

<>< *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; John E. Rue; Keith Gibbons; Christine Morgan; Joseph Ensinger; Michelle Reyes; Jeff Merceron; Mrs. Nunez; Lois Pozsar; Patrick Jemas; Helen Wooley; Gary; Sally Potter; Gary; Levi Kern; Greg R.; Frank Huscha; Rich Rosfjord; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Sara Carpini; Ronnie Sadowski; Nancy & Rev. George Reid; Andrea Almeida; Betty Carty; Cindy Kuch; Linda & John Ansbach; Bill Wehner; Rich C.; Chris Mignone; Denise Applegate; Randy M.; Lois; Sue & Rich Newman; Dawn Slate; Gail Matuska; Monika & Fred Sisbarro; Marilyn Slate; Shirley; Aubrey; Betty Carhart; Rosalie Mulvaney; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Cynthia Pedemonti; Andrea Schenker; Helen DeLa Cruz; Peg Bea; Shannon Callaghan; Will Cotton; Carole Exel; Patricia Potter; Susan Schlotter; Joan McGavin; Phyllis Smith; Bill & Becky Buglione; Lorraine; Katrina & Peter Borchester; Don McErlean; Pat Grant; our whole Church Family.

**For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss** ~ Sally McErlean Family; Jayson Cugliari Family; Don Reppert Family; Daniel Watkins Family; Kevin McGrath Family.

**Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer** ~ For the birth of Jarrett Emmanuel Chen Stapleton! Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

**For Those Serving in the Military** ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; Kevin Carhart; Luke Derflinger; Ellen Hammer; Gavin Hammer D'Adamo; Raymond Kitson; T. Ryan McDonald; Ryan Palmieri; Daniel Schenker; Jason Schenker; for all Soldiers; Sailors; Marines; Airmen; and 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; 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. Ronell Howard; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

**World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas** ~ People of Cyprus, Greece, Türkiye; Hawaii, Idaho; 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; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.



# Lacey United Methodist Church

January 21, 2024



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Head of the Church - Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God  
Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Diane Collins  
Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria  
Music Director: Dawn Slate Special Music: Betty Carhart  
Welcoming Team: Lori Osborn & Deb Waddell  
Head Ushers: Sherry Exel & Rick Waddell  
Thank You to All Who Share Their Prayers, Presence, Gifts,  
Service, Witness & Time!

*All Music Used with Permission – CCLI#2274807*

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

*\* Please feel free to rise in body or spirit*

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Hymn**                      *His Name is Wonderful*                      **UMH 174**

## **\*Call to Worship**

Come, all who are hungry and thirsty.

**The Lord will provide for our needs.**

Come this day to the table of the Lord.

**Here we will find welcome and sustenance.**

Come to this time of gathering and praise.

**Lord, we come with open hearts and spirits to receive your gracious gift of love. Amen.**

## **Young Disciples' Time**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

## **Hebrew Scripture Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31**

## **Message: Rebuild: "Rebuilding with Jacob"**

**\*Hymn**                      *Help Us Accept Each Other*                      **UMH 560**

**\*Affirmation of Faith**    **UMH 882**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Offering**

*Anthem: Special Music Offered by Betty Carhart*

**\*Doxology**    **UMH 95**

## **\*Prayer of Dedication**

Receive these gifts we offer, gracious God,  
and multiply them to meet the needs in your world.

With great joy, we present these tithes and gifts for the ministry of this church. Be with each of us as we, too, commit ourselves to lives of joyful, thankful service. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **The Invitation**

## **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, provider of all we need, we are often content to rely on our own devices, our creativity, our cleverness. We congratulate ourselves for our accomplishments, yet we find that these achievements and acquisitions do not fill the deep hunger inside of us. We long for the Spirit bread you alone can provide. Forgive us, merciful God. Help us receive the blessings you offer, that we may be your bread for the world—blessed, broken for all. Amen.

## **A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection**

## **The Assurance of Pardon**

## **Passing of the Peace**

## **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

## **The Prayer of Consecration**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

## **The Breaking of the Bread and The Sharing of the Cup**

## **The Prayer of Humble Access**

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs from under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us, amen.

## **The Reception**

## **Prayer of Gratitude**

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.

**\*Hymn**    *Revive Us Again*

## **Benediction**

## **\*Postlude**

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.

### **FINANCIAL STATISTICS**

#### **Statistics January 14, 2024:**

Attendance ~ 49 in-person; 35 via YouTube  
Offerings: \$890.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,109.13  
Plate: \$56.00 Discretionary: \$75.00  
Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,835.71

Thank you for your continued support of LUMC! 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. Thank you and God bless you!!

**Reminder: The basket on the side table as you walk up the center aisle is for giving to the pastor's discretionary fund which enables us to directly help members of our community who are in need.**

**Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...shelf-stable milk and juice!**  
Drop off at the LUMC office during the week or after worship.

### **↔ Membership Class – Starting Soon!!! ↔**

Please contact Pastor Jonathan at 845-893-9157 if you would like to join the LUMC family!

**Electronic Giving is Here!** Follow these easy steps:

- 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



### **Please help us complete the Sanctuary Altar Flooring**

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

*Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe*

#### **Normal Hours of Operation:**

Tuesday ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM  
Wednesday ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM  
Thursday ~ 8:00AM – 4:00PM  
Friday ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM  
Saturday ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM

**Extended Hours!!!**

↔ The Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe is a vital mission of Lacey UMC.  
**Volunteers are needed to help extend the hours of operation.**

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for  
January 28<sup>th</sup> – Luke 15:11-32*

**Choral/Organ Concert – 4:30PM on February 4<sup>th</sup>**  
at Christ Episcopal Church, 415 Washington St., Toms River  
Sacred Music | Brass Ensemble | Choir  
Presented by American Guild of Organists. Free-will offering.

### **Offering Envelopes for 2024 are available!**

The envelopes are on the table as you walk into the Sanctuary.  
**Don't have an envelope number yet? No problem!**  
Available numbers are highlighted in yellow on the sign-up sheet – simply write your name on the corresponding line and take a box to start using this week!  
**Please remember to write you envelope number on the front each week to ensure we record your giving correctly!**

### **Upcoming Meetings**

**Sp. Ch. Council Meeting:** Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:45 AM  
**Fundraising:** Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6PM  
**Trustees:** February 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM  
**Church Council:** February 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30PM

### **WHITE ELEPHANT Gift Exchange**

**Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> 11:30am in Fellowship Hall**  
All you need to bring is a wrapped gift to exchange (valued up to \$10), a smile, and a sense of humor! Everyone is welcome!  
☺ Re-gifting is strongly encouraged. ☺  
Contact Dawn Marie Kuch or the LUMC Office for more information

**Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: February 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM**  
at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

**Join our media team!!!** The media team coordinates the live stream, sound, and video screen presentation during worship.

📞 Contact Steven at 732-300-1956 to learn more!! 📞

“Friends in Faith” invite you to see **Rabbit Hole** at OCC's Grunin Center for the Arts on **Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30PM!**  
Tickets are \$15 for seniors and \$18 for adults. Deadline to purchase is January 17<sup>th</sup>. **ALL** are welcome and invited.  
Please visit [grunincenter.org](http://grunincenter.org) for more info. about the play.  
Contact Diane Collins at 609-618-7346 to order tickets!

