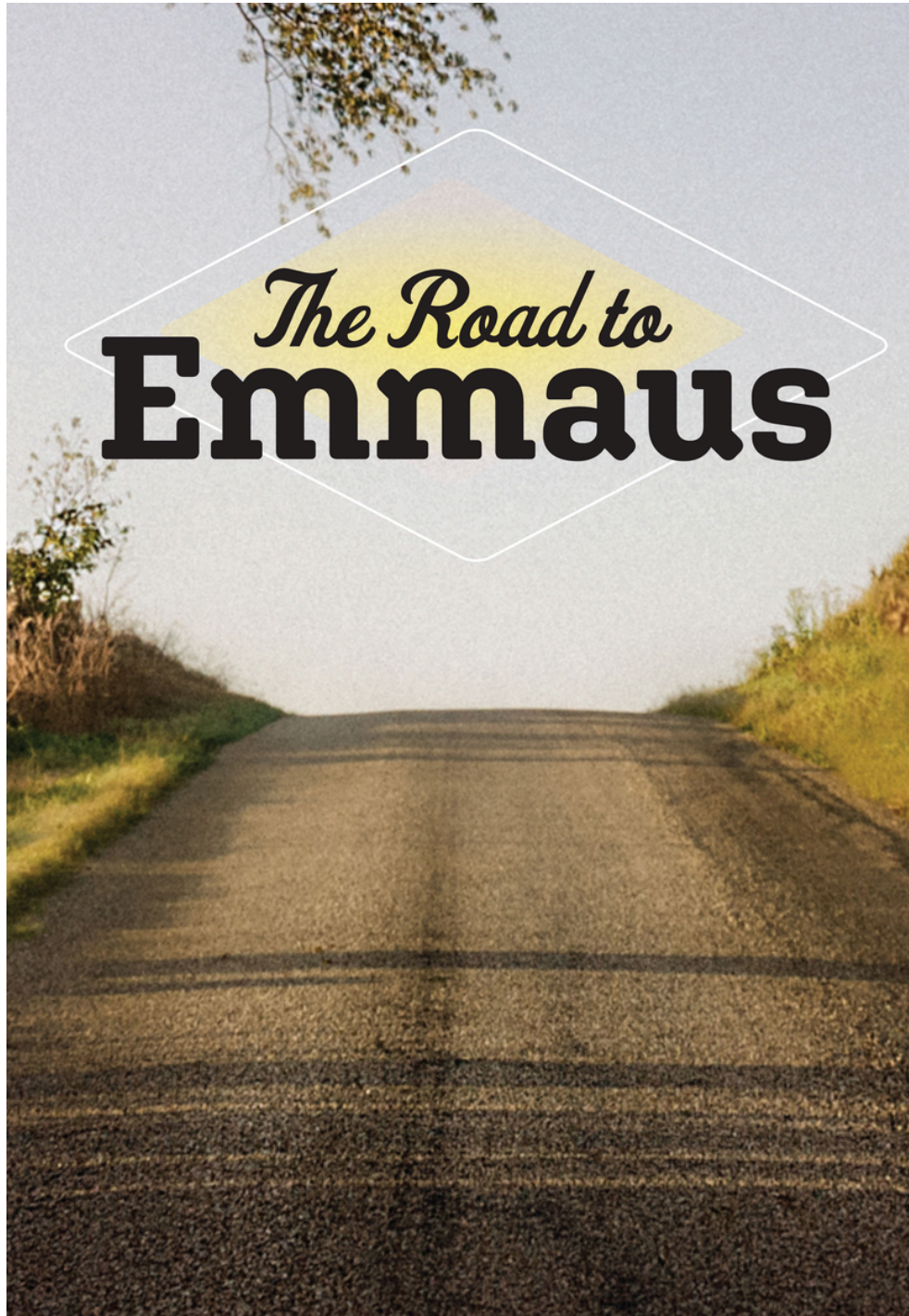


April 19th, 2026 | 10:15 am Worship Service | Pastor Anthony Spearhart



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Corey Nieman
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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

La Guadalupana

trad. Mexican song, arr. by Bridget de la Peña

Bill Overholt &
Handbell Choir

Call to Worship

One: God of the open road and of the twisting path,

Many: **In this hour, give us provision for the journey,**

One: Like the disciples, we walk a road carrying fear and loss,

Many: **Remind us that we also bring courage, faith and compassion,**

One: Open our eyes to see you walking beside us,

Many: **Protecting us, encouraging us, loving us.**

One: We gather in your name and presence,

Many: **Recognizing the friend within the stranger.**

Gathering Hymn

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day (v. 1-3)

[please stand as you are moved and able]

Opening Prayer (unison)

- Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.
Shake Us from Our Slumber

Ever present God, you called us to be in relationship with one another and promised to dwell wherever two or three are gathered. In our community, we are many different people; we come from many different places, have many different cultures. Open our hearts that we may be bold in finding the riches of inclusion and the treasures of diversity among us. We pray in faith.

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.

[please be seated]

Call to Prayer

What A Covenant (v.3)

Prayers of the People

Congregational Response: **Creator, hold them in your love.**

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Special Music *Triumphal March* Handbell Choir

by Michael Bedford

Hearing the Good News Luke 24:13-35 NSRVUE

Morning Message *Look Again* Pastor Anthony Spearhart

Response *Open My Eyes* (v. 1-3)

Special Music *He Shall Feed His Flock* Bill Overholt &
by G.F. Handel Irina Hall

A Word About Giving Childhood Food Solutions 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

Doxology

[please stand as you are moved and able]

*For time to savor God's good gifts
For space to breathe and hearts to lift
For ways to reach out and to give
We offer thanks and vow to live!
Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God of Grace, In the giving and sharing of these gifts, may we give way to Your glory. May we see what You see, may we care as You care, may we love as You love. Amen.

Parting Hymn *The Trees of the Field* (x2) #645

Benediction

Postlude Irina Hall

*This inclusive version of The Lord's Prayer was created by our Lakeview CYF Sunday School Youth. Additional music public domain or licensed through OneLicense or CCLI
Call to Worship adapted from a prayer by Carol Penner www.leadinginworship.com

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

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Latin, c. 5th century
 Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.

Luke 24:36-37

1 Joy dawned a - gain on Eas - ter Day, the sun shone
 2 O Je - sus, Sav - ior, Gen - tle One, come take our
 3 O Sov - ereign One, with us a - bide in this our

out with bright ar - ray; For when the A - pos - tles
 hearts to be your own, That we may give you
 joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; From ev - ery weap - on

hid in fear, the Ris - en Christ to them ap - peared.
 all our days the will - ing trib - ute of our praise.
 death can wield, your own re - deemed for - ev - er shield.

This anonymous Latin hymn of uncertain date is one of the two earliest hymns assigned to a special season. From that beginning grew a full list of medieval Latin hymns assigned to specific times and seasons.

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR L.M.
 German carol, 15th century
 Adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609
 Harm. George R. Woodward, 1910

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Open My Eyes

1. O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your
 2. O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your
 3. O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love like

face. O - pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see
 voice. O - pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear
 you. O - pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love

Deut. 33:27

Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887; alt.

1 What a *cov - e - nant, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms. What a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine, lean - ing
 last - ing arms. Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean - ing
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Sav - ior near, lean - ing

Refrain

on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from
 on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

all a - larms; lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Or, "fellowship"

In a letter to two grieving friends, A. J. Showalter quoted Deuteronomy 33:27, "... underneath are the everlasting arms." Showalter then wrote this music and the refrain and sent them to E. A. Hoffman to provide the stanzas.

Tune: LEANING 5.5.9.D. with refrain
 Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the
 moun-tains and the hills will break forth be-fore you; there'll be
 shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will
 clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the
 field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will
 clap their hands, the trees of the field will
 clap their hands while you go out with joy.

U.S.A.
 Isaiah 55:12
 THE TREES OF THE FIELD

Words: Steffi Geiser Rubin, 1950—
 Music: Stuart Dauermann, 1944—
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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!

Lakeview's Mission of the Month: APRIL

Childhood Food Solutions is Lakeview's mission for the month for April. This small local program provides food for hungry children in the Roll Hill neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods 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 and sacks to needy families identified by school personnel. In our current political climate, with major cuts in safety-net programs, your financial assistance for this private sector program is needed more than ever. You can read more about this program in the April Lakeview Link or on the AIM bulletin board in the church lobby. See Linda Overholt if you have any questions.

DONATIONS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY:

- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Mayonnaise
- Salad dressing
- Pickles



April: Condiments

- Relish
- Ranch dressing
- Soy sauce
- Barbeque sauce
- Salsa

Our Settled Pastor Search Team recommended Pastor Anthony Spearhart for the position of Settled Pastor.

At the conclusion of today's service the congregation will meet to consider his candidacy and vote on calling him to be our Settled Pastor.



After the postlude, we ask everyone to exit the sanctuary space. Upon re-entering the sanctuary for the congregational meeting, please stop at the table at the back of the sanctuary to pick up your ballot (along with any proxy ballots you have been assigned).

This will be a written vote, and we ask all members to remain in the sanctuary while the votes are tallied.



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! When you think of Kroger for your groceries you can contribute to Lucc at the same time. It really does make a difference!

Step-by-step instructions found here:

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

THIS WEEK at Lakeview



TODAY

- 10:00 AM Harmony UU
- 10:15 AM Sunday Worship
Sunday School- CR
- 11:30 AM Congregational Meeting

Monday, April 20

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

Tuesday, April 21

- 5:30 PM Cub Scouts-
FH/CR/Rm 8/9
- 8:00 PM AA - FH/CR

Wednesday, April 22

- 10:00 AM Lakeview Quilters-CR
- 12:00 PM AA Meeting - FH
- 6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM NAR-Anon - CR
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, April 23

- 7:00 PM AA Meeting— FH
- 7:00 PM Al-Anon — CR

Friday, April 24

Saturday, April 25

- 8:30 AM AA Meeting- rm 8

*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;
John & Kathy;
Patsy (friend of Pam)
Irina Hall & family



Birthdays this Week

Craig Cange (22)
Natalie Brown (25)



Office Hours this week to include:

*Tuesday 10-3; Thursday 10-2; Sunday 1-4p.
Add'l service, remote & rehearsal hours vary.*

Email: info@lakeviewucc.com



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!

