

<>< *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; Donna Craft; Carolyn; Diane & Elliott; Michael Claus; Paul Olsen; John E. Rue; Keith Gibbons; Christine Morgan; Joseph Ensinger; Michelle Reyes; Jeff Mercer; Mrs. Nunez; Lois Pozsar; Patrick Jemas; Helen Wooley; Gary; Sally Potter; Gary; Levi Kern; Greg R.; Frank Huscha; Rich Rosford; 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** ~ Kidney transplant for Jake Wiesner! 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 Hamner; 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 Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands; Massachusetts, Michigan; 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 25, 2024



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Head of the Church - Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God  
Ministers: All of Us Liturgist: Diane Collins  
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** *Praise Him, Praise Him*

## **\*Call to Worship**

We have not come to a frightening mountain or a scary place.

**We have no fear or trembling.**

This is a heavenly place where angels dwell.

**We have come to be the church.**

We have come to the mediator between God and humankind: Jesus Christ our Lord. **We come with reverence and awe.**

## **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 12:22-29**

### **Hebrew Scripture Lesson: Leviticus 2:1-3**

### **Message: Greater Than: "We Thank You"**

**\*Hymn** *Thank You Lord* **UMH 84**

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

## **Pastoral Prayer and Announcements**

### **Offering**

*Anthem: Special Music Offered by Betty Carhart*

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

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**God of Boundless Goodness:** We have come to this place this day to worship you with our songs, with our words, with our gifts, and with our whole hearts. We are reminded that our discipleship decision involves more than what we bring this day to the altar; it calls us to a place where a cross that is ours alone must be picked up and carried. This, more than anything else, is why we need the community of your church. Strengthen us, we pray, not just to carry our own cross, but to help sisters and brothers carry their crosses as well. In the name of the one who bore his cross for us. Amen.

## **The Invitation**

## **Prayer of Confession**

Lord God, we are so bound by rules and regulations that we fail to see the human need that goes beyond the bounds of structures. We easily relegate compassionate service to those agencies in our society that have that as their mandate, forgetting that you have given us the supreme mandate to care for one another, even as you have cared for us. We turn our backs on those in need, giving the responsibility to someone else. "Let someone else do the work," we proclaim. And in that proclamation we have revealed our selfishness and our inability to be your disciples. Stop us from our selfish ways, and heal our hardened hearts. Forgive us, again, as you have so often before when we have failed to be your witnesses and workers. Help us become involved in ministries of peace and justice right where we are, for there is no where in creation where your love is not needed. Let us bring messages of love and hope to all people. Bring us to an understanding of the partnership of healing and hope that abides in your service. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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

### **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** *Count Your Blessings*

## **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.

*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for  
March 3 – Leviticus 7:11-17, Hebrews 10:16-25*

### **FINANCIAL STATISTICS**

**Statistics February 18, 2024:**

Attendance ~ 47 in-person; 36 via YouTube  
Offerings: \$845.00 Offerings via Vanco: \$1,309.13 Plate: \$55.00  
NA/AA Rent: \$50.00 Discretionary: \$245.00 Book Study: \$85.00  
Joy of Angels Deposit: \$948.50

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.

### **Hope Chest Food Pantry Needs...shelf-stable milk and juice!**

Drop off at the LUMC office during the week or after worship.

*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.**

### *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.*

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

Christine Urban will be leading our Praise Team through Easter!  
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**

**Sisters-In-Faith:** Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6PM

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

**Trustees:** March 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM

**Church Council:** March 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at approx. 6:30PM

### **Monthly Pastor's Breakfast: March 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM**

at Lacey Perkins. Everyone is welcome!

### **2024 Holy Week Schedule**

March 24 – Palm Sunday

March 28 – Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00PM

March 29 – Good Friday Stations of the Cross 12:00PM-3:00PM

Good Friday Worship at FR Presbyterian 7:00PM

March 31 – Easter Sunrise Service 6:30AM at Lake Barnegat

Easter Sunday Worship in the Sanctuary 9:00AM

### **Undies for Easter**

Each inmate arriving into the Philadelphia Prison System is given ONE pair of underpants and no undershirts.

This campaign will focus on providing briefs and undershirts to prisoners in the Eastern PA prison system. Interested in donating?

Items must be purchased by March 24<sup>th</sup> using this Amazon registry:

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2JOXBF3YI3MU1>

### *Save the Date*

**April 6:** "Egg"cellent Hunt

**April 14:** Blessing of the Vehicles

**April 21:** Women's Tea

**May 11:** Car Show

*Details to Follow...*

