

July 13th, 2025 | 10:15 am Worship Service | Fifth Sunday after Pentecost | Rev. Lorenzo Thomas



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Rev. Lorenzo Thomas
Guest 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: Sometimes it seems as though God is far away.

Many: There is so much trouble in the world.

One: We look to the heavens and wonder why God doesn't deal more strictly with the wicked and more compassionately with the innocent.

Many: We are overwhelmed with the needs of others.

One: The world cries out to us in its distress.
How shall we answer?

Many: We cannot pass by as though nothing is wrong.

One: How shall we answer?

Many: We cannot become so focused on ourselves that others mean nothing to us.

One: How shall we answer?

Many: We shall be the neighbor in service, reconciliation, and compassion wherever we can.

All: Let us be partners in caring for all who are in need. AMEN.

Hymn of Welcoming

Open My Eyes (v. 1-3)



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

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Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of the broken hearts, we hear the bad news continually shouted on TV, radio, in the newspapers, magazines. The whole world seems to be shrieking in pain. Innocent people are being destroyed by the whims of the wicked. Disease and pestilence reign supreme in too many parts of the world. We turn an indifferent ear to the cries of others, often because we are so overwhelmed by the needs and feel helpless in the face of such chaos.

We close our eyes. We walk away, often crossing over to the side of self-importance and indifference because we are afraid to become involved. Our society is quick to cut and slow to heal. We succumb to those who orchestrate and use our fear.

Help us, God. Heal our spirits as well as our bodies. Open our hearts and our eyes to see you so that we may be empowered to service rather than apathy. Forgive us, God of Love, forgive us. Make us ready to truly become your disciples. We ask these things in the name of the one who taught us that love is stronger than hate and fear, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Hymn of Rejoicing

We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed (v. 1-4)

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Sharing God's Peace

Call to Prayer

Precious Lord, Take My Hand (v.1)

*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand.
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

Prayers of the People

An Inclusive Lord's Prayer

by Bill Wallace,
Aotearoa/New Zealand

O most Compassionate Life-giver,
may we honor and praise you;
May we work with you to establish your new order
of justice peace & love;
Give us what we need for growth,
And help us, through forgiving others, to accept forgiveness.
Strengthen us in the time of testing, that we may resist all evil,
For all tenderness, strength and love are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

Special Music

He's Always Been Faithful

Michelle Romans & Irina Hall

Sharing the Good News

Rev. Lorenzo Thomas

Hymn of Rejoicing

They Asked, "Who's My Neighbor" (v. 1-4)

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Word About Giving

WASHINGTON UCC BACK TO SCHOOL

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[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

The Spirit Sends Us Out (v. 1)

Benediction and Blessing

Postlude

Irina Hall

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"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!"



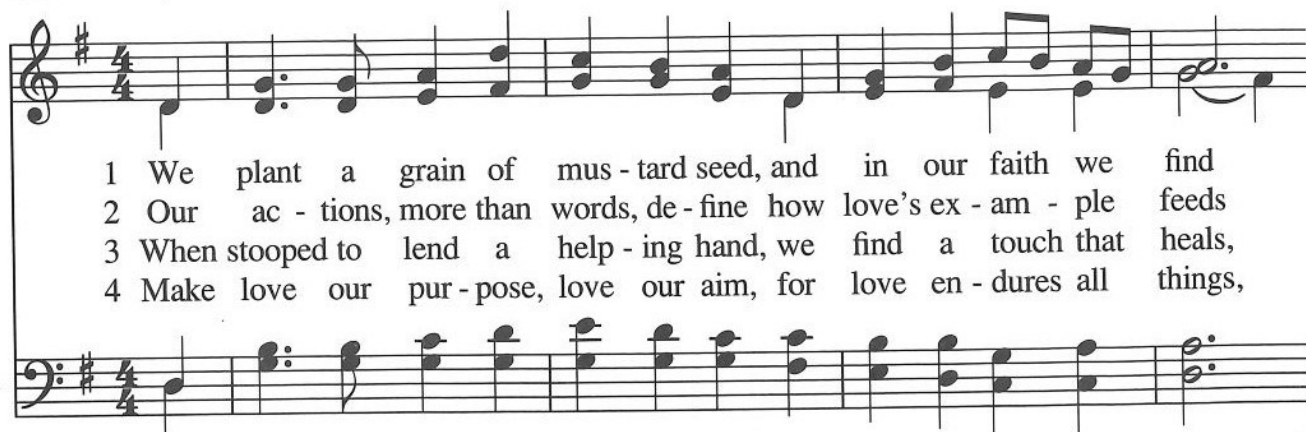
We make a point to say this from the pulpit most Sundays. We like saying it. We like what it means. It means that at Lakeview United Church of Christ you don't have to be sure about your understanding of God to worship here. It means that in this community of faith you are welcome to share your gifts 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!*

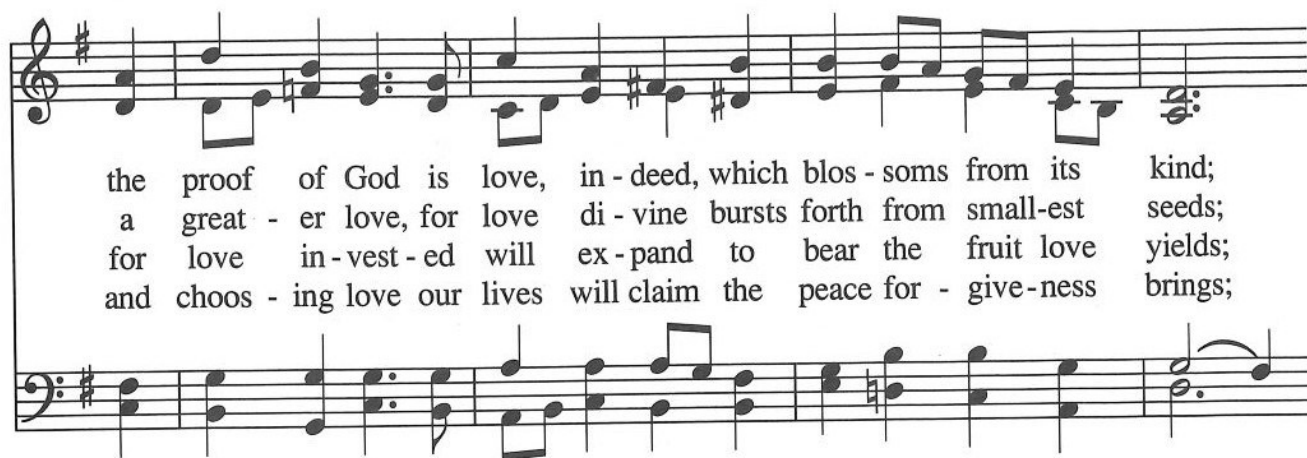
We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed

*Matt. 13:31-32; Mark 4:30-32; Luke 13:18-19;
John 13:34-35; 15:12-17*

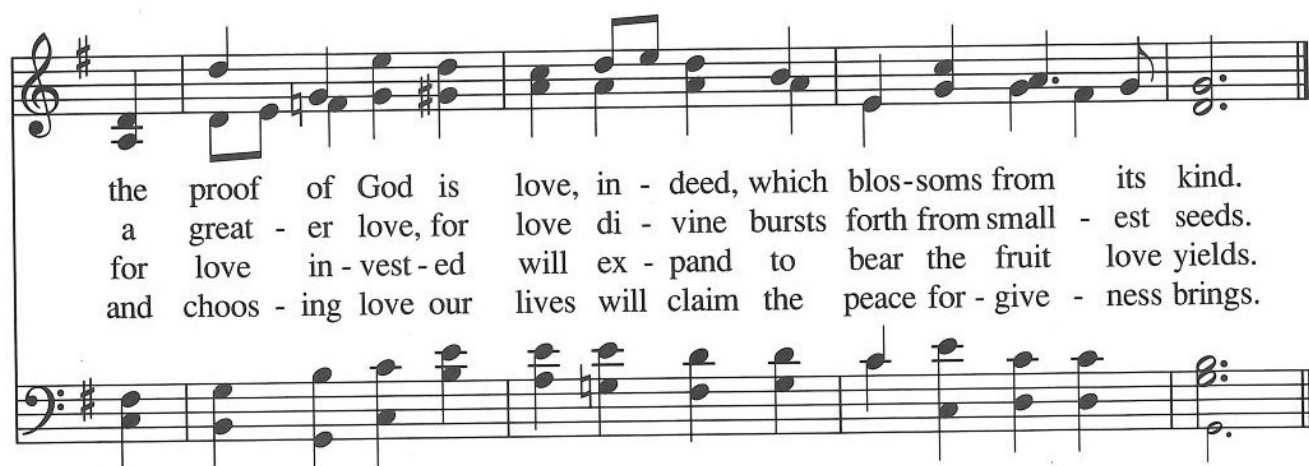
Mary Bryan Matney, 1990



1 We plant a grain of mus - tard seed, and in our faith we find
2 Our ac - tions, more than words, de - fine how love's ex - am - ple feeds
3 When stooped to lend a help - ing hand, we find a touch that heals,
4 Make love our pur - pose, love our aim, for love en - dures all things,



the proof of God is love, in - deed, which blos - soms from its kind;
a great - er love, for love di - vine bursts forth from small - est seeds;
for love in - vest - ed will ex - pand to bear the fruit love yields;
and choos - ing love our lives will claim the peace for - give - ness brings;



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They Asked, "Who's My Neighbor?"

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Jan Wesson, 1981; alt.

Luke 10:29-37

Unison

F Dm Am Gm

1 They asked, "Who's my neigh - bor and whom should I love; for
 2 There once was a trav - el - er set on by thieves who
 3 A cer - tain Sa - mar - i - tan then came a - long to
 4 I know who's my neigh - bor and whom I should love, for

F/C Dm C C7 F C

whom should I do a good deed?" Then Je - sus re - lat - ed a
 beat him and left him to die; A priest and a Le - vite each
 bind up his wounds and give aid; He took him to stay at an
 whom I should do a good deed; For Je - sus made clear in the

F Am Gm/Bb F/C C7

sto - ry and said, "It's an - y - one who has a
 saw him in pain; but they turned a - way and walked
 inn un - til well, and for all the ser - vice he
 sto - ry he told, it's an - y - one who has a

Dm Bb F/C C7 F

need, yes, an - y - one who has a need."
 by, yes, they turned a - way and walked by.
 paid, yes, for all the ser - vice he paid.
 need, yes, an - y - one who has a need.

Ruth Janelle (Jan) Wesson wrote this hymn for the dedication of her church in Nashville, Tennessee, and was encouraged to submit it to a Hymn Society competition. It was published at the society's national conference in 1982.

Tune: NEIGHBOR 11.8.11.8.8.
 Jan Wesson, 1981

The Spirit Sends Us Out

Amanda Udis-Kessler

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The Spir-it sends us out. _____ The Spir-it calls us on.
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Spir-it sends us out. _____ The Spir-it calls us on.
Spir-it sends us out. _____ The Spir-it calls us on.

_____ The Spir-it fills our hearts _____ with love un - til our doubt is gone.
_____ The Spir-it fills our hearts _____ with love un - til our hate is gone.
_____ The Spir-it fills our hearts _____ with love un - til our shame is gone.
_____ The Spir-it fills our hearts _____ with love un - til our fear is gone.

_____ Oh, Spir - it, with _____ your hope _____ we
_____ Oh, Spir - it, with _____ your joy _____ we
_____ Oh, Spir - it, with _____ your peace _____ we
_____ Oh, Spir - it, with _____ your strength _____ we

hum-bly face _____ the day. _____ We'll feed the hung - ry, heal the sick, _____ and
hum-bly face _____ the day. _____ We'll love our neigh - bors as our - selves and
hum-bly face _____ the day. _____ We'll free the priso - ner, share our wealth, and
hum-bly face _____ the day. _____ We'll wel - come all _____ to join the feast _____ and

fol - low on the way. _____
fol - low on the way. _____
fol - low on the way. _____
fol - low on the way. _____

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JULY MISSION: WASHINGTON UCC BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM



Washington United Church of Christ is located in a suburb of Cincinnati where residents face great financial challenges. The congregation is dedicated to providing outreach ministries to their neighbors in Camp Washington and surrounding low-income neighborhoods.

Washington UCC strives to partner with the citizens of Camp Washington to create a community that is safe and clean, where people have enough food, decent housing, opportunities for education and work, and live in an environment that nurtures all families.

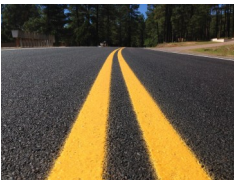
Outreach Programs include a store where residents can obtain clothing and household goods at no cost, community meals, a homework club for kids, boxes of food at Thanksgiving and their annual "Gifts to the Manger" program providing Christmas gifts for kids.

The Back to School program provides children connected to Washington UCC with school uniforms, hygiene items, a backpack, and school supplies.

Our donations this month will help Washington UCC ensure students in their community have what they need to succeed in school.



Please welcome our guest musician, Michelle Romans!
Our many thanks to her for sharing her time and talent with us today.



Parking Lot Closure: the Lakeview parking lot will be closed from **Monday July 28 through Friday August 1st**. The building will be available to groups who still wish to hold regularly scheduled meetings during this time, just be sure to plan ahead and make alternate parking arrangements.



Mark your calendars! 10am-12:30pm, **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.

VOLUNTEER AT MATTHEW 25 AND STAY FOR LUNCH



Our neighbors at Harmony UU, have invited us to join them for a service project at Matthew 25. Typically, volunteers sort and pack donations.



MATTHEW 25:
— MINISTRIES —
M25M.ORG

DATE: Saturday, September 13th TIME: 11 AM-1 PM

Matthew 25 is responding to the disaster in Texas. This is a way for us to come alongside Texans as they recover from this devastating flood.

We ask that you seriously consider a positive response to this event. We appreciate that Harmony reached out to include us and this opens the door to us asking them to join us in some of our own missions. Perhaps they will join us in food drives, diaper drives, and our product drive for Caracole next year. Working together, we can do more for our community.

Children are welcome to attend along with an adult.

There is a signup sheet in the lobby. The folks at Harmony would like to know soon how many will attend, so they can make arrangements with Matthew 25. Please include your email and the number attending. We will send you a link to Harmony's "Sign Up Genius" page and there is also a volunteer waiver to sign.

Harmony has also suggested that we join them for lunch in M25's new onsite café once our shift is over.

Questions? Contact Sandee at Sandeemc8@gmail.com



The July Just for Lunch will be held on Monday, July 28th at 12:30pm at Scrambler's on Hauck Rd, in Sharonville. 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

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.



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



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

Robert Alkire, April Brown (15)



Today

10:15 AM Sunday Worship
1:00 PM Lumos Rehearsal

Monday, July 14

11:00 AM AA- FH
6:30 PM BSA Scouts- FH
7:00 PM AA - 12&12 Study -CR
7:00 PM Lumos Rehearsal

Tuesday, July 15

8:00 PM AA - FH/CR

Wednesday, July 16

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

Thursday, July 17

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

Friday, July 18

Saturday, July 19

8:30 AM AA Meeting- rm 8/9

Office Hours this week: Sunday until 1pm; Tuesday 1-5pm; Thursday & Friday 10a-2p