

Lacey United Methodist Church

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

February 28, 2021

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Pilgrims, we are invited to journey through this season of Lent **towards the One who calls us each by a new name.**

Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us, **pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us.**

Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us, **whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called Jesus.**

Hymn ~ Open Our Eyes & We Will Glorify the King of Kings #2086-2087

Children's Message

Ministry of Giving and Prayer of Dedication

God of all, you love us and have claimed us. You have invited us into the blessing of connection within the family of humanity whom you continue to bless. We give our tithes and offerings in celebration of the depths of our blessing and pray that they will strengthen the church across the world to bless all your children. In the holy name of Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, we pray in gratitude. Amen.

Praise Song ~ Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

Scripture ~ Ephesians 2:8-10

Message: "Restored: Who Left This Mess?"

Praise Song ~ Only By Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

Jesus revealed the great depth of your love in his determination to defeat evil even when this meant giving up his own life.

Forgive us, O God,

when we allow the power of evil to flourish because we fear that taking up one's cross would be just too costly an exercise.

Silent reflection on these words

Assurance of Pardon

Gracious and loving God, forgive our lack of trust in you;

Have mercy on us and forgive us.

Help us when we hesitate,

and strengthen us when we are weak

Breathe your Spirit afresh into our hearts and minds—our lives— so that we have the courage to follow Jesus wherever he takes us. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Hymn ~ God of Grace and God of Glory #577 vs.1&4

Benediction

Postlude

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Open Our Eyes & We Will Glorify the King of Kings
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Open our eyes, Lord
We want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him,
Open our ears, Lord,
And help us to listen,
Open our eyes, Lord
We want to see Je-sus.

We will glorify the King of Kings,
We will glorify the lamb.
We will glorify the Lord of Lords
Who is the great I AM.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty
We will bow before His throne.
We will worship Him in righteousness
We will worship Him alone.

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To reach out and touch Him,
And say that we love Him.
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And help us to listen,
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Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

My chains are gone, I've been set free,
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy reigns,
Unending love, Amazing Grace.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word, my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

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My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
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Unending love, Amazing Grace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below,
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

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

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

Only By Grace

Only by Grace can we enter,
Only by Grace can we stand
Not by our human endeavor,
But by the blood of the Lamb.
Into your presence you call us,
You call us to come.
Into Your presence You draw us,
And now, by Your Grace we come.
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Lord, if You mark our transgressions, who would stand?
Thanks to Your Grace we are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb.
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God of Grace and God of Glory #577 vs. 1&4

God of grace, and God of Glory,
On thy people pour Thy power.
Crown Thine ancient church's story,
Bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage
For the facing of these days,
For the facing of these days.

Save us from weak resignation,
To the evil we deplore.
Let the search for Thy salvation,
Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage
Serving Thee whom we adore.
Serving Thee, whom we adore.

For God's Healing & Discernment ~ CoVid sufferers & Care Givers; Ike & Joan Icenhower; Susan Schlotter; Daryl Simmons; Jay J; Nancy D; Dee & Paul Burrowes; Colleen Brandt; Peg & Bob Bea; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Ray MacPherson; Larry Radomski; Carol Horling; 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; Macon & 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 & Ellie Keyworth; Deb Burnette; Shannon, Noel, & Brandon Weaver; our whole Church Family.

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

Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer ~ Celebrating the birth of Amelia Margaret to parents Cody & Bill Woods; Great-Grandmother Margie Moore! 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 Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands; Missouri, Montana; 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.

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.

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
Sunday, March 7 – Romans 3:23-24*

Volunteer Opportunities!

- ⇒ Additional ushers are needed for in-person worship.
- ⇒ A committee is forming to discuss events/fundraisers for 2021!
Please contact the LUMC Office 609.693.5222 for more information. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated!

FINANCIAL STATISTICS – February 21, 2021

Attendance ~ 32 in-person; 40 via Facebook Views
Envelope Offerings ~ \$1,660.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$930.23
Plate ~ \$45.00 Special Event ~ \$375.00
Sanctuary Media Upgrade ~ \$200.00

Ash Wednesday ~ February 17, 2021
Attendance ~ 31 in-person; 44 via Facebook Views
Envelope Offerings ~ \$315.00 Plate ~ \$182.00
Sanctuary Media Upgrade ~ \$400.00

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.
Thank you and God bless you!!

Electronic Giving is Here! Follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit our website at 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



Shop Online? Here are two ways you could earn donations for LUMC!

- ✓ umcmarket.org - You earn for LUMC every time you click through the umcmarket.org site to shop. Sign up for free at umcmarket.org!
- ✓ [amazonsmile.com](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2279634) - Support LUMC by starting your Amazon shopping at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2279634>

Lenten Book Study Has Begun!

“Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess” by Rev. Tom Berlin. If you would like to grow spiritually this Easter Season, this study is a wonderful opportunity. If you would want to be a part of the book study, please contact the LUMC Office 609.693.5222.

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!

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.

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

Memorial Brick Orders to be submitted on March 15th!

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

New Hours of Operation:

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

Donation Drop-Off:

Thursdays from 8:00AM-11:00AM