

Rev. Lorenzo Thomas

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:15 am Worship Service

May 25th, 2025



LAKEVIEW

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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.

Rev. Lorenzo Thomas
Guest Pastor

Corey Nieman
CYF Minister

Natalie Nolte
Dir. Vocal Music

Irina Hall
Dir. Instr. Music

Ministers
All People

Prelude

Irina Hall

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Centering

Irina Hall

Call to Worship

One: Welcoming God, we gather together today to worship.

Many: **We worship the God who inhabits our world and our lives.**

One: We need not look up to find God, we only need to look around:

Many: **Within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of one another.**

One: We need not listen for distant, rolling thunder to hear God

Many: **We need only listen to the music of life,
The words of children,
the questions of the curious,
the rhythm of a heartbeat.**

One: We gather today to find God in ourselves and each other.

All: ***We worship the God who inhabits our world and our lives.***

Hymn of Welcoming *Shall We Gather at the River* (v.1-3) with Handbell Choir

*Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?*

(REFRAIN) *Yes, We'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.*

*Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.*

(REFRAIN)

*Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.*

(REFRAIN)

Prayer of the Community (unison)

Ever present and Everlasting God, We lift up to You today in prayer our hesitant spirits. Wipe away the cloud of darkness that has us believing we are powerless, that our voices are not heard, that our actions are meaning less. Remind us that You are with us always; behind us to encourage us, above us to watch over us, beside us to befriend us, within us to empower us, before us to show us the way. Strengthen our faith and our confidence and shine Your light through us. Let it burn through the fog that blocks our forward motion so that we can see clearly the path that You have set before us. Amen.

Hymn of Rejoicing *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing* (v.1-2) #459

Sharing God's Peace

Call to Prayer *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior* (v.1) #551

Prayers of the People

One: We lift them up in prayer

Many: Lord, hold them in Your love.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 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 *Love Lifted Me* Handbell Choir

Hearing the Good News JOHN 5:1-9 NSRVUE

Sharing the Good News REV. LORENZO THOMAS

Hymn of Rejoicing *Joys Are Flowing Like a River* (v.1 & 3) #284

Word About Giving STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH/UNITED CHURCH HOMES 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 Irina Hall

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Generous God, we are thankful for the privilege of coming alongside your work in the world. May we be filled with the desire to pour our love into the world through these gifts that provide hope and healing, showing God's care near and far. Amen.

Hymn of Sending

On Eagle's Wings

*And God will raise you up on Eagle's Wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.*

Benediction and Blessing

Postlude

Irina Hall

Prayer of the Community by Jessilou Vaccarelli from UCC's People's Prayers for Peace; Shall We Gather at the River, Robert Lowry, arr.by Ardis Freeman, c. 2016 Cantabile Press; Love Lifted Me, Howard E. Smith, arr.by Sandra Eithun, c. 2021 Choristers Guild.; add'l music public domain and/or licensed under CCLI and/or OneLicense.

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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! Applepay is now accepted via Pushpay.



“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!*

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Ps. 36:7-9

Robert Robinson, 1758; alt.

1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
 2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!

streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of end-less praise.
 come to trust, at ev-ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
 Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:

Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail-ing love.
 Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless-ed bod - y, pre-cious blood.
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

Converted to Methodism at age twenty, Robert Robinson soon became a Calvinistic Methodist preacher and later gained great popularity. The melody, associated with this text since 1813, is an American folk tune.

Tune: NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.
 John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813

Luke 18:35-43

Fanny Crosby (1820-1915); alt.

1 Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;
 2 Let me at your throne of mer - cy find a sweet re - lief;
 3 Trust - ing on - ly in your mer - it, would I seek your face;
 4 Be the Spring of all my com - fort, more than life to me;

While on oth - ers you are call - ing, do not pass me by.
 Kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion, help my un - be - lief.
 Heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spir - it, save me by your grace.
 Not just here on earth be - side me, but e - ter - nal - ly.

Refrain

Sav - ior, Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;

While on oth - ers you are call - ing, do not pass me by.

Fanny Crosby was already a successful writer when she became associated with gospel hymnists Sankey, Sweney, Root, and others. She directed her talent to gospel songs in her early forties, and collaborated with William Doane on many hymns.

Tune: PASS ME NOT 8.5.8.5. with refrain
 William H. Doane (1832-1915)

Joys Are Flowing like a River

(Blessed Quietness)

Matt. 8:26; John 14:16; Ps. 46:4

Manie Payne Ferguson (b. 1850); alt.

1 Joys are flow-ing like a riv - er, since the Com - fort - er has
 2 Bring-ing life and health and glad-ness all a - round, this heav-en-ly
 3 Like the .rain that falls from heav-en, like the sun - light from the

come; Christ a - bides with us for - ev - er, makes the
 Guest Ban-ished un - be - lief and sad - ness, changed our
 sky, So the Spir - it too is giv - en, com - ing

Refrain

trust - ing heart a home.
 wea - ri - ness to rest.
 on us from on high. Bless-ed qui-et-ness, ho - ly

qui - et-ness, what as - sur - ance in my soul. On the

storm-y sea, Je-sus speaks to me, and the bil-lows cease to roll.

Lakeview has two missions for the Month of May

The **Strengthen the Church (STC)** Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.



Our 2nd Mission is **United Church Homes**, UCH began its mission at a time of ethnic discrimination, poverty, and pandemic. Over the years, people and situations have changed, but the mission has remained the same: to provide quality and affordable housing and healthcare options for older adults. Today, United Church Homes is a leading provider of healthcare and senior living services with a mission to transform aging by building a culture of community, wholeness, and peace for those they serve. In Dayton, UCH is currently fundraising for construction of the Longfellow Commons Community, which will convert a historical school and the rest of a city block into a place for members of the LGBTQ community and allies to call home and a safe place for them to belong in the community of others.

Throughout the Month of May, mission giving will be split 50/50 (unless you indicate a different distribution on your envelope or check) to Strengthen the Church and United Church Homes Longfellow Commons Community project.

Welcome
Rev. Lorenzo Thomas!

Thank you for sharing your time
& inspiration with us!

MAY DONATIONS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY:

Kings Food Pantry has faced both cuts in funding and an increase in people in the community seeking food assistance. As always, they welcome donations of any unexpired non-perishable foods. The pantry especially need the following items, which they often have to go to the grocery store and buy:

- Canned Chili
- Canned Beef Stew



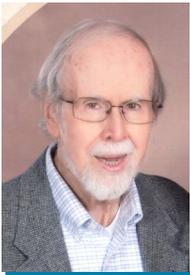
- Manwich
- Tomato Sauce

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.



SUMMER PARTY

Mark your Calendar for **Sunday, June 15th** for the Lakeview Summer/Pool Party! The festivities will be held at Chuck and Jody's house AT 1PM. Bring a dish to pass. A big THANK YOU to the McOsker's for their hospitality! Watch the bulletin for further details.



A Memorial Service honoring the life of Ed McEleney will be held in the Sanctuary here at Lakeview UCC on **Thursday May 29th at 2:00 pm**
 In lieu of flowers, contributions in Ed's memory may be made to Lakeview UCC or to the Special Olympics.



Please consider making a donation to the "Pride Festival Fund" (and indicate this on your donation). Your donations will help to offset our financial commitment of \$500 to become sponsors of Lebanon Pride this summer.

If you are interested in helping to plan/

participate in Lakeview's Cincinnati (June 28) and Lebanon (July 12) Pride Festival booths, please leave your name and contact info on the interest sheet in the lobby so we can reach out to you when we have more detailed information.



Lakeview UCC people, please check your email inboxes for a link to a survey from the Settled Pastor Search Committee. Your answers will guide us in preparing the Local Church Profile. Ministers seeking calls will read through profiles to find openings of interest.

There will also be a limited number of paper copies of the survey available in the lobby/narthex. Once you complete the survey, please email Sandee McAlpine (sandeemc8@gmail.com). Doing so will help the committee know with whom we need to follow up. **The deadline for completing the survey is Sunday, June 1st.**



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.



Registration is open for the Run4Home 5K and Kids' Fun Run benefitting Family Promise of Warren County. Register by June 13th to receive a t-shirt. See the info in the narthex or register online:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Lebanon/Run4Home5KandKidsFunRun>

Summer Music Ministry

On June 1st we will kick off the Summer season with **Music Sunday** and then it will be time for our choirs to take a little break.



During the Summer, we look forward to featuring special music performances whenever we can. If you *are* someone, or *know* someone who would be interested in performing a piece of special music one (or more) Sunday(s) this Summer, please email Natalie with your interest and availability: info@lakeviewucc.com. All skill levels are welcome! Thanks!

In Our Prayers

the Anderson Family; Mac McKenzie; the Paul Family; The Bierkan Family
Louise (Pam's Mother-in-law); Esther Friedhoff & family; Cindy Wood;
Ernie and Karen (Pam's friends); Karen Baumann & Larry; Bob Barrows;
Adrienne (friend of Barrows'); Tim (Pam's Brother-in-law);
The Kievit Family; Mike Maile; The Huber Family; The McEleney family

Birthdays this Week

Elizabeth Drews-Chappel; Caroline Friedhoff (26); Avery Allen Watts (30)

Today

10:15 AM Sunday Worship

THIS WEEK at Lakeview



Monday, May 26

Memorial Day

11:00 AM AA- FH

6:30 PM BSA Scouts- FH

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

Thursday, May 29

7:00 PM AA Meeting— FH

7:00 PM Al-Anon — CR

Tuesday, May 27

5:30 PM Cub Scout Pack Mtg-
Sanct./Various

7:00 PM EC Meeting -Zoom

8:00 PM AA Meeting- FH/CR

Friday, May 30

5:00 PM Irina Hall- Student Piano
Recital

Wednesday, May 28

10:00 AM Quilters -CR

12:00 PM AA Meeting - FH

6:30 PM Girl Scouts- rm 8

7:00 PM NAR-Anon - rm 7

7:30 PM Chancel Choir
Rehearsal

Saturday, May 31

8:30 AM AA Meeting- rm 8/9

2:30 PM Toedtman School of Music
Recital

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the QR code to download
and use our keyword
"GIVE2LAKEVIEW"

