

<>< *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; Tom & Bonnie M.; Millie L.; Mary Rose K.; Alexa DeRose; 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; 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; 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; Macon Cotton Jr. Family; 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 Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia; North Carolina, North Dakota; 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!

*March 28, 2021 - Palm Sunday*

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

**Prelude**

**Jesus' Triumphal Entrance – Mark 1:1-11**

**Opening Prayer**

Let us pray.

Lord, as we remember how Christ the King entered Jerusalem to the sound of joyful shouts, increase our faith and listen to our prayers, so that we may praise you every day, by living always in him.

For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Hymn ~ Hosanna, Loud Hosanna #278**

**Welcome**

**Children's Message**

**Ministry of Giving and Prayer of Dedication**

Almighty and everlasting God, as we bring our gifts and lay them at your altar, we remember the crowds in Jerusalem who laid their cloaks on the road, shouting "Hosanna" as Jesus passed. We know they were looking for a Messiah who was different from who you sent Jesus to be – not one of political power and military might, but one who came in

compassion and mercy to heal, love, and save. Search our hearts that we might be confident that the Messiah for whom we long is the one you know we need – Jesus Christ, your anointed one, in whose name we pray. Amen.

### Hymn ~ Tell Me the Stories of Jesus #277

### Scripture ~ Philippians 1:5-7

### Message: “Restored: The Message in the Mess”

### Hymn ~ He Who Began a Good Work in You #2163

### Pastoral Prayer

### Prayer of Confession

Patient God, we confess that we love a parade. We are very happy to see banners waving and hear people shouting their praises. Our hearts thrill to the spectacle. But we fail to see the sadness on the face of the Savior; our shouts block out his sorrow. He comes to us as King, and we expect that royal treatment will follow. We do not and cannot believe that in a few days we will be among those who will turn our backs and run from his presence. How fickle we are, O Lord. Yet you continually forgive us and call us to turn our lives around--to see the needs of others, to reach out in trust and faith, to be willing to witness to your good news of saving love. Heal our hearts and give us courage for the days ahead; for we ask this in Jesus' Name. **Amen.**

*(Time for Silent Reflection and Confession)*

### Words of Assurance

The Lord is God. The Lord brings light to those in darkness, forgiveness to those who truly confess, and pardon to all who seek to follow Jesus. Rejoice that the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever and ever. In the name of Jesus the Christ, receive the love that never dies and never fails. Amen.

### Sacrament of Holy Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you. **All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

### **All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Leader: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

**All: From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.**

Leader: You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you. We disobeyed, we didn't listen, we thought we knew best and we wandered far away.

**All: And yet as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.**

Leader: Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

**All: And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we proclaim:**

**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.**

Leader: Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

**All: Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.**

Leader: Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which

is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”  
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

**All: Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.**

Leader: Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

**All: Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.**

Leader: Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

**All: AMEN.**

Leader: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are emboldened to say:

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

**Hymn ~ All Glory, Laud, and Honor #280**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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## HOLY WEEK

### 2021 Holy Week Services of Worship

**March 31 – Wednesday Evening Vespers Service via Facebook Live at 5:30pm**

**April 1 – Maundy Thursday Service – 7:00pm**

**April 2 – Good Friday Prayer & Reflection 12pm-3pm  
Evening Prayer Service – 7:00pm**

**April 4 – Easter  
6:00am Sunrise Service Lake Barnegat Beach  
(Middle or 2<sup>nd</sup> Lake)  
9:00am Worship Service at LUMC**

### **Hosanna, Loud Hosanna #278**

Hosanna, loud Hosanna, the little children sang.  
Though pillared court and temple, the lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast.  
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed, mid an exultant crowd.  
The victor palm branch waving and chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of Earth and Heaven, rode on in lowly state,  
Not scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we sing.  
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of Heaven, our King.  
O May we ever praise Him, with heart and life and voice,  
And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

**Tell Me the Stories of Jesus #277**

Tell me the stories of Jesus, I love to hear.  
Things I would ask him to tell me, if he were here.  
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First, let me hear how the children, stood round His knee,  
And I shall fancy His blessing, resting on me.  
Words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,  
All in the love light of Jesus face.

Into the city, I'd follow the children's band  
Waving a branch of the palm tree, high in my hand.  
One of his heralds, yes, I would sing  
Loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King."

**He Who Began a Good Work in You #2163**

He who began a good work in you,  
He who began a good work in you,  
Will be faithful to complete it  
Will be faithful to complete it,  
He who started the work will be  
Faithful to complete it in you. (Repeat)

**He Who Began a Good Work in You #2163**

All glory, laud and honor,  
To Thee, Redeemer, King.  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet Hosannas ring.

Thou art the king of Israel,  
Thou David's royal Son..  
Who in the Lord's name comest  
The King and Blessed One.

All glory, laud and honor,  
To Thee, Redeemer, King.  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet Hosannas ring.

The company of angels  
Are praising Thee on High.  
And we, with all creation,  
In chorus make reply.

All glory, laud and honor,  
To Thee, Redeemer, King.  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet Hosannas ring.

The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before Thee went.  
Our prayer and praise and anthems  
Before Thee we present.

All glory, laud and honor,  
To Thee, Redeemer, King.  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet Hosannas ring.

To Thee before thy passion,  
They sang their hymns of praise.  
To Thee, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise.

All glory, laud and honor,  
To Thee, Redeemer, King.  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet Hosannas ring.

Thou didst accept their praises,  
Accept the prayers we bring.  
Who in all good delightest  
Thou good and gracious King.

All glory, laud and honor,  
To Thee, Redeemer, King.  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet Hosannas ring.

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 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.

**Virtual Bible Study Opportunities - Thursdays 9AM & 6:45 PM**  
Please contact the LUMC Office to receive the virtual link!

*The flowers that grace our Altar today are given in Glory to God;  
And In Memory of Pastor John Carhart on the day of his last sermon  
before returning home to the Lord! To God be the Glory! Love, Betty*

#### **FINANCIAL STATISTICS – March 21, 2021**

**Attendance ~ 40 in-person; 42 via Facebook Views**

**Envelope Offerings ~ \$1,887.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$880.23**  
**Plate ~ \$29.00 "Match" Giving ~ \$5.00**  
**Rent ~ \$50.00 US Treasury Rebate ~ \$1,375.18**

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](http://gnjumc.org/onlinegiving).  
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  - 2) Click **Electronic Giving**, then follow the instructions
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Contact the LUMC office for more information 609.693.5222



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*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for Holy Week*

**Maundy Thursday, April 1: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

**Good Friday, April 2: John 19:25b-34, 40-41**

**Easter Sunday, April 4: Philippians 1:5-7**

#### **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 are still available!**

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*

**Hours of Operation for Holy Week:**

Thursdays & Friday ~ Closed

Saturday ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM

UMC's New Birth Committee is pleased to announce that we will be having our first church-wide discussion concerning Human Sexuality and the coming separation of the UMC. Rev. Tom Lank will be presenting information about the history of this issue in the UMC and the legislation that will be brought before the 2022 General Conference that will probably guide the separation process. Please plan to join us virtually for this important discussion on **Thurs., April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**.  
Questions? Please contact the LUMC Office or Pastor Jonathan.