

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

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

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**For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss** ~ Covid19 Victims; Robert Bea Family; Bob Weiss Family; Christine Coram Family; Stanley Bauman Family; Bob DiNorcia Family; Donald Pape 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'Adam; 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 Afghanistan, Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Togo; Minnesota, Mississippi; 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.

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

*September 5, 2021*

*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**

## **Call to Worship**

When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,

**God invites us to step into the waters of faith and trust.**

When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need,

**Jesus invites us to step into the land of humble service.**

When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst:

**the Spirit invites us to sit at the Table of grace.**

## **Young Disciples' Time**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

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

## **Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 2:6-12**

**\*Praise Song**

**On Eagles Wings**

## **Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 5:15-21**

**Message: Until Unity: "It Must Start Small"**

**\*Praise Song**

**The Potter's Hand**

## Pastoral Prayer

### Ministry of Giving and Prayer of Dedication

*Eternal God, our time in this life is limited, and our days are numbered. Yet you have reminded us that if we are wise and use that time well, you have an eternity waiting for us that is beyond our imagining. Help us to focus on what we have, and what we can share, and how the gifts we offer this day can bless others until we are joined with them and your children give you their thanks and gratitude for the rest of eternity. In Christ, we pray. Amen.*

\*Hymn            You Satisfy the Hungry Heart #629 Vs. 3&5

### Prayer of Confession

*You must shake your head in wonder at our ways, Keeper of the Covenant. How can we say we want wisdom, when we foolishly squander the knowledge we have of your ways? How can we claim to follow you, when we walk the slippery roads of the world not caring where they lead us? How can we desire your great and steadfast love, when the simple seductions of our society are in full view every day?*

*How can you have mercy on such unwise and unfaithful people, Perfect Wisdom? Yet, that is exactly what you do: and our greed turns to gratitude, our pettiness to praise, our tantrums to thanksgiving, as hope and joy become our blessing through the One we call our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

*(Time of Silent Confession and Reflection)*

### Assurance of Pardon

*In Christ, God sent redemption for all.  
In Christ, God feeds our hungry souls.  
In Christ, God gives the cup of salvation to thirsty people.  
**We give thanks to God for everything:  
forgiveness, hope, new life. Amen.***

### Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to you, Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to praise you, Lord.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to

give thanks to you, Holy Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is praised among all peoples.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with your people on Earth and all the company of heaven who for ever proclaim this hymn to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full...Full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

You are holy, Almighty One! Blessed are you, Jesus Christ! In the power of the Spirit you created all things, blessed them, and called them good. You called to yourself a people to make your mercy and truth known in all the world. We betrayed your calling; **You were faithful.** We wandered from the way; **You called us to return, and led us home.**

And still we turned from your ways, abused your creatures, and made ourselves slaves to sin and death.

At the right time you came and dwelt among us, as one of us, bringing good news to the poor, healing the sick, raising the dead, sharing table with the unrighteous, and teaching the way that leads to life.

By your incarnation, life, suffering, execution and resurrection You gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery and made a new covenant with us by water and the Spirit.

On the night of your betrayal, Lord Jesus, you took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to your disciples and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." You did the same with the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out is the new covenant in my blood."

Blessed Trinity, in remembrance of all you have done to save us, we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has come among us. Christ has died.  
Christ has risen. Christ abides with us.  
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Spirit on us **Pour out your Spirit on us**  
Pour out your Spirit on these gifts  
**Pour out your Spirit on these gifts**  
Make these gifts the body and blood of Christ  
**Make us, through them, Christ's body alive in the world.**

Abba, Father! **Let your kingdom come!**  
Glory to you! **Glory to you!**

Come, Lord Jesus! **Be our daily bread.**  
Glory to you! **Glory to you!**

Holy Spirit! **Send us to the world.**  
Glory to you! **Glory to you!**

Holy, Blessed Trinity! **One God forever!**  
Glory to you! **Glory to you!**

## **Breaking the Bread**

### **Lord's Prayer**

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

### **Prayer of Gratitude**

God of all, we give you thanks and praise that, when we were still far off, you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us so we and all your children shall be free and the whole earth live to praise your name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*Hymn **Here I Am, Lord #593 Vs. 1&3**

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

*All Music Used with Permission – CCLI#2274807*

### **UPDATE - LUMC Church Picnic – September 12<sup>th</sup>**

The picnic will take place on Sept. 12 from Noon-3PM at the home of Donna & Bill Jones, 202 Station Drive, Forked River. Volunteers/donations are still needed. Please contact Donna Jones, Laura McDonald, or Elaine Brandt for additional information. Hope to see you there!

### **Calling All Youth**

**Youth Group:** Friday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> 6-8PM (5<sup>th</sup> Grade and older)  
Contact April Rucki or the LUMC Office for more info.

**Confirmation Class:** Forming soon. Please contact the LUMC Office for registration details (5<sup>th</sup> Grade and older)

**Monthly Pastor's Breakfast:** 9:00 AM Monday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> at Lacey Perkins (Rt. 9, Forked River). Everyone is welcome to be part of the food, fellowship, and fun!

### **First Day of Sunday School is September 19<sup>th</sup>!**

Volunteers are needed! Contact Eric Dela Cruz to volunteer or to learn more about Sunday School. Registration forms are available on our website [laceyumc.org](http://laceyumc.org) or by contacting the LUMC Office at 609.693.5222 or [laceyumcnj@gmail.com](mailto:laceyumcnj@gmail.com).

### **Sermon Series Planning Session**

**Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12PM-2:30PM**

All are invited to help plan the upcoming schedule of sermon series for LUMC. Lunch will be provided. Contact the LUMC Office if interested.

### **Northern Shore District Charge Conference**

**Thursday, October 7 at 7:00 PM**

The Conference will be virtual this year. Invitations will be emailed.

**All church conference paperwork is due on Monday, Sept. 20.**

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.

**Hot Lunch Program & Hope Chest Food Pantry**  
are available Tuesdays & Thursdays at 12PM!

**FINANCIAL STATISTICS – Aug. 29, 2021**

Attendance ~ 37 in-person 31 via YouTube

Envelope Offerings ~ \$1,020.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$758.97  
Plate ~ \$44.00 Book Study ~ \$21.00

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.  
Thank you and God bless you!!

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Contact the LUMC office for more information 609.693.5222



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**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!

*Save the Date!* October 20<sup>th</sup> will be Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" Shopping Fundraiser. Details to follow...

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for  
Sept. 12 – Mark 8:1-9a*

**"Life Together" Book Study starting in September!**

Please join Pastor Jonathan for a six-week study of this Classic reflection on building a strong Christian community. If you are interested or have questions, please contact the office.

*Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe*

**Hours of Operation:** Thursdays ~ 8:00AM – 11:00AM  
Fridays & Saturdays ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM

⇒ Volunteers are needed to extend hours/days of operation. ⇐  
Please contact Elaine Brandt to learn how you can support this vital mission of LUMC!

**Holy Grounds Coffee Hour** will relocate to Fellowship Hall soon. Volunteers are needed to MISSION! Responsibilities: making coffee, cutting-up and plating desserts, wiping down tables and cleaning up after coffee hour is over. Many thanks to those who have hosted in the past, and in advance to all who will host sometime in the future.  
Please see Pastor Jonathan if you can help us!

**Lacey Day Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 12pm-4pm Gille Park**

We are seeking volunteers to spend some time at the LUMC booth. Please let Joann know if you are able to volunteer at Lacey Day!

**Drama Club at LUMC – Tuesdays 5pm-6:30pm**

Contact Dominic 732.904.9945 or [donnieg777@hotmail.com](mailto:donnieg777@hotmail.com) for info.  
Open to all children and youth, reading age and up!

♪♪ LUMC Music Ministries ♪♪

All Ages Welcome and Invited to Participate  
Please reach out to Dawn Slate if you are interested in joining Praise Team, Choir, or Chimes of Praise!

*Please contact the LUMC Office if you would like to place flowers on the Altar on a certain date in honor or in remembrance of a loved one.*