

LAKWOOD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

A Just Peace Church
An Open and Affirming Church
A Creation Justice Church
10:30 am
November 20, 2022

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE

Lucille Ruga, Liturgist

People come and go in the market place;
they see others in different hues;
here there are black and white, indigenous and immigrant,
a rainbow people but truly together,
a people of one family.
We seek to bear each other's burdens;
we seek to share each other's joys;
we share our happiness and our sorrows;
why then do some seek to make us enemies?
We are one family, God's people,
a rainbow people whose song is love.

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PRELUDE

Wendeyaho

Native American /arr. HKJ

* OPENING SENTENCES

Patience Strong, 1907-1990

Thankful may I ever be for everything that God bestows.

**Thankful for the joys and sorrows,
for the blessings and the blows.**

Thankful for the wisdom gained through hardships and adversity.

Thankful for the undertones as well as for the melody.

Thankful may I ever be for benefits both great and small —

and never fail in gratitude for that divinest gift of all:

the love of friends that I have known in times of failures and success.

O may the first prayer of the day be always one of thankfulness.

* HYMN

Come, O Thankful People, Come

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SCRIPTURE LESSON

Let us prepare ourselves for the word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture. **Our hearts and minds are open.**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us. **Thanks be to God.**

CONTEMPORARY READING *Change My Ways* Angela Topping, 1954

***HYMN** *We Plow the Fields and Scatter* **See Insert**

SERMON A Brimming Basket Rev. Kim P. Wells

RITUAL OF THANKSGIVING

*Hymn We Praise You, O God **420**

Response: God is Good.

ANTHEM *We Come to Sing Our Joyful Songs* Irish trad./ arr. HKJ

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Lakewood United Church of Christ, as part of the Church Universal is to:

- Celebrate the presence and power of God in our lives & in our world.
- Offer the hospitality and inclusive love of Christ to all people.
- Work for God's peace and justice throughout creation.
- **MORNING OFFERING**
- Morning offerings may be brought forward and placed in the plates on the altar. You are invited to write your prayer requests on the sheets provided in the bulletin and bring them forward and place them in the basket on the altar. If you would like assistance, please turn to someone seated near you.

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- **Offertory** *Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring* J.S.
Bach

- ***Prayer of Dedication** Susan Hardwick,
adapted

- When the seasons of our lives
- have been completed,
- when the time comes
- ' for the harvest to be gathered in,
- may the fruit of our labours
- and our living and our loving
- be pleasing to God,
- the source of life. Amen.

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- **REAPING THE HARVEST** Danielle
Hintz

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 - ***On land originally inhabited by the Tocabaga***