

Lacey United Methodist Church

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

February 7, 2021

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

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Our gracious eternal God,

Lead our spirits to find the courage to say, "All will be well because we are yours."

Lead our spirits to find the ability to live one moment and one day at a time.

Lead our spirits to serenity and a peace which the world cannot give.

Lead our spirits to know that with your power we can cope with whatever surprises life presents to us. Lead our spirits to know that we are destined "not for wrath" but for your redeeming. And lead our spirits to know that "whether we wake or sleep," living or dying, we are yours. Amen.

Hymn ~ Give Thanks #2036

Children's Message

Ministry of Giving and Prayer of Dedication

God of grace and mercy, you are the source of the true healing that can make us whole. We remember this morning that Jesus' ministry was deeply involved in both healing of people's bodies and healing of relationships. As we take time now in worship to offer our gifts to you, we pray that they might be used to bring healing – of body, of spirit, of broken relationships – to people who are in desperate need. This we pray this in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Hymn ~ Help Us Accept Each Other #560 Vs. 1,2,&4

Scripture ~ 1 Thessalonians 5:15

Message: Jesus at the Movies: "The Princess Bride"

Hymn ~ Standin' in the Need of Prayer #352

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession and Assurance

Lord, Lord,

we know who you are, we know you bring in the kingdom of heaven.

But when you assign us the job of lighting the way, we barely announce your divine rule to ourselves.

Our worship hour has solemn times and festivals. And we celebrate your redemptive action in history with our calendar - Sundays, seasons, year after year.

Yet we become drowsy: unprepared, because we are not disciples each day, at all hours. Those times we live for ourselves.

We do not need you right now.

So we do not want justice, unless we judge for ourselves, and self-righteousness is easier than right relationship.

Forgive us Lord the sins we can bear to name, Save us Lord from the sins we will not speak.

(pause for reflection and self-examination)

God redeems.

Our hope lives in the one we call Jesus the Christ.

Time and again we go to this hope, ready or not.

For Christ's sake our sins are forgiven.

May the flood of God's love in Christ Jesus be poured out in our lives and cease not at this worship's end.

*To the glory of the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

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,
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

*You formed us in your image
and breathed into us the breath of life.*

*When human cruelty reared its ugly head, you sustained
your people and made it possible for us to survive
the middle passage, auction blocks, whipping posts
and forced labor.*

*You softened the hearts of many
who worked in secret on our behalf
You lifted our heads with the message that God sides with
the oppressed and delivers the captives.
You strengthened our hands to struggle for
justice and freedom*

*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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,
who left the comforts of glory
to live among a people estranged from God.
By his life and example he taught us
that it was possible to love our neighbors
and live together as family.*

*By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit.*

*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 is 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.*

*Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever. Amen.*

Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Hymn ~ Go Now in Peace #665

Benediction

Postlude

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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; 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; George K.; Terry S.; James & Becki; Millie L.; Jim M.; 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; 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; Bernie & Dot Novack's Family; Danny Taylor Family; Richard Dickon 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; & Guardsmen/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 Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Vatican City; Maine, Maryland; 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.

Give Thanks #2036

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks, because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now, let the weak say "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us
(Repeat)

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks, because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks.....Give Thanks.

Help Us Accept Each Other #560 Vs. 1,2,&4

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us,
Teach us, as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord among us, and bring us to believe,
We are, ourselves, accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, oh Lord, your lessons as in our daily life
We struggle to be human, and search for Hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some
To love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread.
We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on,
Renew us with your Spirit, Lord, free us, make us one.

Standin' in the Need of Prayer #352

It's me, it's me, oh Lord
Standin' in the need of prayer,
It's me, it's me. Oh Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me oh Lord
Standin' in the need of prayer. (Repeat)

It's me, it's me, oh Lord
Standin' in the need of prayer,
It's me, it's me. Oh Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer

Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me oh Lord
Standin' in the need of prayer. (Repeat)

It's me, it's me, oh Lord
Standin' in the need of prayer,
It's me, it's me. Oh Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer

Not my father, not my mother, but it's me oh Lord
Standin' in the need of prayer. (Repeat)

It's me, it's me, oh Lord
Standin' in the need of prayer,
It's me, it's me. Oh Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer

Go Now in Peace #665

Go now in peace, go now in peace,
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere,
You may go.

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.

Beginning the week of February 14th, Pastor Jonathan will be leading a 6-week Lenten Book Study. We will be studying the book "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 this 6-week study, please contact the LUMC Office 609.693.5222. Below is a description of "Restored".
Often, we make a mess of our lives and wonder if there is any redemption. In this book, pastor and author Tom Berlin helps us see our mess through the eyes of Christ to find redemption and restoration. Using Scripture, devotional tools, and the writings of Ignatius of Loyola, John of the Cross, St. Augustine, John Wesley, Evelyn Underhill, and others, Berlin encourages reflection and meditation through our own brokenness. Only then can we focus on the cross as the place where we truly surrender control, leave our mess, and find redemption.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS - January 31, 2021

Attendance ~ 50 via Facebook Views

**Envelope Offerings ~ \$540.40 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$769.75
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Contact the LUMC office for more information 609.693.5222



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*Scriptures to read & pray over in preparation for Feb. 14
Matthew 5:38-42*

*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!

**Hope Chest Food Pantry is open on
Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12PM to 2PM!**

We are collecting **mac & cheese and pasta sauce.**

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!

Jesus at the Movies Sermon Series

The final virtual movie discussion in the series will be held on **Friday, Feb. 12th at 6pm.** We will be discussing "**Moneyball**".

Anyone with questions or interested in participating should contact the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222 for a *Bluejeans* invite!

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
Contact Elaine Brandt for more information.

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