

**For God's Healing & Discernment** ~ Covid sufferers & Care Givers; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Cynthia Pedemonti; Rich Rosfjord; Fred & Monika Sisbarro; Ronald Slate; Andrea Schenker; Helen DeLa Cruz; Evelyn Handchen; Alicia; Dave H.; Marie Yarger; Rosalie Mulvaney; Peg Bea; Jonathan Rock; Kyle; Joe Bence; Shannon Callaghan; Rachel C.; Louise; Michelle Reyes; Pete & Kathy Jensen; Virginia Schoeneberg; George Reid; Will Cotton; Dawn Slate; Carole Exel; Karen; Tom & Mary; Terry H.; Davette & Leslie Bivins; Lizzie Britton; Linda & John Ansbach; Patricia Potter; Michael Potter; Sara Carpini; Joseph; Ed & Monique Wojciechowski; Beccari Family; Emmett & Gloria Bivins; Ellen Larney; Brittney; Diane Collins; Rick & Ashleigh Handchen; Marousis Family; George & Adrienne Melnyk; Ike & Joan Icenhower; Thomas Helle; Susan Schlotter; Dee & Paul Burrowes; Colleen Brandt; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Barkley Family; Charles Cometa Jr.; Peggy LaPorta; Gesine Klein; Joan McGavin; Cindy Dreher; Nancy Dean; 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; Sue & Rich Newman; Bill Hulst; 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; Nick Juliano Family; Marjorie Moore Family; Sandi Smith Family.

**Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer** ~ Thanks be to God for answered prayer! For the birth of Reina Jovita Chen to parents Jarrett and Kyrsten Stapleton! For the birth of Elliana Rae to parents Evelyn & Luke Kern! For the birth of Jonathan Rock to parents Jeanette & Jeff Rudzonis!

**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. Héctor A. Burgos; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

**World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas** ~ People of Ukraine, The Balkans – Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia; 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.



*Lacey United Methodist Church*

*April 3, 2022*



## Raising of Lazarus

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Head of the Church ~ Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God

Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Betty Carhart

Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria

Music Director: Dawn Slate Welcoming Team: Virginia Schoeneberg

Head Ushers: Sherry Exel & Rick Waddell

Junior Head Ushers: Kenshin Frangos & Abby Michalkowski

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

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

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

*All Music Used with Permission – CCLI#2274807*

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome**

## **\*Hymn**

### **My Tribute UMH 99**

**Please stand, as you are able, as the Light of Christ enters.**

## **Call to Worship**

Lazarus, though dead, was called to life by Jesus.

**May we be called to the light of righteousness.**

As others witnessed this resurrection, they believed in Jesus.

**May we, who have heard, believe in the power of Jesus to conquer our fears and doubts.**

Praise be to God who has given us Jesus.

**Praise be to Jesus who has given us life. Amen.**

## **Young Disciples' Time**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

**Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.**

## **Gospel Lesson: John 11:17-44**

**Message: Follow Me: "The Raising of Lazarus"**

## **Anthem**

**Lazarus (Rise Up)**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Ministry of Giving and Prayer of Dedication**

From your hands, O God, come the blessings that make life possible, even the very gift of life itself. In gratitude and thanks, receive from our hands this portion of our labors.

**By your Spirit's leading, may we use these gifts to bless the life of others with the assurance of love, the promise of hope, and the course of justice. This we do to your glory. Amen.**

## **\*Hymn**

### **In Remembrance of Me FWS 2254**

## **Prayer of Confession**

God, we confess that we are frightened by death. We have experienced the loss of loved ones and have heard, all too often, of the horrible losses sustained by the young people who live in lands of warfare and strife. In this scripture today we encounter Lazarus and his family. They, too, long for Lazarus to be alive again. Jesus' power to resurrect Lazarus confuses us. We long for that type of healing for our loved ones. And so, when their bodies cannot be healed and they die, we slip away from our faith, proclaiming that it is a nice story.

**Give us courage to face our fear. Give us awareness that you have offered to all those who have gone before us, a place in your kingdom. Help us move away from the prison of death to the light of eternal life and hope. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

*(Time of Silent Confession and Reflection)*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Though darkness and death appear all around, there is the comforting healing light of God's love shining on you and in you. Feel the warmth of the presence of God and let go of your fear, for God is with you. **Amen.**

## **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **Prayer of Gratitude**

**Out of your abundance you have fed us what we need, sparing none of your good gifts in Jesus Christ. Thank you, Lord. Thank you! Now may we live as you taught us. Amen.**

## **\*Hymn**

### **Standing on the Promises UMH 374 v.1&4**

## **Benediction and Taking the Light of Christ into the World**

## **\*Postlude**

### *Bible Study Opportunities*

✠ Wednesday mornings at 9:00am.

✠ Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm at the home of Donna Jones.  
Please contact Donna at 609-276-7383 for more information.

✠ Thursday evenings at 6:45pm.

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.

Lenten Dinner Service: Friday at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.

**Easter Flowers** – Please see Laura after Worship or contact the LUMC Office to place your order. Deadline to order is 4/10!

**FINANCIAL STATISTICS – March 27, 2022**

Attendance ~ 32 in-person; 36 via YouTube

Offerings ~ \$790.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$976.85 Plate ~ \$11.00  
Lent Dinner Service 3/25 ~ \$40.00 Discretionary ~ \$37.00  
“Match” Donation ~ \$131.00 UMCOR Advance ~ \$175.00

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!!

**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 - Support LUMC by starting your Amazon shopping at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2279634>

**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



**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!

**Memorial Brick Orders**

4" x 8" Brick / 4 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!

*Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe*

**Hours of Operation:** Thursdays ~ 8:00AM – 11:00AM  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, & Saturdays ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM  
Please contact Elaine Brandt to volunteer at the Thrift Shoppe!

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for  
Palm Sunday, April 10 – Luke 19:28-40*

**2022 Holy Week Services of Worship**

April 10 – Palm Sunday Worship 9:00 AM  
April 14 – Maundy Thursday 7:00 PM  
April 15 – Good Friday Stations of the Cross Noon-3:00 PM  
Good Friday Worship at FR Presbyterian,  
131 Main Street, Forked River  
April 17 – Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 AM at Lake Barnegat  
Easter Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

**Requests from our Worship Team...**

1. Donations of artificial flowers/arrangements
  2. To borrow big (floor) pillows for Maundy Thursday service.
- Please contact Laura McDonald 609-276-0702 if you can help!

All are invited to join the UMW at a screening of “*The Case for Heaven*” on April 6<sup>th</sup> at the AMC Seacourt, Toms River.  
Contact Monique Wojciechowski if you are interested.

**Dessert and a Show!**

Join us Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> for dessert and “Shell of Myself” performed by the LUMC Drama Club. Doors open at 6:30PM.  
Tickets: \$10 adult / \$5 kids 12-yrs & under / \$25 limit per family  
Contact the LUMC Office to purchase your tickets!

**Sports Memorabilia Show** Saturday April 23 8AM-4PM  
Autographs by Mickey Rivers! Vendors/Food.

**Car Show & Flea Market - Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> - 9AM-2PM**

Food available to purchase!

**Car Show:** In honor of Manny “The Hat” Naia. Trophies/Music  
Visit [jerseyshorecarshows.com](http://jerseyshorecarshows.com) for an application.

**Flea Market:** \$10 a table. Space is limited.

Visit [laceyumc.org](http://laceyumc.org) for a flea market registration form.

*Old Fashioned Tea* Sunday, May 15 11:30am-1:30pm

Tickets: \$20pp. Donations of diapers are requested for Makers Place, Trenton. Proceeds to benefit “Barbara’s Place at American’s Keswick. Reservations required.  
Contact the LUMC Office to reserve your tickets!

**Volunteers needed for VBS!** We will be teaming up with our friends from FR Presbyterian church for VBS in late July. Please contact Eric DeLa Cruz at 609-709-9713 if you can help!

