

<>< *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; Diane & Elliott; Michael Claus; Paul Olsen; John E. Rue; Keith Gibbons; Christine Morgan; Joseph Ensinger; Michelle Reyes; Jeff Merceron; Mrs. Nunez; Lois Pozsar; Patrick Jemas; Helen Wooley; Gary; Sally Potter; Gary; Levi Kern; Greg R.; Frank Huscha; Rich Rosfjord; Kenny & Kathie Pitman; Sara Carpini; Ronnie Sadowski; Nancy & Rev. George Reid; Andrea Almeida; Betty Carty; Cindy Kuch; Linda & John Ansbach; Bill Wehner; Rich C.; Chris Mignone; Denise Applegate; Randy M.; Lois; Sue & Rich Newman; Dawn Slate; Gail Matuska; Monika & Fred Sisbarro; Marilyn Slate; Shirley; Aubrey; Betty Carhart; Rosalie Mulvaney; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Frank & Mary Timmerman; Cynthia Pedemonti; Andrea Schenker; Helen DeLa Cruz; Peg Bea; Shannon Callaghan; Will Cotton; Carole Exel; Patricia Potter; Susan Schlotter; Joan McGavin; Phyllis Smith; Bill & Becky Buglione; Lorraine; Katrina & Peter Borchester; Don McErlean; Pat Grant; our whole Church Family.

**For God's Comfort & Strength during Time of Mourning and Loss** ~ Don Reppert Family; Daniel Watkins Family; Kevin McGrath Family; Samuel Little Family.

**Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer** ~ For the birth of Jarrett Emmanuel Chen Stapleton! Thanks be to God for answered prayer!

**For Those Serving in the Military** ~ Peter Borchester; Jordyn Breur; Kevin Carhart; Luke Derflinger; Ellen Hammer; Gavin Hammer D'Adamo; Raymond Kitson; 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; 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; Maine, Maryland; 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; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.



# Lacey United Methodist Church

## February 18, 2024



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Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Emmett Bivins  
Pastor: Jonathan Campbell Lay Leader: Dominic Gregoria  
Music Director: Dawn Slate Special Music: Betty Carhart  
Welcoming Team: Lori Osborn & Deb Waddell  
Head Ushers: Sherry Exel & Rick Waddell  
Thank You to All Who Share Their Prayers, Presence, Gifts,  
Service, Witness & Time!

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*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**

**\*Hymn** *Amazing Grace* **UMH 378**

## **\*Call to Worship**

Lenten travelers, when you feel the security of God's love, affirmation of God's call, and covered in God's grace... **God comes near.** When you feel deserted and alone, starving and parched for a caring hand or an encouraging word, troubled and uncertain as the ground under you shifts like sand... **God comes near.** When you feel emboldened to act, inspired to speak, energized to live as bearers of the good news that the Kingdom of God is here... **God comes near.** In all seasons of our lives, God comes near to us and does not forsake us. **We gather to come near to God whose ever-present love remains near no matter where our journey takes us.** Amen.

## **Young Disciples' Time**

### **Prayer for Illumination**

Holy God, reveal your presence to us this day as we journey this path with your Son. Through all of life's trials and tribulations your Word sustains us for the journey ahead. Send your Spirit upon us that we might listen, discern, and take heart. Be near us this day and may your Word with us stay and dwell with us forevermore. Amen.

## **Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 10:4-10**

## **Hebrew Scripture Lesson: Leviticus 1:3-9**

## **Message: Greater Than: "The Offering of Jesus"**

**\*Hymn** *Rock of Ages* **UMH 361**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** **UMH 882**

## **Pastoral Prayer and Announcements**

### **Offering**

*Anthem: Special Music Offered by Betty Carhart*

**\*Doxology** **UMH 95**

## **\*Prayer of Dedication**

Holy God, we bring our tithes and offerings to your altar, understanding that on the journey in Lent, we can't avoid or detour around the wilderness. It is essential that we hear Jesus call us to repentance! Bless our gifts for your unfinished kingdom work. Remind us, as we worship here, that this redemption of our lives did not come without a price; without our own repentance, we can miss the enormity of the gift Jesus gave. Knowing we cannot earn this redemption and forgiveness,

this wiping clean of our ledger, we can only hope to reflect such grace and compassion in our encounters with others. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

## **The Invitation**

## **Prayer of Confession**

Jesus says: "The time is ready, the kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe the Gospel." **O come, let us return unto our God, Who will have mercy and abundantly pardon.**

Let us pray.

**Most holy God, we admit to you and each other that we are so dazzled by the false gods of this age, that we find it hard to recognize who we are, where we came from, or where we are going. We easily become caught up in selfishness, seduced by cynicism, waylaid by glittering consumerism, and led by the nose along the highways and byways created by powerful, vested interests. Please open our hearts that we may know ourselves more clearly, and seek you more diligently.**

## **A Time of Silent Confession and Reflection**

### **The Assurance of Pardon**

### **Passing of the Peace**

### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

### **The Prayer of Consecration**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

### **The Prayer of Humble Access**

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs from under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us, Amen.

## **The Reception**

## **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** *Lord of the Dance* **UMH 261**

## **Benediction and \*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 February 11, 2024:**

Attendance ~ 51 in-person; 19 via YouTube  
Offerings: \$892.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,109.13 Plate: \$45.00  
BayShore Fellowship Rent: \$1,311.27 NA/AA Rent: \$50.00  
Discretionary: \$52.00 Book Study: \$30.00  
Joy of Angels Deposit: \$1,652.00

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!!

**Reminder: The basket on the side table as you walk up the center aisle is for giving to the pastor's discretionary fund which enables us to directly help members of our community who are in need.**

**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



### **Please help us complete the Sanctuary Altar Flooring**

All you have to do is buy ShopRite cards through LUMC!  
ShopRite makes a \$50 donation to LUMC for every \$1,000 we sell in ShopRite gift cards! Cards are available through the LUMC Office.

### *Joy of the Angels Thrift Shoppe*

#### **Normal Hours of Operation:**

Tuesday ~ 10:00AM – 1:00PM  
Wednesday ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM  
Thursday ~ 8:00AM – 4:00PM  
Friday ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM  
Saturday ~ 10:00AM – 4:00PM

**Extended Hours!!!**

↵ The Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe is a vital mission of Lacey UMC.  
**Volunteers are needed to help extend the hours of operation.**



**We're social!** Like & follow us on...  
**LUMC:** Facebook, Instagram, & YouTube  
**Hope Chest Food Pantry:** Facebook  
**Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe:** Facebook

## Holy Grounds Coffee Hour - Today after Worship

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for  
February 25<sup>th</sup> – Leviticus 2:1-3, Hebrews 12:22-29*

### Opportunities to Grow in Faith

**Bible Study:** Mondays at 9:00AM in the Connolly Center  
**Prayer Lab:** Wednesdays at 6:00PM in the Sanctuary  
**Disciple Bible Study:** Thursdays at 6:00PM and  
Sundays (starting 2/25) at 1:00PM  
Please contact Pastor Jonathan or the LUMC Office for more info.

**Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...shelf-stable milk and juice!**  
Drop off at the LUMC office during the week or after worship.

### **Praise Team Practice – Tuesdays at 6PM**

Christine Urban will be leading our Praise Team through Easter!  
Interested in joining Praise Team? No prior experience necessary; all you need is a desire to sing! Please contact Christine at 609-693-6853 for more info.

### **County Support Services at LUMC**

**Tues., Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30AM-1:30PM:** OC Board of Social Services will be in Fellowship Hall to provide info. about their services.

**Thurs., March 7<sup>th</sup> 11AM-1PM:** OC Board of Health will be holding a vaccine and information clinic in Fellowship Hall.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

**Trustees:** February 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM

**Church Council:** February 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at approx. 6:30PM

**Fundraising:** Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6PM

**Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: March 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM**  
at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

"Sisters in Faith" invite you to see **Rabbit Hole** at OCC's Grunin Center for the Arts on **Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30PM!**  
**ALL** are welcome and invited. Please visit [grunincenter.org](http://grunincenter.org) to order tickets and for information about the play.

### **Offering Envelopes are available!**

The envelopes are on the table as you walk into the Sanctuary.  
The ushers will be happy to answer any questions you have.  
**Please remember to write your number on the front of the envelope to ensure your giving is recorded!**

