



LAKEVIEW

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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August 24th, 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 (Inspired by Psalm 71)

One: Let us worship the Holy One, our refuge, hope and trust. Our praise is continually of our God!

Many: **God will not put us to shame. God is our rock!**

One: Turn to the God who saves and delivers. Our praise is continually of our God!

Many: **God's righteousness redeems. God is our shelter!**

One: Find rest and delight in the Holy One. Our praise is continually of our God!

Many: **We lean upon the Holy One. God is our sure foundation!**

Hymn of Welcoming *Lead On Eternal Sovereign* (v.1-3) #573

Invocation (unison)*

God of the Sabbath, you make this day holy. As we gather in your name, redeem the days when our focus wandered and draw us back to you. Let your wisdom, justice, and compassion guide us. Slow our pace to attend to those things that matter. Open our understanding to the good that needs to be done. Sustain us for the challenges we face, Make your name known among us and through us. We glorify and honor you in spirit and in truth, in word and in deed, in season and out of season. Amen.

Hymn of Rejoicing *Strengthen All the Weary Hands* (v.1-2) #612

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

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

Lead, Kindly Light
Newman & Dykes, 1865

Kathy Baughman

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

Morning Message

STANDING IN THE SACRED

REV. RUTH HOPKINS

Hymn of Rejoicing

O Holy City, Seen of John (v.1 - 4)

#613

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)

Gracious and Generous God, receive these gifts in faith and trust.
Help us to be good stewards of the resources you have given to us
and bless our generosity for your glory. Amen.

Hymn of Sending Forth

The Trees of the Field

(#=clap)

*You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
There'll be shouts of joy and all the tress 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.*

Benediction and Blessing

Postlude

Irina Hall

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Lead On Eternal Sovereign

Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1887; alt.

1 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low in your way;
 2 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low not with fear,
 3 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, till sin's fierce war shall cease,

loud rings your cry for jus - tice, your call for peace this day:
 for in each hu - man con - flict your words of strength we hear:
 and all your saints to - geth - er will sing a hymn of peace;

Through prayer-ful prep - a - ra - tion, your grace will make us strong,
 That when we serve with glad - ness, you will not let us fall,
 Then all in your do - min - ion will live with hearts set free,

to car - ry on the strug - gle to tri - umph o - ver wrong.
 our trust is in your prom - ise that love will con - quer all.
 to love and serve each oth - er for all e - ter - ni - ty.

At Andover Seminary, fellow students asked Ernest W. Shurtleff to write a hymn for their graduation. This is the result. Shurtleff became a Congregational minister and in his last years established churches in Europe and did relief work during World War I.

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.
Henry T. Smart, 1836

D Em A D G D/F#

1 Strength-en all the wea - ry hands, stead - y all the
 2 Wa - ters flow in the wil - der-ness, streams break forth a -
 3 Then the ran - somed shall re - turn, they shall come to
 4 Let the wil - der - ness be glad, and the des - ert

GM7 A D E7 Asus4 A

trem - bling knees, and say to all faint hearts:
 mid ar - id des - erts, burn - ing sands turn to pools.
 Zi - on with sing - ing. Joy shall crown their heads.
 burst in - to blos - som, dance and sing for joy!

D F#m Em7 A Em7 GM7 Asus4 D

"Cour - age, cour - age, do not be a - fraid.
 Be strong, fear not, for your God is near.
 Sor - row, sigh - ing, all shall flee a - way.
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

A D/A G/A G D/F# E Asus4 A7

(1-4) Look, your God is com - ing. God comes, comes to save you.

Cour - age, cour - age, do not be a - fraid."
 Be strong, fear not, for your God is near.
 Sor - row, sigh - ing, all shall flee a - way.
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Tune: SONG OF REJOICING Irr.
 Martie McMane, 1991
 Harm. Don Brandon, 1991

Martie McMane, an ordained United Church of Christ minister, wrote many songs for worship as a pastor-evangelist in local church and national settings. This one first appeared in Worship Comes Alive, a resource developed for a denominational program, "The Evangelism Institutes."

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

O Holy City, Seen of John

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Walter Russell Bowie, 1910; alt.

Rev. 21:1-22:5; Heb. 11:16



1 O ho - ly cit - y, seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, does reign,
 2 O shame to us who rest con - tent while lust and greed for gain
 3 Give us, O God, the strength to build the cit - y that has stayed
 4 Al - read - y in the mind of God that cit - y is pre - pared:

with-in whose four - square walls shall come no night, nor need, nor pain,
 in street and shop and ten - e - ment wring gold from hu - man pain,
 too long a dream, whose laws are love, whose ways are your own ways,
 oh, how its splen - dor chal - leng - es the souls that great - ly dare,

And where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep a - gain.
 And bit - ter lips in deep de - spair cry, "Christ has died in vain!"
 And where the sun that blaz - es is your grace for all our days.
 Yes, bids us seize the whole of life and build its glo - ry there.

Tune: MORNING SONG 8.6.8.6.8.6.
 Melody from Sixteen Tune Settings, 1812
 Harm. C. Winfred Douglas, 1940

Walter Russell Bowie, Episcopal priest and seminary professor,
 was a member of the committee that prepared the Revised
 Standard Version of the Bible. This hymn expresses a hope
 for a realm of God beginning here and now.

**"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!*

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.



The August Just for Lunch will be held TOMORROW, 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.



The first Chancel Choir rehearsal of the season is **August 27th: THIS WEDNESDAY!** Returning and new singers welcome!

Handbell choir will begin rehearsals on **September 3rd**. Returning ringers, watch your email for updates. If you would like to join as a new ringer (for just a month or the whole season), please email Natalie at info@lakeviewucc.com, so we can make sure everyone has a bell assignment at the first rehearsal.



Lunch and Learn Returns on September 14!

Our guest speaker for our first Lunch and Learn of the fall will be **Terry Perdue**, the **Executive Director of Shared Harvest Food Bank** in Fairfield. See the September LINK for details, & check out the sign-up sheet in the narthex.



Please consider joining the Lunch and Learn team!

Team members help with set up/clean up, select topics/speakers, write bulletin/LINK updates, and inventory supplies for these once a month events (usually Sept-April, with a break for Advent).

We all enjoy and learn from these gatherings, generally held the second Sunday of the month; but we need more help if we are to be able to continue. Sandee and David McAlpine, Kristin Jordan, and Linda Overholt, are current members of the team, but not all of our members are available every month.

Please contact Linda Overholt if you are willing to help us out! Free training offered!!

YOUR LOCAL CINCINNATI BRASS QUINTET



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH 3:00 PM - FREEWAY BRASS

Mark your calendar now- you won't want to miss this! Freeway Brass will join us during our worship service at 10:15am Sunday morning, Sept 14th.

At 3:00pm, they will be performing a FREE public recital here at Lakeview in the sanctuary.

"Freeway Brass is an up and coming brass quintet located in Cincinnati, OH. The members met and formed the group while attending University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. Now a few years later, the quintet strives to bring a high level of performance and teaching to local communities in Ohio and Kentucky. Members of the quintet teach in over 10 school districts all across Cincinnati and Dayton as well as perform with groups such as the Springboro Wind Symphony, River's Edge Brass Band, and the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra."

You can check them out at Freewaybrass.com



TICKETS

SCAN ME



Check it out! Lumos Players Presents: **A Murder is Announced**

Aug 29-30 & Sept. 5-6 at 7:30pm at Lakeview UCC

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

Karen Baumann (26); Lynn Potts, Laura Maile (29)

THIS WEEK at Lakeview



Today

10:15 AM Sunday Worship
1:00 PM Lumos Rehearsal
2:00 PM Girl Scouts- rm 8

Monday, Aug 25

9:00 AM Preschool team Meeting
-Sanctuary
12:00 PM AA- FH
12:30 PM Just for Lunch
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 26

5:30 PM Cub Scouts- FH, CR, Rm
7-9
8:00 PM AA - FH/CR

Wednesday, Aug 27

10:00 AM Quilting Group- CR
12:00 PM AA Meeting - FH
5:00 PM Preschool Ice Cream
Social
7:00 PM NAR-Anon - rm 7
7:30 PM Chancel Choir
Rehearsal- Sanctuary

Thursday, Aug 28

5:00 PM Preschool Ice Cream
Social
7:00 PM Lumos Dress
Rehearsal
7:00 PM AA Meeting— FH
7:00 PM Al-Anon — rm 8

Friday, Aug 29

Saturday, Aug 30

8:30 AM AA Meeting- rm 8/9

Office Hours this week: Mon, Thu, Fri 10:00a-2:00p