

<>< *Lacey United Methodist Church Prayer Page* ><>

<>< YOUR WILL, LORD GOD, BE DONE ~ NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS, NOTHING ELSE <><

**For God's Healing & Discernment** ~ CoVid sufferers & Care Givers; Barbara Dmiczak; Casimir Kowalczyk; Tom & Bonnie M.; Millie L.; Mary Rose K.; Alexa DeRose; George & Adrienne Melnyk; Ike & Joan Icenhower; Thomas Helle; Susan Schlotter; Daryl Simmons; Jay J; Nancy D; Dee & Paul Burrowes; Colleen Brandt; Peg & Bob Bea; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Ray MacPherson; Larry Radomski; Peg & Will Cotton; Barkley Family; Mihalkovitz/Przybylski Families; Marjorie Moore; Bev Krott; Charles Cometa Jr.; Peggy LaPorta; Sandi Smith; Terry S.; Gesine Klein; Tony Kosciuk, Dee & Jessica Maffucci; Joan McGavin; Cindy Dreher; Nancy Dean; Shannon Kelly Callahan; Allyson Cotton; Lisa Burger; Patricia Potter; Sally & Trevor Potter; Kenny & Kathie Pitman: BettyAnn Britton; Tommy Britton; Dawn Marie & Stash Kuch; Kyle Kuch; Gail Matuska; Phyllis Smith; Bill Jones; Rosalie Mulvaney; Sue & Rich Newman; Bill Hults; Bill & Becky Buglione; Melody Pryor-Tasco; Lorraine, Katrina & Peter Borchester; Sally & Don McErlean; Hunter; Pat Grant; Bill Keyworth; Deb Burnette; Shannon, Noel, & Brandon Weaver; our whole Church Family.

**For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss** ~ Covid19 Victims; Macon Cotton Jr. Family; Ellie Keyworth Family; Fred Weidemann Family; Bernie & Dot Novack's Family; Danny Taylor Family; Richard Dickon Family; Lazarus Family

**Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer** ~ Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

**For Those Serving in the Military** ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; Kevin Carhart; Luke Derflinger; Randall D. Donithan; Ellen Hammer; Gavin Hammer D'Adamo; Raymond Kitson; James Lubbers; T. Ryan McDonald; Ryan Palmieri; Daniel Schenker; Jason Schenker; for all Soldiers; Sailors; Marines; Airmen; & Guards-Men/Women of our Armed Forces.

**For the Ministries of our Church** ~ Bible Studies; Christian Education; Community Outreach; DOC Connection Ministries; Extension Ministries; Finance Team; Healing Ministries; Hope Chest Food Pantry; Hospitality & Welcoming Team; Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe; Kúrios' Kids; Music Programs; How It Works and Why; AA Group; Senior Ministries; SHALOM for the Homeless; Stewardship Team; Summer Lunch for Lacey's Kids; The Tuesday & Thursday Hot Lunch Mission; Youth Ministries.

**For Greater NJ Annual Conference** ~ Bishop John & Beverly Schol; DS Rev Dr. Gina Hendrickson; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

**World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas** ~ People of The Balkans – Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia; Ohio, Oklahoma; Lacey Township Committee, Leaders & First Responders; Senators; Congressmen and leaders of our United States of America; Uniting of all American political parties; President Joe Biden & Vice President Kamala Harris; Gov. Murphy, NJ Officials working to end CoVid19; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.

 *Lacey United Methodist Church*

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Thank You to All Who Share Their Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, Witness & Time!

*Easter Sunday - April 4, 2021*

*Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ to All Visitors, Members, Family and Friends!*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

Christ is Risen: **The world below lies desolate**

Christ is Risen: **The spirits of evil are fallen**

Christ is Risen: **The angels of God are rejoicing**

Christ is Risen: **The tombs of the dead are empty**

Christ is Risen indeed from the dead, the first of the sleepers, Glory and power are his forever and ever

**Hymn ~ Christ the Lord is Risen Today #302**

**Children's Message**

**Ministry of Giving and Prayer of Dedication**

Mighty God of Resurrection power: We so desperately need the "Alleluia!" morning! We have lived with death for so long; we have been trapped in our tombs so long, we could not be more anxious to hear the report from Mary, "I have seen the Lord!" We know in our hearts that you have been with us through all the past year has handed us, and we have seen you in the generosity of heart that has brought us through these days. As we give back to you this day, may we do so as those convinced that light will always wash away darkness, and life will always defeat death! In the name of

our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

**Praise Song ~ Love was When**

Shared by Sherry Exel and Cynthia Pedemonti

**Scripture ~ Mark 16:1-8**

Shared by Alease & Ken King

**Message: "Now What?"**

**Hymn ~ Up From the Grave He Arose #322**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession**

Christ, we come to the empty tomb,  
we see our own death,  
we see our own tomb, we see our own emptiness.  
And we remember how we have treated other people—  
members of our family, friends and neighbors.

**Lord, we come to your tomb,  
we see a hungry world before us, the pain of starving  
children, the guilt of war on our hands,  
and we know that collectively we share in those  
injustices.**

Lord we come to the empty tomb,  
we search within ourselves and we cannot escape what we  
are, people caught up in the pain of our own wrongdoing,  
for some a deep sense of loneliness  
and a frustration of what we would be but are not.

**Lord, when we come to the empty tomb,  
we lay before you our pain,  
our emptiness and look to you for hope.**

People of God,  
why do you seek the living among the dead in an empty  
tomb? Are you afraid, are you uncertain, and are you  
uncomfortable here?

**Our wounds are deep,  
we have turned away from that man,  
we have broken with him and seek his fellowship.**

*(Silent Reflection and Confession)*

Do not dwell on your wounds any longer  
for he has risen to heal you,  
he has risen to forgive you;  
he has risen to change us all and bind us together now.  
Christ has risen to forgive us.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.  
You formed us in your image and breathed into us the  
breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed,  
your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from  
captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,  
brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey,  
and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of  
heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the  
highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to  
sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water  
and the Spirit. By your great mercy we have been born anew  
to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from  
the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable,  
undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now

we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

**Hymn ~ Because He Lives #364**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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## *Songs for Easter Sunday*

**Christ the Lord is Risen Today #302**

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and Heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing ye, heavens and earth reply, Alleluia.

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our Glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, o death, is now thy sting, Alleluia!  
Once He died, our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has lead, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

### **Love was When**

Love was when God became a man,  
Locked in time and space,  
Without rank or place.  
Love was God, born of Jewish kin,  
Just a carpenter with some fishermen,

Love was when Jesus walked in history,  
Lovingly He brought a new life that's free.  
Love was God, nailed to bleed and die,  
To reach and love one such as I.

Love was when God became a man,  
Down where I could see  
Love that reached to me  
Love was God, dying for my sin,  
And so trapped was I, my whole world caved in.

Love was when Jesus rose to walk with me  
Lovingly He brought a new life that's free.  
Love was God, only He would try,  
To reach and love one such as I....  
To love one such as I.

### **Up From the Grave He Arose #322**

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus, my Savior,  
Waiting the coming day, Jesus, my Lord!

Up from the Grave He arose!  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes,  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And He lives forever, with his saints to reign,  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah, Christ arose.

Vainly, they watch His bed, Jesus, my Savior,  
Vainly, they seal the dead, Jesus, my Lord!

Up from the Grave He arose!  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes,  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And He lives forever, with his saints to reign,  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah, Christ arose.

Death cannot keep Its prey, Jesus, my Savior,  
He tore the bars away, Jesus, my Lord!

Up from the Grave He arose!  
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes,  
He arose a victor from the dark domain,  
And He lives forever, with his saints to reign,  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah, Christ arose.

### **Because He Lives #364**

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus,  
He came to love, heal and forgive,  
He lived and died, to buy my pardon,  
An empty grave is there to prove, my Savior lies!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives, all fear is gone!  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living, just because He lives!

And the. One day, I'll cross that river,  
And fight life's final war with pain,  
And then as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory, and I'll know he reigns.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives, all fear is gone!  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living, just because He lives!

The vision and mission of Lacey United Methodist Church is to welcome, nurture and serve all. Sharing God's grace with open arms.  
Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the Glory of God.

**Virtual Bible Study Opportunities - Thursdays 9AM & 6:45 PM**  
Please contact the LUMC Office to receive the virtual link!

*The flowers that grace our Altar today are given in Glory to God;  
And In Memory of Loved Ones and  
For the Future of our Church and World. Love Dottie & Bill*

**ShopRite Gift Card Fundraiser**

ShopRite makes a \$50 donation to LUMC for every \$1,000 we sell in ShopRite gift cards! Cards are available through the LUMC Office. All you have to do is buy cards through LUMC and shop at ShopRite!

**FINANCIAL STATISTICS – March 28, 2021**

**Attendance ~ 70 via Facebook Views**

**Envelope Offerings ~ \$430.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$864.76**  
**Brick Campaign ~ \$370.00 “Match” Giving ~ \$451.00**  
**Joy of Angels transfer to General Fund ~ \$1,115.31**  
**Joy of Angels transfer to Building Improvements ~ \$1,115.31**  
**Media Upgrade ~ \$100.00**

Thank you for your continued support of LUMC! We GREATLY appreciate your generosity! If you are able, please explore giving on-line by using Vanco for electronic giving (details below) or mail your tithes and offerings to LUMC PO Box 151 Forked River, NJ 08731. GNJAC has set up separate accounts for every local Church if you would like to use your credit or debit card to share your tithe and offerings you may do so by visiting [gnjumc.org/onlinegiving](http://gnjumc.org/onlinegiving).

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- 1) Visit our website at [laceyumc.org](http://laceyumc.org)
  - 2) Click **Electronic Giving**, then follow the instructions
- Or scan the image you see here to locate the giving page:  
Contact the LUMC office for more information 609.693.5222



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**Membership class is forming at Lacey UMC**

Interested in becoming a church member? Please contact the LUMC Office 609.693.5222 or [laceyumcnj@gmail.com](mailto:laceyumcnj@gmail.com) to learn more about our membership class happening in April!

**Memorial Brick Orders are still available!**

4" x 8" Brick / 3 lines / 18 characters each line including spaces = \$50  
8" x 8" Brick / 6 lines / 18 characters each line including spaces = \$100  
Contact Elaine Brandt for more information. Please visit our website or contact the LUMC Office for an order form!

**Hope Chest Food Pantry is open on**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12PM to 2PM!**

**Volunteers needed!** Contact the LUMC Office to learn more!

**Free Meal Distribution on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12PM**

Call the LUMC Office 609.693.5222 to register so we know how many meals are needed for your family. Thank you!

*Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe*

**Hours of Operation:**

Thursdays ~ 8:00AM – 11:00AM  
Fridays & Saturdays ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM

UMC's New Birth Committee is pleased to announce that we will be having our first church-wide discussion concerning Human Sexuality and the coming separation of the UMC. Rev. Tom Lank will be presenting information about the history of this issue in the UMC and the legislation that will be brought before the 2022 General Conference that will probably guide the separation process. Please plan to join us virtually for this important discussion on **Thurs., April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**.

Questions? Please contact the LUMC Office or Pastor Jonathan.

**Drama Club at LUMC – Tuesdays 5pm-6:30pm starting**

**May 4<sup>th</sup>!** This is a free club open to all children of reading age up until age 18. Children will learn acting techniques, improv, monologues, discipline, as well as how to prepare for an audition and work with scripts that deal with Christian themes. Contact Dominic 732.904.9945 or [donnieg777@hotmail.com](mailto:donnieg777@hotmail.com) for info!