

<>< *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; Betty C.; Robert & Joanne Fisher; Donna; Gail Matuska; Monika & Fred Sisbarro; Gesine Klein; Marilyn Slate; Doris & Yook Moy; Dawn McLeod; Melissa; Harper & Rachel; Freddy; Kevin; Rhoda & Steve; Amy Russell; Brian; Ashley; Carole Reppert; Gwen Lewis; Aubrey; Betty Carhart; Rosalie Mulvaney; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Daniel Huyler; Isabella; Pamela Sutherland; Michael Niejako; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Cynthia Pedemonti; Andrea Schenker; Helen DeLa Cruz; Alicia; Dave H.; Peg Bea; Jonathan Rock; Kyle; Shannon Callaghan; Rachel C.; Louise; Pete & Kathy Jensen; Virginia Schoeneberg; George Reid; Will Cotton; Dawn Slate; Carole Exel; Karen; Tom & Mary; Leslie Bivins; Linda & John Ansbach; Patricia Potter; Michael Potter; Sara Carpini; Joseph; Brittney; Diane Collins; Rick & Ashleigh Handchen; Marousis Family; Ike & Joan Icenhower; Susan Schlotter; Colleen Brandt; Joan McGavin; Cindy Dreher; Nancy Dean; Allyson Cotton; Sally & Trevor Potter; Tommy Britton; Dawn Marie & Stash Kuch; Kyle Kuch; Phyllis Smith; Bill Jones; Sue & Rich Newman; Bill Hulst; Bill & Becky Buglione; Melody Pryor-Tasco; Lorraine; Katrina & Peter Borchester; Sally & Don McErlean; 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; Adriana Kuch Family; Tina Mignone Family; Ronald Slate 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; and 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. Ronell Howard; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

**World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas** ~ People of France, Germany, Monaco; New Hampshire, New Jersey; 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*  
February 19, 2023



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

Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Ed Weisbrot

Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria

Music Director: Dawn Slate Welcoming Team: Lori Osborn & Deb Waddell

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 and Announcements**

**\*Hymn**            *Amazing Grace My Chains Are Gone*

## **\*Opening Prayer**

Lord our God, you yourself remind us through your holy People that all our religious practices are not worth anything if we use them to bend you our way. God, may we come to you in humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and to turn your way. Accept us as your sons and daughters, together with Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord forever. Amen.

**Hymn**    *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*    **TFWS 2051**

## **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

**Please welcome Harper Mae Waszkiewicz,  
our new sister in Christ**

**Hymn**            *Baptized in Water*            **TFWS 2248**

## **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.

**Gospel Lesson: Luke 18:9-14**

**Message: At the Movies: “Elvis”**

**\*Hymn**            *Be Thou My Vision*            **UMH 451**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Offering**

*Anthem ~ Scars in Heaven*

## **\*Doxology**

## **Prayer of Dedication**

God of the universe, you were with us at the beginning of our lives, and you will be by our side when we draw our last breath. In between, we struggle through life, too often trying to find our way

based on our own wants and desires. In our giving to you this day, may you bless us so that we might better keep our eyes focused on you, that one day we might be able to echo your servant Paul as he said, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. We pray this in the name of Jesus who loved us even to the cross! Amen.

## **Hymn**

*Come to the Table*

**TFWS 2264**

## **Prayer of Confession**

Lord God in heaven, we confess that we try to measure our faithfulness by comparing ourselves with others.

**Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us as sinners.**

Forgive us O God where we fail to see your Spirit’s work in others, in those who have lived before us.

**Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us as sinners.**

Forgive us for choosing comfort and convenience over faithfulness.

**Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us as sinners.**

## **Silent Reflection**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Do not lose heart. Those who humbly admit their sins find favor with God. For God answers prayer, and forgives transgression. Believe this good news: We are forgiven and freed to newness of life. **Amen.**

## **Passing of the Peace**

## **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

## **The Lord’s Prayer**

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## **Prayer of Gratitude**

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## **\*Hymn**

*It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord*

**UMH 352**

## **Benediction**

## **\*Postlude**

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.

### FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Statistics for the week of February 12, 2023:

Attendance ~ 43 in-person; 16 via YouTube

Offerings ~ \$1,031.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$1,203.43  
Plate ~ \$49.00 Discretionary ~ \$90.00 Book Study ~ \$100.00

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!!

**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



**Shop Online? Here's a way you could earn donations for LUMC!**

✓ [umcmarket.org](http://umcmarket.org) - You earn for LUMC every time you click through the [umcmarket.org](http://umcmarket.org) site to shop. Sign up for free at [umcmarket.org](http://umcmarket.org)!

### 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!

### Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe

**Hours of Operation:** Thursdays ~ 8:00AM – 4:00PM  
Tues., Wed., Fridays, & Sat. ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM

↗ The Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe is a vital mission of Lacey UMC.  
**Volunteers are needed to help extend the hours of operation.**  
Please contact the LUMC Office to learn about volunteering!

**Shoe Drive Update:** We are still collecting **new or gently used pairs of shoes** for our fundraiser!

**Deadline for collection is 3/1/23!!!**

All sizes/styles accepted. Contact the LUMC Office for info.

**We need volunteers to help bag shoes on Fri., 3/3 at 6PM!**

**Pizza will be served! Contact Maddie to rsvp!**

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for  
Ash Wednesday, February 22 – Jeremiah 29:11-14a;  
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:2  
February 26 – Luke 19:28-44*

*Ash Wednesday Service – February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM*

*Bible Study Opportunities*

✚ Sunday 1:00 PM

✚ Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 6:45pm.

**2022 Giving statements have been distributed!**

Contact Maddie Stapleton at 609-501-4207 with questions.

### Children/Youth Events

⇒ **Sunday School** following the Young Disciples Message

⇒ **Drama Club** Wednesdays 5:00-6:30PM

### Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...

1. bottled juice

2. snack items

Items can be dropped off at the LUMC office during the week or after worship service on Sundays. Thank you!

### FAT TUESDAY SUPPER - February 21<sup>st</sup> from 5PM-7PM

All you care to enjoy: pancakes/beverages

\$10 adults | \$5 kids under 10yrs.

Fundraiser benefiting Mt. Zion (Veterans Housing Ministry) and SHALOM (Unhoused Ministry) at LUMC.

### United Methodist Women Meeting - March 7<sup>th</sup>

6:30PM in Fellowship Hall

Contact Dawn Marie at 732-232-7270 for information.

All women are welcome join us!

### Volunteer Opportunities at LUMC

Volunteers make all our missions possible. Please contact the LUMC office to learn more about these opportunities:

**Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe** – help us extend the hours!

**SHALOM Mission** – need volunteers to be present on Tues. and/or Thurs. morning when participants arrive for showers & laundry.

**Hot Lunch Program** – kitchen/setup/cleanup on Tues. and/or Thurs.

**Hope Chest Food Pantry** – Tues. and/or Thurs. from 12:30-1:30PM.

**Fundraising Team** – Help us organize and run our FUNraisers!

