

Lakewood United Methodist Church
Virtual 10:00 am Sunday Worship LkwdUMC.org

May 2, 2021

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



When we take up permanent residence in a life of love, we live in God and God lives in us. The Christian life is more than good intentions but demands from us that we live a life of love ... as God lives in us. And sometimes it is not easy to live a Christian life, is it? In what ways do you reflect God's love? How can you better witness to God's love in your life today?

PRELUDE (9:58)

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on John 15:1-8

We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.

If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:

May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

HYMN 328

Christ Is Alive

PRAYER

OFFERING

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SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:7-21

IMPACT SONG

MOMENT FOR GOD'S CHILDREN

HYMN 397

I Need Thee Every Hour

MESSAGE

GOD'S FIRST LOVE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

IMPACT SONG

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

*Altar Flowers: In memory of my daughter, Kelly,
with love Julia Leifer.*

Prayer Concerns: Pastor Robin Dillon, Leroy UMC and LUMC as we transition pastoral leadership. Mike Stunck and his sister Anne, Shirley Bates, Jerry Bell, Lisa Herschfield, John Jaissle, Carolyn King, Jay Miller, Eva Smith, Lucy Bredeson Smith, Sally Smith, Brian Smith, Gay Whieldon, Mary Ellen Zimmermann, and our shut-ins.

Leading us today:

Pastors: Dan Bryant and Laura Jaissle

Musicians: Julie Stunck, Hal Lissow,

Brendan Smith, Heather Doerschuk,

John Russell, Helen Kohler, Bill Myers, Todd Cushing

Children Ministry: Shannon Lubas

Liturgist: Katie Coleman

Tech Team: Scott Ernst, Palmer Chin, Karson Collins

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Awakening

8:30am

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“Be still, and know that I am God”

Psalm 46:10

Light of Christ,
Light of Christ,
Shine on Our Path,
Shine on Our Path,
Chase away all darkness,
Chase away all darkness,
and lead us to the heart of God.
and lead us to the heart of God.

Invocation

Almighty God, you have chosen to speak to us through prophets and wise leaders and most clearly through your son, Jesus Christ. Grant unto us now the ability to hear, understand, and obey him whom you sent. Amen.

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

Prayers of the People (People respond “Lord, Hear our prayers”)
Lord’s Prayer

Holy Communion

This service is led by Rev. Ken Moody-Arndt
Suggestions for worshipping at *Awakening*:

- Sit in a very upright posture, straight, yet relaxed.
- Place feet flat on floor.
- Take a few slow, deep breaths to relax.
- Listen closely to the scripture as it is read. Is there a **word, image, or phrase** that lingers in your mind? After each reading there will be a time of silence to reflect, allowing God to speak through the Word.
- When thoughts of the world enter your mind, focus on taking slow, deep breaths instead of your “to do” list.
- Remember being still takes practice. Do not give up.

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Community Meal

Saturday, May 8th at 5:30pm

Volunteers welcome at 4:00pm

Pastor Dan’s Retirement

Dan’s last Sunday with LUMC will be June 13th. We hope, with proper covid protocol, to be able to celebrate the ministry career of Dan on that Sunday during and after morning worship.

Dan’s Retirement for East Ohio Conference will be live streamed via Annual Conference on Thursday June 17th at 2pm. More details to come.

Church Building Hours

Monday – Thursday; 8:00am – 2:00pm

The building is CLOSED Fridays