, holidays and summer breaks, when school nutrition programs are typically not available. Lakeview’s donations this month will help the program to purchase, pack and deliver food boxes to needy families identified by school personnel.



Weekly, throughout the year, deliveries are made to homes of children in the 45225 zip code neighborhood to curtail childhood hunger and its documented impact on school performance. The overall goal of this program, over the years of its existence, has been to demonstrate the effectiveness of responding to the nutritional needs of children in terms of academic outcomes. A further goal is to encourage similar programs to be developed throughout Cincinnati and surrounding school districts. Beyond this is the greater goal of ending childhood hunger through government-sponsored programs and economic/job development.

You can read more about this program in the April *Lakeview Link* or on the AIM bulletin board in the church lobby. The program has been in existence since 2007.

APRIL URGENT NEEDS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY:

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| • Tomato Sauce | • Jelly |
| • Macaroni and Cheese | • Ketchup |
| • Pasta Sauce | • Applesauce |
| • Biscuit/Cornbread Mix | • Canned Peaches |
| • Canned Meats | |
| • Brownie Mix | |



Just 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.

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.



Lakeview United Church
Operating Fund
<https://www.pushpay.com>



Your generosity is deeply appreciated!

The response to our “Sponsor a Stripe” project has been overwhelming! All of our stripes are fully sponsored at this time and construction has begun. If you signed up, but haven’t yet made your sponsorship gift, you can do so online via Pushpay (you can use the QR code here), or cash or check via a giving envelope or bill pay via your bank. ***Just be sure to note “sponsor a stripe” or “Pride flag” on your gift so we know where to direct the funds.*** Also- please stop by the narthex to review the proof of our sponsorship plaque. If there are any edits or corrections, please note them on the proof. Thank you all!



Sign Up to Help With Worship and Fellowship—WE NEED YOU!

In case you have missed it, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the lobby where you are encouraged to volunteer for Sundays. We are in need of greeters, scripture readers, help with Communion preparation/serving, and providing and/or serving refreshments/doing cleanup after worship.



Many thanks to Melissa Toedtman for sharing her time and talent with us today!



Thanks again to the UCH team for joining us for Lunch n Learn, and to all those who were able to attend Lunch n Learn! For those of you who asked for renderings of Longfellow Commons, the church office now has electronic copies. Phil Hartje has also put out a call for any photos taken during the presentation last week. They'd like to share them on the Longfellow Commons Facebook page which you can view here: <https://www.facebook.com/UCHLongfellowCommons>

If you would like to receive the renderings, or have photos to share, please email: info@lakeviewucc.com. Thank you!



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! It really **does** make a difference! Step-by-step instructions can be found here:

<https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

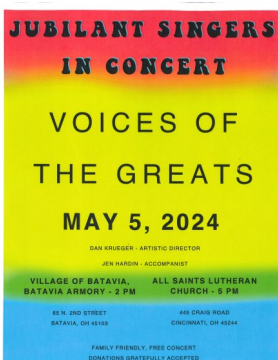
Lakeview UCC will be hosting the **SONKA SPRING GATHERING** on Saturday, May 18th. Stay tuned for details to follow soon!

From the SONKA website: "Our SONKA Spring gathering will be Saturday, May 18 - the day before Pentecost. Our theme: "We Embody the Spirit." We'll focus on how we can make faith formation the foundation of all we do as beloved communities that are intimately connected in the Body of Christ. Save the date! The SONKA Ministry Council is organizing and leading the gathering and will have more details available as things come together.



There are several summer camp opportunities being offered this summer at Templd Hills Camp and Retreat Center in Bellville, OH. One of the camps that has become very popular is the "Grands and Family Camp"—offering 4 days at camp for

children ages 4 to 13, along with grandparent(s) or parent(s). Some Lakeview grandparents are planning to register, along with their grandchildren, for the July 14–17 camp dates. (See Bob or Lisa Barrows or Linda Overholt) **Registration is open!** <https://heartlanducc.org/templd-hills/>



Jubliant Singers Presents *Voices of the Greats*, May 5th, 2024:
2:00pm Batavia Armory
5:00pm All Saints Lutheran Church



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In Our Prayers

The family of Rev. Dave Schwab and all those to whom he ministered and cared for over his lifetime of ministry; Chris Bilyeu and Family; The Anderson Family; Mac McKenzie; The Alkire Family; The O'Brien Family; Louise (Pam's Mother-in-law); John Meek (Linda's brother-in-law); Ernie and Karen (Pam's friends); Esther Friedhoff and family; The Paul Family

Birthdays this Week

Irina Hall (28)

This Week at Lakeview

Today

10:15 AM Sunday Worship in Sanctuary

2:00 PM 4H Crusaders - FH

Irina on Vacation this week

Monday, April 29

6:30 PM Cub Scout Den Mtg - CR

6:30 PM BSA Scouts- FH

Tuesday, April 30

5:30 PM Cub Scouts- FH/rm 8/rm 7/CR

7:00 PM Executive Council Meeting -Zoom

7:30 PM Cub Scout Committee Meeting - CR

8:00 PM AA Meeting - FH/narthex

Wednesday, May 1

10:00 AM Lakeview Quilters—CR

12:00 PM AA Meeting - FH

6:45 PM Girl Scouts—rm 8

7:00 PM NAR-Anon rm 7

No choir rehearsals

Thursday, May 2

6:30 PM BSA Committee Meeting - rm 7

7:00 PM AA Meeting— FH

7:00 PM Al-Anon Family Group— rm 8

Friday, May 3

Saturday, May 4

8:30 AM AA Meeting—rm 8