



LAKEVIEW

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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August 17th, 2025

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

Irina Hall

Welcome and Announcements

Time of Centering

Irina Hall

Call to Worship

One: In faith, Abraham and Sarah set out for a new land.

Many: In faith, we seek to follow God as we travel through life.

One: In faith, the church seeks to discern the future to which God calls us in our age.

Many: In faith, we gather now to worship, seeking new life in Christ.

ALL: *God of present, past, and future, guide us now into your new age of promise.*

Hymn of Welcoming *My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff* (v.1-3) #418

Invocation (unison)

Creator, Redeemer, and Spirit of all holiness, be in our midst with your power and your love. We wait upon you in stillness and patience because you turn strength into weakness and weakness into strength. In the moments of victory and joy you lift us up on wings of flight. In the days of routine and duty you enable us to run a sure course without weariness or collapse. In the hours of pain and fear, in the times of trial, in the nights of grief and death, you help us walk, hand-held and step-steadied, so that we do not faint. You are our God and we are your people. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS (see insert)

Hymn of Rejoicing *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (v.1-3) #31

Passing the Peace of Christ

One: The Peace of Christ be with you

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us share this peace with one another.

Call to Prayer

I Need You Every Hour (v.1)

#517

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-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.

Special Music

Amazing Grace
arr. John Gibson

Chuck Mc Osker, *clarinet*

Hebrews 11:29- 12:2

Luke 12:49-56

Morning Message

KEEP RUNNING

REV. RUTH HOPKINS

Hymn of Rejoicing

Be Not Dismayed (v.1 - 3)

#460

Word About Giving

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

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)

We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of
love, of peace. Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage.
Amen.

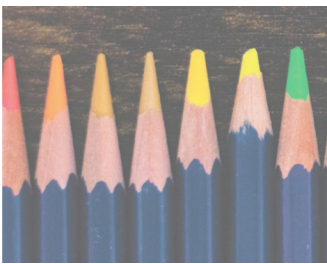
Hymn of Sending Forth

The Trees of the Field

Benediction and Blessing

Postlude

Irina Hall



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



Opening Prayer

- One: :** God our teacher, who helps us to understand the world around us, Thank you for the privilege of education. You have blessed our communities with teachers who take new skills and concepts and pass them along to each new class of young people.
- Many:** God who came as a child to show us how to be fully human, to show us how to be children of God, You have given our children minds that grow and develop in unique ways, at unique speeds, and we are astounded by that miracle.
- One:** You speak to us through the words, actions, play, and feelings of children. You call us to listen to the Spirit speaking through our young siblings in Christ.
- Many:** We celebrate the beginning of this school year and ask for your blessings upon the children, the educators, the administrators, janitors, bus drivers, lunch room workers, librarians, and the families and friends who support them all.
- One:** But in this celebration of education and learning, we do not forget there are children, families and teachers who do not have the resources they need. When systems are unjust, the outcomes are unacceptable.
- Many:** Today we remember those who are beginning school this year: those who have what they need to learn and grow in safety, and those who lack supplies, teachers, safe buildings, and accommodations for all needs and abilities.
- ALL:** We come to worship together, to lift up our young people and all those who care for them and teach them. Amen.

Time for Gathering

- One:** This school year, may you remember that you are loved.
- Many:** This school year, may you be curious and kind, gentle and strong, brave and loving.
- One:** May these tags remind you that God is always with you. As you sit and as you stand, as you learn and as you play, in every fear and every celebration, may you know God is always there.

Prayer for the School Year (unison)

God of fresh starts and new beginnings,
we bring ourselves, our big feelings, and our backpacks to you.
In our backpacks, we carry blank pages, sharpened pencils, and pointy
crayons, and in our hearts, we carry big feelings, unanswered questions,
and hopeful expectations.
There are endless possibilities of what this new year might bring—
of what we might learn, who we might meet, and who we might become.
God, our friend who is always with us, be with us through it all.
Be with us as we ride the bus.
Be with us as we walk.
Be with us as we buckle seat belts, zip-up jackets, and tie shoes.
However we get there, and whatever we wear,
bless this journey into something new.
Thank you for our teachers, helpers, caregivers, and leaders,
and for all they do to help us learn and grow.
God, our friend who's full of wonder, our hearts and bless our hands.
Amen.

Sending

One: Children, families, and all who love them, go out into the beautiful
world that God has made!
ALL: Go and play!
Go and learn!
Go and love others!
May you be filled with lovingkindness for yourself and
everyone around you.
May the prayers of your faith community keep you safe,
healthy, and full of joy.
Amen



My Faith, It Is an Oaken Staff

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Thomas T. Lynch, 1855; alt.

1 My faith, it is an oak - en staff, the trav-eler's well-loved aid;
 2 My guide is Je - sus Christ whose steps, when trav-el - ers have trod,
 3 My faith, it is an oak - en staff, O let me on it lean.

My faith, it is a song of trust, sus - tains me un - dis - mayed.
 Wheth - er be - neath was flint - y rock or yield-ing grass-y sod,
 My faith pro - vides the ground of hope, sup - ports a pur - pose keen.

I'll trav-el on and still be stirred by si - lent thought or so - cial
 They car-ried on, their joy un-spent; through pain and trial they on - ward
 Your Spir - it, God, up - on me send, that I may be what you in -

word; By all my per - ils un - de - terred, a pil - grim un - a - fraid.
 went, Un - stayed by plea - sure, still they bent their zeal - ous course to God.
 tend. With pa - tient cour-age, we'll con-tend as ra - diant saints se - rene.

A gifted Congregational minister in London, Thomas T. Lynch was the subject of controversy within the churches upon the publication of his hymn collection, The Rivulet, which received poor reviews. This hymn was labeled Lynch's "best" when it appeared in Congregational Praise (1951).

Tune: THE STAFF OF FAITH 8.6.8.6.8.8.8.6.
 Swiss folk melody
 Fellowship Hymn Book, 1910

All Things Bright and Beautiful

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Cecil F. Alexander, 1848; alt.

*Unison
Refrain*

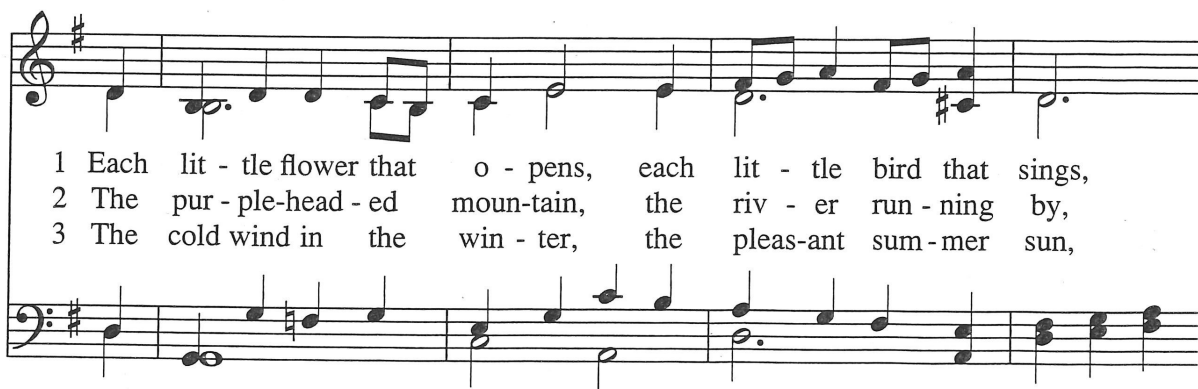


All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

Last time, end

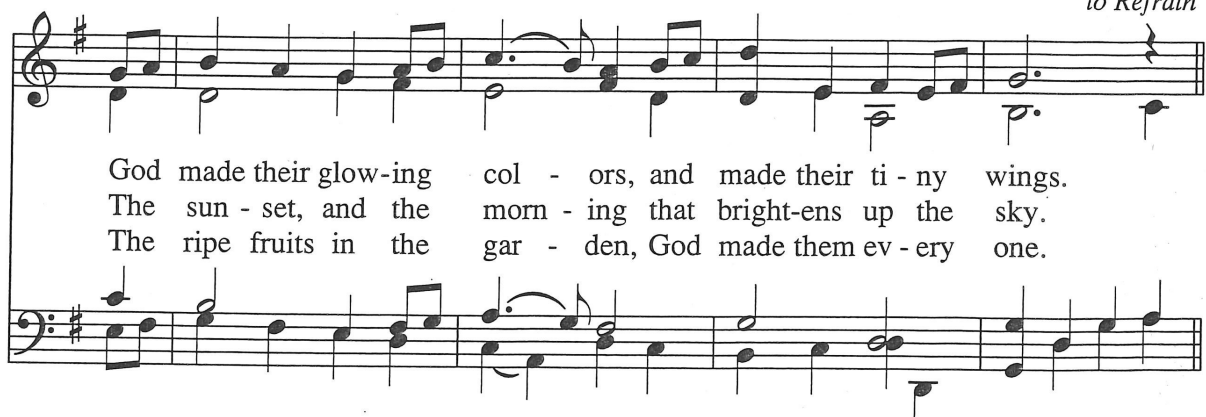


All things wise and won - der - ful, our dear God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,

to Refrain



God made their glow-ing col - ors, and made their ti - ny wings.
The sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky.
The ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.

This hymn for children is based on the first article of the Apostles' Creed: "Maker of heaven and earth." The English hymnwriter Cecil Frances Alexander was married to William Alexander, who became bishop of Ireland.

Tune: ROYAL OAK 7.6.7.6. with refrain
English melody
Adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915

I Need You Every Hour

Annie S. Hawks, 1872; alt.
Refrain added by Robert Lowry, 1872; alt.

1 I need you ev - ery hour, O God of grace;
2 I need you ev - ery hour, in faith or fear;
3 I need you ev - ery hour, in joy or pain;
4 I need you ev - ery hour; teach me your will,

the peace your voice af - fords, I now em - brace.
temp - ta - tions lose their power when you are near.
come quick - ly and a - bide or life is vain.
and your rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.

Refrain

I need you, how I need you! Ev - ery hour I need you;

O bless me now, my Sav - ior; I come to you.

First sung at a convention of the National Baptist Sunday School Association, this hymn was used by Dwight Moody and Ira Sankey in both England and the United States. Annie S. Hawks, a Baptist, was the author of some 400 hymns.

Tune: NEED 6.4.6.4. with refrain
Robert Lowry, 1872

Be Not Dismayed

(God Will Take Care of You)

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Civilla D. Martin, 1904; alt.

Ps. 91

1 Be not dis-mayed what-e'er be-tide, God will take care of you;
2 Through days of toil when heart grows frail, God will take care of you;
3 All you may need God will pro-vide, God will take care of you;
4 No mat-ter what may be the test, God will take care of you;

Be-neath God's wings of love a-bide, God will take care of you.
When dan-gers fierce your path as-sail, God will take care of you.
Noth-ing you ask will be de-nied, God will take care of you.
Lean, wea-ry one, up-on God's breast, God will take care of you.

Refrain

God will take care of you, through ev-ery day, o'er all the way;

God will take care of you, God will take care of you.
take care of you

This early hymn by Civilla Martin was written in 1904 and set to music by her husband, a Baptist minister, as a contribution to a songbook he was compiling for a school. This is one of several such collaborations.

Tune: MARTIN C.M. with refrain
W. Stillman Martin, 1905

The Trees of the Field

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.

Words: Steffi Geiser Rubin, 1950-

Music: Stuart Dauermann, 1944-

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Isaiah 55:12

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

AUGUST MISSION: REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

Sponsoring Refugees. Strengthening Communities.

Last August we began the journey to support a refugee family through the Welcome Corps program. “The Welcome Corps” allows private US citizens to sponsor refugees who have been approved for resettlement in the US by the US Refugee Admissions Program. Sponsors provide needed support for the first 90 days and continue to help them reach independence. On January 17, 2025, we welcomed Cesar, Maryory, and their two children, Cesar Arturo (14) and Marsella (11), refugees from Venezuela. Four of the five sponsor members are from Lakeview UCC and with the contributions of money and furnishings from the congregation the family has made great strides in beginning a new life in America.



Through their own savings, help from our Go fund Me site, and the sponsors, the family now has a used car, increasing their independence and opening new opportunities. We knew new tires would be needed at the time of purchase, however it is not in their budget to afford this expense right now. Our August mission giving will enable the family to purchase the tires, be safe in driving, and help them locate better paying jobs.

In February of 2025 we received word that the Welcome Corp program had been terminated, eliminating both the support staff that were helping our 5 member sponsor group under the Welcome Corp umbrella and the pathway for any additional refugees to enter the US. Their SNAP benefits will also be terminated at their next recertification appointment. This is one of those rare times when you see clearly where your giving is needed and the people that it will help. We are the people that “We the People” refers to, and we can represent the welcoming people that we are called to be.



Join Rev. Ruth on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am on August 17 and 24 in the Conference Room for coffee, donuts, and discussion. We will get to know each other and see if there is any interest in an Adult Education class.

If you'd like to join us, just come with your favorite morning beverage (unless its coffee) and join us in the Conference Room. Also, visit Pastor Ruth's bulletin board near the office to indicate your interest in days, times, and topics.



The August Just for Lunch will be held on Monday, August 25th at 12:30pm at deShā's on Montgomery Rd. 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

DONATIONS FOR KINGS FOOD PANTRY:

URGENT NEEDS!

- Condiments- ketchup, mustard, mayo, etc.
- Dry spaghetti noodles
- 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.

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

Marshall Cange (21); Emily Kronenberger (23)

THIS WEEK at Lakeview



Today

10:00 AM Harmony UU- FH
10:15 AM Sunday Worship
1:00 PM Lumos Rehearsal

Monday, Aug 18

12:00 PM AA- FH
6:30 PM BSA Scouts- FH
7:00 PM AA - 12&12 Study -CR
7:00 PM Search team mtg -zoom
7:00 PM Lumos Rehearsal

Tuesday, Aug 19

6:30 PM BSA Scouts- FH
8:00 PM AA - FH/CR

Wednesday, Aug 20

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

Thursday, Aug 21

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

Friday, Aug 22

Saturday, Aug 23

8:30 AM AA Meeting- rm 8/9

Natalie on vacation 8/17 through 8/19; Office Hours this week: Wed, Thu, Fri 10:00a-2:00p

**“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!*