

<>< *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; Virginia Schoeneberg Peg & Will Cotton; Dawn Slate: Carole Exel; Karen; Tom & Mary; Terry H.; Peg Bea; Davette & Leslie Bivins; Lizzie Britton; Linda & John Ansbach; Saccal Family; Evelyn Handchen; Patricia Potter; Michael Potter; Sara Carpini; Joseph; Chuck Neroda; Rosalie Mulvaney; Ed & Monique Wojciechowski; Beccari Family; Emmett & Gloria Bivins; Ellen Larney; Brittney; Diane Collins; Rick & Ashleigh Handchen; Marousis Family; Mary Rose K.; George & Adrienne Melnyk; Ike & Joan Icenhower; Thomas Helle; Susan Schlotter; Daryl Simmons; Dee & Paul Burrowes; Colleen Brandt; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Ray MacPherson; Larry Radomski; Barkley Family; Mihalkovitz/Przybylski Families; Marjorie Moore; Bev Krott; Charles Cometa Jr.; Peggy LaPorta; Sandi Smith; Gesine Klein; Joan McGavin; Cindy Dreher; Nancy Dean; 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; 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; Phillip Schoenberger/Buglione Family; Patrick Callaghan Family; Debby Nugent Family; Dee Cala Family; Robert Bea Family; Christine Coram Family.

**Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer** ~ Thanks be to God for answered prayer! For the birth of James Frederick Stapleton! Birth of Stormi Witty!

**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 Canada, United States; Oregon, Pennsylvania; 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*

*October 31, 2021*



Symbols of Jesus:  
The Cross

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

Ministers: All of Us Liturgists: Judy Mihalkovitz

Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Ed Wojciechowski

Music Director: Dawn Slate Welcoming Team: Virginia Schoeneberg

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*

## **Prelude**

## **Jesus Saves Medley**

## **Welcome**

## **Call to Worship**

The world finds no proof of God.

**But the heavens tell of God's glory.**

God's message is foolishness to the world.

**But God's folly trumps human wisdom.**

The freedom of the world brings us death.

**But obedience to God's ways brings life.**

We gather in the name of Christ crucified.

**The Word made flesh brings life to God's people!**

## **\*Praise Song**

## **Jesus Paid It All**

## **Young Disciples' Time**

## **Prayer for Illumination**

*Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.*

## **Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

## **Message: Symbols of Jesus: "The Cross"**

## **\*Hymn**

## **Thank You Lord #84**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Lord's Prayer**

## **Prayer of Confession**

*The word of the cross is the wisdom of God to those who are saved. Merciful God, we confess our bewilderment over the presence of any wisdom at all in such a dreadful act as the crucifixion of Jesus, your Son, our Lord.*

*Each year as we hear the story again, we wonder—  
why did it have to happen?*

***It seems as though evil triumphed in this wretched deed.***

*Forgive us when we get caught up in the quest  
for achievement and power,*

*forgetting that Jesus' power was made perfect in weakness.  
Forgive our reluctance, O God, to proclaim with our lips and our  
lives that the crucified Christ is Lord of our lives and help us to  
empty ourselves of all that hinders such proclamation of our faith.*

*(Time of Silent Confession and Reflection)*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

*God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom and*

*God's weakness is stronger than human strength.*

*For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are  
perishing but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

*Jesus Christ became for us righteousness,  
and holiness and redemption.*

*And so I declare to you, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.*

***Thanks be to God.***

## **\*Hymn**

## **Jesus Love Me #191**

## **Ministry of Giving and Prayer of Dedication**

**God of holiness and grace, we know the words of your commandments. In our hearts, we know that following them makes life easier, not harder; fuller, not more restricted. We know there is no God greater than you, yet we have made the silliest things our gods and have thrown our money and resources after them. As we offer our gifts this day, we are reminded that only you have given the gift of a savior and the redemption of our rebellious lives. In Christ's name, we trust and pray. Amen.**

## **\*Praise Song**

## **This is Amazing Grace**

## **Benediction**

## **\*Postlude**

## **Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone**

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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.

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for  
November 7 – Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

**Holy Grounds Coffee Hour** Volunteers are needed to MISSION! Please see Pastor Jonathan if you can help us!

**FINANCIAL STATISTICS – October 24, 2021**  
Attendance ~ 43 in-person 26 via YouTube  
Envelope Offerings ~ \$1,190.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$728.86  
Plate ~ \$2.00 Boscov's Fundraiser ~ \$80.00  
Guideline Booklet ~ \$5.00 Facebook Donations ~ \$25.00

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



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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!

### 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!

### 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!

### Upcoming Church-Wide Discussions

**Wednesday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm:** Rev. Dr. Drew Dyson will be discussing the work of the GNJ Methodists for Full Inclusion and their hope for the post-separation UMC

**Monday, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm:** Beth Caulfield will be discussing the work of the Wesleyan Covenant Association and the coming Global Methodist Church.

All church members are welcome. Discussions will be held in the Sanctuary and streamed on our YouTube channel.

### Congregational “Listening Sessions”

- Wednesday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM at the home of Laura & Tim McDonald.
- Wednesday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the home of Dennis Pontani & Daisy Sun.

Space is limited. Please contact the LUMC Office to RSVP.

### Calling All children & Youth

**Sunday School:** All are welcome! (K-12th Grade)

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

**Youth Group:** Fridays 6:30PM (5<sup>th</sup> Grade and older)

### ☪ United Methodist Women Meeting ☪

Thursday, November 18 at 6PM at Perkins, Forked River.  
Contact Monique at 732-492-1494 for more information.  
All women are invited to join!

### Thanksgiving Happenings

Monday, Nov. 22 – Fall Lacey Farmers' Market  
Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving Dinner - 1:00pm in Fellowship Hall.  
Please contact the LUMC office 609.693.5222 to RSVP.

**Hanging of the Greens - November 27<sup>th</sup> 8am – 12pm**  
Our yearly tradition of decorating the Sanctuary for the Christmas season. All are welcome!!!

