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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; 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; 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 Hulst; Bill & Becky Buglione; Melody Pryor-Tasco; Lorraine, Katrina & Peter Borchester; Sally & Don McErlan; 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; 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 Denmark, Faroe Islands, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden; New Hampshire, New Jersey; 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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Junior Head Ushers: Kenshin Frangos & Abby Michalkowski

Counters: Rose Coram, Judy Mihalkovitz, Cynthia Pedemonti, Rich Rosfjord

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

March 14, 2021

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

We come before God not fearfully but adoringly, we worship not as a slavish duty but with delight.

God has not marked us for punishment but for salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Lift up your eyes beyond anxieties and ills to God whose glory exceeds the starry skies,
building each other up in faith and joy.

Praise Song ~ There is A Redeemer

Children's Message

Ministry of Giving and Prayer of Dedication

Great and generous God, our lives are surrounded by things that steal our lives, inflict and destroy us. The tithes and offering we share with you this day are a way of keeping us focused not on the things that would take life away but will renew our lives: hope, love, compassion, empathy. As the Israelites looked to a serpent on a pole for healing, we look to a Savior on a cross to be brought back to life. In that holy name, Jesus the Messiah, we pray. Amen.

Praise Song ~ 10,000 Reasons

Scripture ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Shared by Diane Collins

Message: “Restored: No Messing Around”

Hymn ~ Gentle Shepherd #3096

Shared by Sherry Exel & Cynthia Pedemonti

Pastoral Prayer

Call to Reconciliation

In becoming one of us, God became poor so we could receive the riches of mercy. In coming to us, God took on our death, so we could be made alive together with Christ. Come, offer your confessions, knowing that by grace you have been saved.

Prayer of Confession

The words we speak all too often do not show you in our lives, God of our pilgrimage. We spend so much time boasting to others, they imagine we have no need for you. We grumble impatiently when you don't respond immediately to our requests, but are slow to sing your praises. We mutter under our breath about the behavior of those around us, when we could be asking them if there is some way we could serve them.

It is on our journey to the cross and the tomb that you fill us with the riches of your mercy, Steadfast Love! You do so, not because of anything we have done, but because of the compassion which flows from your heart wounded by our failings. As we open our lives to receive your forgiveness, may we turn to the Light which brings us life, following Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, every step of the way.

(Time of Reflection and Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

How much does God love us? Enough to send the divine heart, hope, and spirit to us, not to condemn us, but to save us.

Not by our speaking or doing, but by God's good and precious grace are we saved. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Hymn ~ How Great Thou Art #77 Vs. 1&4

Benediction

Postlude ~ To God Be The Glory

Shared by Betty Carhart

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There is A Redeemer

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Ho-ly one.

Jesus, my Redeemer,
Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Oh for sinners slain.

Thank you, oh my Father,
For giving us your Son,
And leaving your Spirit till
The work on Earth is done.

10,000 Reasons

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Gentle Shepherd #3096

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,
For we need you to help us find our way.
Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us,
For we need your strength from day to day.

There's no other we can turn to
Who can help us face another day.
Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,
For we need you to help us find our way.

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,
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Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us,
For we need your strength from day to day.

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Who can help us face another day.
Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us,
For we need you to help us find our way.

How Great Thou Art #77 Vs. 1&4

Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all, the worlds Thy hands have made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout, the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art...How great Thou art.

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee,
How great Thou art....How great Thou art.

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.

*The flowers that grace our Altar today are given in Glory to God;
And In Memory of Papa Pete, Love Monika & Fred;
And Celebrating Everyone... Those of Irish and those who want to be!*

Easter flowers are on sale!

Please visit our website laceyumc.org or contact the LUMC Office for an order form.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS – March 7, 2021

Attendance ~ 31 in-person; 40 via Facebook Views

Envelope Offerings ~ \$2,095.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$1,019.22

Plate ~ \$25.00 Brick Campaign ~ \$210.00

Rent ~ \$1,273.09 Sanctuary Media Upgrade ~ \$100.00

“Match” Giving ~ \$5.00

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 Vespers Wednesdays at 5:30PM Via Facebook Live
Each week Pastor Jonathan will lead evening prayers and teach about different spiritual disciplines that will strengthen your faith journey. Please contact the LUMC Office for more information.

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for
Sunday, March 21 – Psalm 84:1-5*

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!

Youth Group is Back!

Meeting on Friday, 3/19 from 6PM-7PM
in Fellowship Hall.

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