

Lacey United Methodist Church

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

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

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ CoVid sufferers & Care Givers; Marjorie Moore; Bev Krott; Charles Cometa Jr.; Peggy LaPorta; Sandi Smith; Athena Scott; George K.; Terry S.; James & Becki; Millie L.; Jim M.; Pat O'Brien; Gesine Klein; Tony Kosciuk, Dee & Jessica Maffucci; Bob & Peg Bea; Joan McGavin; Cindy Dreher; Nancy Dean; Shannon Kelly Callahan; Macon & Allyson Cotton; Lisa Burger; Patricia Potter; Sally & Trevor Potter; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; BettyAnn Britton; Tommy Britton; Dawn Marie Kuch; Gail Matuska; Phyllis Smith; Bill Jones; Rosalie Mulvaney; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Sue & Rich Newman; Bill Hults; Bill & Becky Buglione; Melody Pryor-Tasco; Lorraine, Katrina & Peter Borchester; Sally & Don McErlean; Ray MacPherson; Hunter; Pat Grant; Ellie Keyworth; Deb Burnette; Shannon, Noel, & Brandon Weaver; Larry Radomski; our whole Church Family.

For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss ~ Covid19 Victims; Louis D'Autorio Family; Bob Kmiechick Family; Bill Krott Family; Denise Springer Family; Larry McGavin Family.

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ Celebrating Ray MacPherson who turned 95 on October 25th! Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

For Those Serving in the Military ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; 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 Oceania: American Samoa, Cooks Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu; Prayer for God's Will to be done on Earth; Lacey Township Committee, Leaders & First Responders; Senators; Congressmen and leaders of our United States of America; Uniting of all American political parties; President Donald

November 1, 2020

*Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ to All Visitors, Members, Family and Friends!
Today, we begin the Sermon Series "Kingdom Stewardship".*

Prelude

Welcome

*Hymn ~

Falling On My Knees #3099

(Please reflect as Dawn shares her musical gifts)

Opening Prayer

Children's Message

Ministry of Giving & Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn ~

Take My Life and Let It Be #399

(Please reflect as Dawn shares her musical gifts)

Scripture ~ Matthew 25:14-30

Message: "Kingdom Stewardship: The Responsibility"

*Hymn ~

For All the Saints #711 Vs. 1,2,4,&6

(Please reflect as Dawn shares her musical gifts)

All Saints' Day Prayer: Set in the Company of Saints

Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

The Prayer After Receiving

*Hymn ~

God Be With You Till We Meet Again #672

(Please reflect Dawn shares her musical gifts)

*Benediction

*Postlude

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Falling On My Knees #3099

Hungry, I come to You, for I know You satisfy.
I am empty, but I know Your love does not run dry.
So I wait for You, so I wait for you,
I'm falling on my knees, offering all of me,
Jesus, You're all this heart is living for.

Broke, I run to you, for Your arms are open wide.
I am weary, but I know Your touch restores my life,
So I wait for You, So I wait for you,
I'm falling on my knees, offering all of me,
Jesus, You're all this heart is living for,

I'm falling on my knees, offering all of me,
Jesus, You're all this heart is living for...
Jesus, You're all this heart is living for.

Opening Prayer

Generous God,
In abundance you give us things both spiritual and physical.
Help us to hold lightly the fading things of this earth and grasp
tightly the lasting things of your kingdom, so that what we are
and do and say may be our gifts to you through Christ, who
beckons all to seek the things above, where he lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

God, whose giving knows no ending, we offer up the treasure
that you have entrusted to us; we offer up the skills and time
that you have graciously given to us; we offer up ourselves in
service and praise. Receive these gifts by your grace. Multiply
and use them through the power of the Holy Spirit to
accomplish Christ's work of love in the world. Amen.

Take My Life and Let It Be #399

Take my life and let it be, consecrated, Lord, to Thee,
Take my moments, and my days, let them flow in ceaseless
praise.

Take my hands and let them move, at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be, swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing, always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be, filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver, and my gold. Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use, every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine,
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour, at Thy feet it's treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be, ever, only all for Thee.

Scripture Reading ~ Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who was leaving on a trip. He called his servants and handed his possessions over to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five valuable coins, ¹⁶ and to another he gave two, and to another he gave one. He gave to each servant according to that servant’s ability. Then he left on his journey. ¹⁶ “After the man left, the servant who had five valuable coins took them and went to work doing business with them. He gained five more. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had two valuable coins gained two more. ¹⁸ But the servant who had received the one valuable coin dug a hole in the ground and buried his master’s money. ¹⁹ “Now after a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The one who had received five valuable coins came forward with five additional coins. He said, ‘Master, you gave me five valuable coins. Look, I’ve gained five more.’ ²¹ “His master replied, ‘Excellent! You are a good and faithful servant! You’ve been faithful over a little. I’ll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.’ ²² “The second servant also came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two valuable coins. Look, I’ve gained two more.’ ²³ “His master replied, ‘Well done! You are a good and faithful servant. You’ve been faithful over a little. I’ll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.’ ²⁴ “Now the one who had received one valuable coin came and said, ‘Master, I knew that you are a hard man. You harvest grain where you haven’t sown. You gather crops where you haven’t spread seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid. And I hid my valuable coin in the ground. Here, you have what’s yours.’ ²⁶ “His master replied, ‘You evil and lazy servant! You knew that I harvest grain where I haven’t sown and that I gather crops where I haven’t spread seed? ²⁷ In that case, you should have turned my money over to the bankers so that when I returned, you could give me what belonged to me with interest. ²⁸ Therefore, take from him the valuable coin and give it to the one who has ten coins. ²⁹ Those who have much will receive more, and they will have more than they need. But as for those who don’t have much, even the little bit they have will be taken away from them. ³⁰ Now take the worthless servant and throw him out into the farthest darkness.’ “People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.

For All the Saints #711 Vs. 1,2,4, & 6

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who, Thee, by faith, before the world confessed.
Thy Name, oh Jesus, be forever blest,
A-a-le-lu-ia, allelujah.

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might.
Thou Lord, their captain, in the well fought fight.
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
A-al-le-lu-jah, Allelujah.

Oh blest Communion, fellowship divine,
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine.
Yet, all are one, in Thee, for all are Thine,
A-al-le-lu-jah, Allelujah.

From earth’s wide bounds, from oceans farthest shore,
Through gates of pearl streams, in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
A-al-le-lu-jah, Allelujah.

All Saints Day Prayer: Set in the Company of Saints

You are our God and we are Your people, and we are grateful that You have claimed us as your own. You have set us in the company of saints past and present, among those who have made bold witness to Your goodness and Your truth. Your Word opens up new futures where we see no way forward.

You know the places in our hearts where we are afraid
— afraid of a future we cannot control;
— afraid of losing health and independence
— afraid for the well-being of our children
— afraid that past mistakes will ruin our future

Write the stories of your people deep into our hearts so that we may learn to trust you beyond our fears. Give us hearts and minds and spirits ready to trust and follow wherever your Spirit leads, confident that you will not lead us beyond your loving embrace. We ask in Jesus' name whose outstretched arms welcome us and hold us securely in your grace. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

We have failed to love you with all our heart and to be good stewards of your creation:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy

We have failed to take up the cross of discipleship and to be good stewards of your gospel:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We have failed to be faithful members of your church and to be good stewards of your spiritual gifts:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Declaration of Forgiveness

God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

Confident in his free gift of forgiveness, I declare to you Christ's word of grace:
Your sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our 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. From everlasting to everlasting, you alone are God; you have blessed us with your grace, fed us with your manna, and nourished us with the water 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ! In his life and ministry Jesus taught us through parables and in the sermon on the mount; by his touch Jesus healed us of our sicknesses and infirmities; through his faith Jesus fed the crowds with just five loaves and two fish; and by his love Jesus delivered us from sin and death through offering himself as a sacrifice for all.

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."

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 of justice, mercy, and peace. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with your Holy Spirit in your Holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our savior Christ has taught us, let us pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Because there is one loaf, we, who we are many, are one body; for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

And the cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

The Prayer After Receiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God Be With You Till We Meet Again #672

God be with you till we meet again
By Hi counsel's guide uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you,
God be with you till we meet again.
Till we me—et, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we me—et, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

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.

*Scriptures to read & pray over in preparation for November 8
Psalm 128*

If you would like to place flowers on the Altar on a certain date in honor or in remembrance of a loved one, please contact the LUMC Office.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS ~ October 25, 2020

Attendance ~ 35 In-Person; 100 via Facebook Views

Envelope Offerings ~ \$1,085.00 Plate ~\$40.00

Flea Market (10/24/20) ~ \$120.00

Offerings via Vanco ~ \$697.50

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**Holiday Farmer's Market at LUMC
Monday, November 23 11AM-5PM**

NEW DAY! Virtual Bible Study Opportunities

Thursdays 9:00 AM & 6:45 PM

Please contact the LUMC Office if you would like to receive the virtual link!

In-Person Worship has resumed.

Volunteers are needed to assist with various worship roles (including ushers, counters, etc.). Space is limited due to social distancing practices. Please contact the LUMC Office 609.693.5222 or laceyumcnj@gmail.com to register to attend, volunteer, or obtain a copy of LUMC's re-opening guidelines.

♪ ♪ Do you have a favorite hymn that you hope to hear during Worship? Our Worship Team would like to hear from you! Please email your 5 favorite hymns/praise songs to laceyumcnj@gmail.com.

The next hymn we share may be one of your favorites! ♪ ♪

If you would like to have a Hymnal from the Sanctuary to assist in worshipping with us via LUMC FaceBook and Website please contact Joann in Church Office – 609-693-5222

Memorial Brick Orders for The Bell Enclosure Walk Way.

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

See Elaine Brandt for more information.

Thanksgiving Baskets of Plenty

Drop off Sat. 11/14 10am-12pm

If you are unable to complete a whole basket alone – would you consider teaming-up with another Church Member, Family Member or Community Member???

Here are the items needed to complete each basket:

Bag/Box Stuffing Mix

Dessert Mix & Jello

Jar of Applesauce

Canned Sweet Potatoes

Cranberry Sauce

Boxed Macaroni and Cheese

Canned Corn or Green Beans

Boxed Potatoes

Jar of Gravy