

Lacey United Methodist Church

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

January 31, 2021

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

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Creator God,

in praise and adoration our spirits dance before you today.

You have created this wondrous universe

and all the magnificent things within it.

*You have blessed us with so much throughout our lives,
even to this day of praise and thanksgiving.*

Let our spirits soar!

Let our hearts sing boldly of your wondrous love.

We celebrate your love and presence with us,

*and it is in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ,
that we offer this prayer. **Amen.***

Hymn ~ #2040 Awesome God

Children's Message

Ministry of Giving and Prayer of Dedication

*God of power and wisdom, we give you our eternal thanks for
the gift of your Son, who came not only to save but to teach us
about your kingdom and how we might live, readying*

*ourselves for that kingdom. He taught with authority, and if we
listen, we will live a life of generosity, mercy, and compassion.
Bless what we give this day and help us be faithful in the use
of all our resources, that we might live like those anticipating
your kingdom. In Christ, we pray. Amen.*

Hymn ~ #261 Lord of the Dance

Scripture ~ 2 Samuel 6:9-15

Message: "Raiders of the Lost Ark"

Hymn ~ #2022 Great is the Lord

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God above us,

Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.

We believe in Christ beside us,

*Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of
our universe.*

We believe in Spirit deep within us,

Advocate and guide, who lives with us eternally.

We believe in God's resurrection created world,

*Where all things are fixed, and all creation fits together in
vibrant harmonies.*

We believe in God above, beside, within,

*God yesterday, today and forever, the three in one, the one in
three,*

We believe in God.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Hymn ~ #2281 May You Run and Not Be Weary

Benediction

Postlude

Awesome God #2040

Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from Heaven above
With wisdom, power and love,
Our God is an awesome God. (Repeat)

Lord of the Dance #261

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
I danced in the moon, and the stars and the sun
I came down from Heaven and I danced on the Earth
At Bethlehem I had my birth!

Dance then wherever you may be,
"I am the Lord of the dance ," said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance said He.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee
But they would not dance and they would not follow me
I danced for the fishermen for James and John,
They came with me and the dance went on.

Dance then wherever you may be,
"I am the Lord of the dance ," said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance said He.

I danced on the Sabbath when I cured the lame,
The Holy people said it was a shame,
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high
And left me there on a cross to die.

Dance then wherever you may be,
"I am the Lord of the dance ," said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance said He.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black,
It's hard to dance with the devil at your back
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on.

Dance then wherever you may be,
"I am the Lord of the dance ," said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance said He.

They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance said he.

Dance then wherever you may be,
"I am the Lord of the dance ," said he.
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance said He.

Great is the Lord #2022

Great is the Lord , he is holy and just
By his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true
By his mercy he proves he is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory,
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice,
Now lift up your voice,
Gre——at is the Lord, Gre——at is the Lord.

Great is the Lord , he is holy and just
By his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true
By his mercy he proves he is love.

Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory,
Great are you Lord, and worthy of praise,
Great are you Lord, I lift up my voice,
I lift up my voice
Gre——at are you Lord, Gre——at are you Lord.

May You Run and Not Be Weary #2281

May you run and not be weary,
May your heart be filled with song,
And May the love of God continue
To give you hope and keep you strong.
And May you run and not be weary,
May your life be filled with Joy
And May the road travel always lead you home.

<>< *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; Dee & Paul Burrowes; Colleen Brandt; Peg & Bob Bea; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Ray MacPherson; Callahan Family; Larry Radomski; Carol Horling; Peg & Will Cotton; Barkley Family; Mihalkovitz/Przybylski Families; Richard Dickon; 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

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 Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara, Tunisia; Kentucky, Louisiana; 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.

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.

Scriptures to read & pray over in preparation for Feb. 7
1 Thessalonians 5:15

Beginning the week of February 14th, Pastor Jonathan will be leading a 6-week Lenten Book Study. We will be studying the book "Restored: First 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 24, 2021

Attendance ~ 49 via Facebook Views

Envelope Offerings ~ \$1,410.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$954.76
Rent ~ \$100.00 Sanctuary Media Upgrade ~ \$1,250.00

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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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A Special Church Conference meeting is called for **Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at 6 PM**, for the purpose of considering the approval of a motion to accept and manage available federal funding, if granted. This meeting is to satisfy Paragraph 246.8 of the 2016 Book of Discipline. This matter is to be the only business before the Church at this time. Please contact the LUMC Office at 609.693.5222 if you would like to participate – a virtual invite to the meeting will be emailed to you.

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.**

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

We will be hosting a virtual discussion about the following movies chosen on the Friday night before Pastor Jonathan focuses on them during the Sunday worship sermon.

Friday, Feb. 5th at 6pm: "The Princess Bride"

Friday, Feb. 12th at 6pm: "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