

June 22nd, 2025

10:15 am Worship Service

2nd Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Lorenzo Thomas

# LAKEVIEW

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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...for in Christ Jesus  
you are all children of  
God through faith.

*Galatians 3:26, NRSVUE*



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| Lorenzo Thomas<br>Guest Pastor | Corey Nieman<br>CYF Minister | Natalie Nolte<br>Dir. Vocal Music | Irina Hall<br>Dir. Instr. Music | Ministers<br>All People |
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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](mailto:info@lakeviewucc.com), visit our website: [lakeviewucc.com](http://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

Irina Hall

## Welcome and Announcements

## Time of Centering

Irina Hall

## Call to Worship

One: People of God, come and join together today.

Many: Let us praise God.

One: Bring your whole selves; leave no part behind.

Many: Let us praise God.

One: Let us show the world who we are and be witness of the love that knows no bounds.

Many: Let us praise God.

One: Let us join together across differences and rejoice in the many colors of the rainbow.

Many: Let us praise God.

One: Let us worship God in the beauty of this holiness; we are the family of God!

Many: Let us praise God.

## Hymn of Welcoming *Blessed Be the Tie That Binds* (v.1-2) #393

## Prayer for our Community (unison)

Together, we defy the darkness by being the Light.  
We make violence tremble by being peacemakers.  
When chaos and trauma cause distress, we counter by reaching for love and remembering joy. This day, when people are going hungry, give us bread to share. This day, when people are angry and hurtful, give us forgiveness to offer. When there is so much temptation to be selfish and careless, this day give us the strength to be kind and intentional. Remind us that we are all born holy and deserve love and tenderness. In the many names of Love, may it be so.

## Hymn of Rejoicing *An Ocean of Love*

PLEASE JOIN IN REFRAIN- PRINTED WITH HYMNS

## Sharing God's Peace

## Call to Prayer *Just As I Am, Without One Plea* (v.2)

## Prayers of the People

## An Inclusive Lord's Prayer

Loving God,  
Holy is your name.  
May your love be enacted in the world  
May your 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  
Save us in times of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
May all that we do come  
from love forever.  
Amen.

**Hymn of Rejoicing**      *In Christ There is No East or West* (v.1-4)      #395

**Hearing the Good News**      GALATIANS 3:25-28      NRSVUE

**Sharing the Good News**      Rev. Lorenzo Thomas

**Special Music**      *Show Us How To Love*      Natalie Nolte & Irina Hall

**Word About Giving**      FAMILY PROMISE      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 Thanksgiving (unison)

Generous God, we are thankful for the privilege of coming alongside your work in the world. When our cups run over let us respond with love and giving hearts. May these gifts reach the hands, hearts and communities that need them most. Amen.

**Hymn of Sending**      *God Has Work for Us to Do*

*By praying through our doing, and singing though we fear,  
by trusting that the seed we sow will bring God's harvest near:  
God has work for us to do, God has work for us to do,  
'til God's will is done and all things are made new,  
God has work for us, work for us to do.*

## Benediction and Blessing

**Postlude**      Irina Hall



# Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

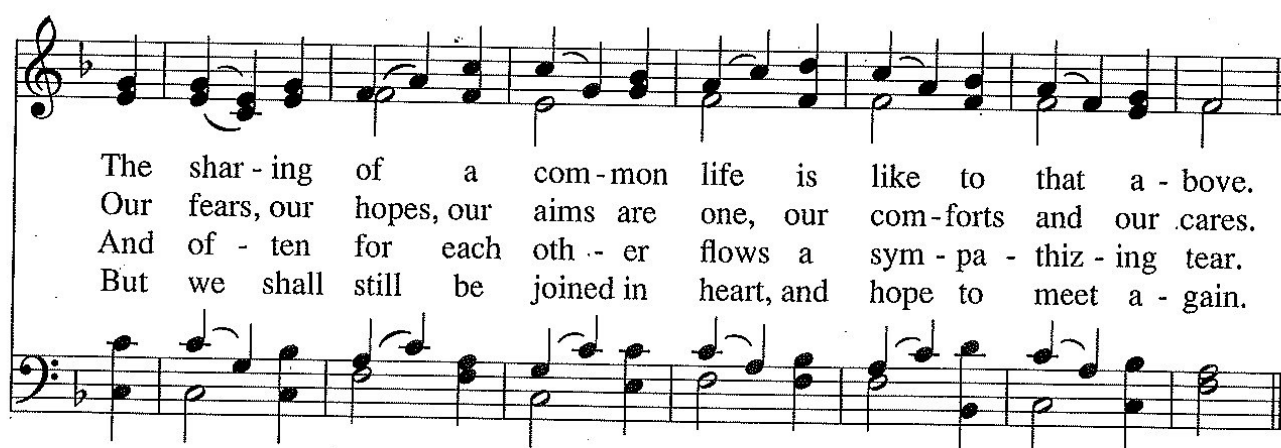
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John Fawcett, 1782; alt.

Gal. 3:28; 6:2; Col. 3:13-15



1 Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
 2 Be - fore our God we come and pour our ar - dent prayers;  
 3 We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear,  
 4 When we are called to part it gives us in - ward pain,



The shar - ing of a com - mon life is like to that a - bove.  
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 And of - ten for each oth - er flows a sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

*An English Baptist minister, John Fawcett published a number of poetic works. His entire ministry was spent at a church near Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire, where he wrote most of his hymns to follow his sermons.*

Tune: DENNIS S.M.  
 Melody by Johann G. Nägeli (c. 1768-1836)  
 Adapt. Lowell Mason, 1845

**“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!**

# An Ocean of Love

Words and Music by Mary-Ellen Kish

Arranged by Gwen Chapman

$\text{♩} = 94$

F B $\flat$  C Dm B $\flat$

There's an o - cean of love. A moun - tain of pride. A rain - bow of hope

Dm B $\flat$  C F B $\flat$  C

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with jus-tice at our side. There's a for - est of life. A val - ley that guides.

Dm B $\flat$  Dm C B $\flat$  F

12

A riv - er of strength that stretch-es far and wide.

⊕ Last time to Coda

# 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!

*This text appeared in Charlotte Elliott's Invalid'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.*

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

## In Christ There Is No East or West

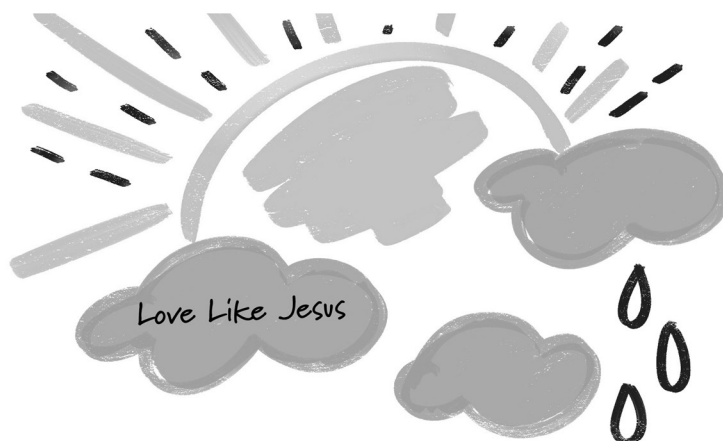
*1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:28; Eph. 2:14-22**John Oxenham, 1908; alt.  
St. 3, Laurence Hull Stookey, 1987*

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in Christ no South or North;  
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-ery-where their high com-mu-nion find;  
 3 In Christ is nei-ther Jew nor Greek, and nei-ther slave nor free;  
 4 In Christ now meet both East and West, in Christ meet South and North;

But one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.  
 God's ser-vice is the gold-en cord close-bind-ing hu-man-kind.  
 For men and wom-en live in God, and all are kin to me.  
 One joy-ous, true com-mu-ni-ty through-out the whole wide earth.

*At the beginning of the twentieth century, many hymns were written to promote the oneness of humanity. English Congregationalist John Oxenham's text is a lasting example. His great concern for those in military service led to the publication of a World War I hymnbook that exceeded eight million in circulation.*

*Tune: ST. PETER C.M.  
 Alexander R. Reinagle, 1836  
 Alternate setting: McKEE*



## The June mission is Family Promise of Warren County



(formerly known as Interfaith Hospitality Network), a cooperative of faith communities providing intermediate care to homeless families as they make their way through a program of education, job training, life skills preparation, and a housing search. Our offering will help defray the many expenses that are incurred while providing services. We also support this mission throughout the year by providing meals and in person hosting for the families on four nights a year during St. Pat's Episcopal Church's hosting week. This hosting takes place at a newly renovated Lebanon inn. Please consider a gift to Family Promise this month, and see detailed updates about the program and about our next hosting date in the June Link and in this bulletin.

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### 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, July 21, 2025**

Volunteers are needed to:

- Provide a dish for the evening meal (we still need 1 volunteer for dessert).
- 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).

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!

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### The Sweet Cheeks event scheduled for July 9th has been cancelled.

Sweet Cheeks is going through a reorganization and has a new director, and is putting volunteer sessions on hold. Lakeview will continue the diaper drive this month, and collect donations on the 5th Sunday in June. We will see how everything goes before making any decisions about next year. Sweet Cheeks has asked for our prayers as they work through a difficult time. Thanks for your support.



*Sweet Cheeks*  
— DIAPER BANK —



Mark your calendars because **July 21-25, 2025 will be our Lakeview UCC VBS Program.** Our theme this year is Hand in Hand - we will be exploring many different ways in which we can come together to create a brighter future for all of God's creation, For more information please reach out to Corey, Faith or the church office.



## DONATIONS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY:

June and July are BREAKFAST MONTHS!

- Cereal
- Pop Tarts
- Granola Bars
- Pancake mix
- Muffin mixes



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.



The June Just for Lunch will be held TOMORROW, Monday, **June 23rd** at **Mac's Pizza Pub in Landen** at **12:30pm**. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Rosemary. All are welcome, but space is limited.



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 check out the sign-up sheets in the lobby!



## Check out an upcoming Pride Interfaith Service!

**Cincinnati: Thursday, June 26 at 7 p.m.** Pride Multifaith Celebration at First UCC, 5808 Glenview Ave., North College Hill. Rev. Derek Terry, pastor of St. Peter's UCC in Pleasant Ridge preaching. Music by Cincinnati Men's Chorus; Muse, Women's Choir; Vox Veritatis; and Janice Trytten. Car pooling encouraged. See <https://interfaithcincy.org/newsletter/multifaith-pride-service-continues-local-tradition/> for more details.



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>

## 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.



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.



## In Our Prayers

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

## Birthdays this Week

Will McOsker (22); Sandee McAlpine (26);  
Karen Dinsmore, Dave Keivit (27); Bob Sandman (28)

## THIS WEEK at Lakeview



### Today

10:15 AM Sunday Worship

### Monday, June 23

11:00 AM AA- FH  
6:30 PM BSA Scouts- FH  
7:00 PM AA - 12&12 Study -CR  
7:00 PM Search Team Mtg- zoom

### Tuesday, June 24

8:00 PM AA - FH/CR

### Wednesday, June 25

10:00 AM Quilters -CR  
12:00 PM AA Meeting - FH  
7:00 PM NAR-Anon - rm 7

### Thursday, June 26

5:00 PM Acting Up- Sanctuary  
7:00 PM AA Meeting— FH  
7:00 PM Al-Anon — rm 8

### Friday, June 27

9:00 AM Acting Up Summer Camp  
- Sanctuary  
5:00 PM Acting Up- Presents *The Lion King, Jr.* -Sanctuary

### Saturday, June 28

8:30 AM AA Meeting- rm 8/9

Check out our App! Scan the QR code to download and use our keyword "GIVE2LAKEVIEW"

