

## *Lacey United Methodist Church*

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

*February 21, 2021*

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

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome**

### **Opening Prayer**

All-knowing and all-caring God,  
we gather this day drained by another week.  
We are like a parched desert, empty and in need of  
replenishment. Visit us with your presence, saturate us with  
your Spirit, and bathe us in your streams of living water,  
that our lives might acknowledge and worship you  
to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Hymn ~ I Love You Lord Medley #2068-2070-2071**

### **Children's Message**

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

Righteous God, we mark these early days in the Lenten  
journey with reminders of your covenant with your people. In  
your judgement, you sent upon creation the great flood –  
yet you saved a faithful remnant. You followed with a  
covenant not to use the flood again. As we prepare to offer  
our gifts to you, we are reminded that we have been spared  
from judgment by the one, your son, our Savior, who took on  
our guilt and bore our judgement. May gratitude for his

sacrifice move us to offer not only money, but our whole  
being. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

### **Hymn ~ Just As I Am #357**

### **Scripture ~ Romans 7:18-19**

### **Message: "Restored: This is a Real Mess"**

### **Praise Song ~ For Those Tears I Died**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Prayer of Confession**

To you, Sovereign, do we lift up our souls. We often find  
ourselves struggling with shame, and we are afraid. Often,  
we do not know what to believe. We shrink from rigorous  
pursuit of your ways. Forgive us our laziness; and make us  
to know your ways; teach us your paths. Lead us in truth and  
be mindful of your mercy toward us. Deliver us from the sins  
of our youth; may they not haunt us as we seek you, for your  
goodness' sake, O God. Hear our prayer in the name of  
Jesus, the One full of grace and truth. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, hear the good news: God through Christ has  
remembered us with kindness and steadfast love. As far as  
east is from west, so has God removed our sins. Believe  
the gospel: in Christ you are forgiven.

### **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You brought all things into being and called them good.

From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image  
and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

When rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights, you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and his family, and made covenant with every living creature on earth.

When you led your people to Mount Sinai for forty days and forty nights, you gave us your commandments and made us your covenant people.

When your people forsook your covenant, your prophet Elijah fasted for forty days and forty nights; and on your holy mountain, he heard your still small voice.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When you gave him to save us from our sin, your Spirit led him into the wilderness, where he fasted forty days and forty nights to prepare for his ministry.

When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him to life, presented him alive to the apostles during forty days, and exalted him at your right hand.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly feast of Easter, you lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts, that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced to reaffirm the covenant, you made with us through Christ.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

***Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.***

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

**Hymn ~ Forth In Thy Name #438**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**I Love You Lord Medley #2068-2070-2071**

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice  
To worship You, oh I should rejoice!  
Take joy, my King, in what you hear,  
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high,  
I will praise Him  
He is exalted, forever exalted,  
And I will praise His name!  
He is the Lord, forever His truth will reign,  
Heaven and Earth, rejoice in His Holy name,  
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

Jesus, name above all names,  
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord  
Emmanuel, God is with us  
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

**Just As I Am #357**

Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not  
to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## **For Those Tears I Died**

You said you'd come, to share all our sorrow,  
You said you'd be there for all my tomorrow's  
I came so close, to sending you away,  
But just like you promised, you came here to stay  
I just had to pray....and Jesus said,

“Come to the water, stand by my side  
I know you are thirsty, you won't be denied  
I felt very tear drop, as in darkness you cried,  
And I strove to remind you,  
That for those tears I died.”

Jesus, I give you my heart and my soul,  
I know, without God, I'd. Ever be whole.  
Savior, you opened all the right doors,  
And I thank you and praise you, from Earth's humble shores,  
Take me, I'm yours....and Jesus said,

“Come to the water, stand by my side,  
I know you are thirsty, you won't be denied  
I felt every gear drop as in darkness you cried,  
And I strove to remind you,  
That for those tears I died.”

## **Forth In Thy Name # 438**

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go  
My daily labor to pursue  
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know  
In all I think, or speak or do.

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*<>< YOUR WILL, LORD GOD, BE DONE ~ NOTHING MORE, NOTHING LESS, NOTHING ELSE <><*

**For God's Healing & Discernment** ~ CoVid sufferers & Care Givers; Ike & Joan Icenhower; Susan Schlotter; Daryl Simmons; Jay J; Nancy D; Dee & Paul Burrowes; Colleen Brandt; Peg & Bob Bea; Dottie & Bill Connolly; Ray MacPherson; Larry Radomski; Carol Horling; Peg & Will Cotton; Barkley Family; Mihalkovitz/Przybylski Families; Marjorie Moore; Bev Krott; Charles Cometa Jr.; Peggy LaPorta; Sandi Smith; George K.; Terry S.; James; 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 Hulst; Bill & Becky Buglione; Melody Pryor-Tasco; Lorraine, Katrina & Peter Borchester; Sally & Don McErlean; Hunter; Pat Grant; Bill & 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; Fred Weidemann Family; Bernie & Dot Novack's Family; Danny Taylor Family; Richard Dickon Family; Lazarus 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; & 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 France, Germany, Monaco; Minnesota, Mississippi; 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.

**Lenten Book Study Begins This Week!**  
"Restored: Finding 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.

A Special Church Conference meeting is called for **Monday, February 22, 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 meeting will be part of the regular Church Council Meeting scheduled 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.

**FINANCIAL STATISTICS – February 14, 2021**

Attendance ~ 47 via Facebook Views  
Envelope Offerings ~ \$1,650.00 Offerings via Vanco ~ \$1,130.23  
Lenten Book Study ~ \$10.00  
Sanctuary Media Upgrade ~ \$1,100.00

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*Scripture to read & pray over in preparation for  
Sunday, February 28 – Ephesians 2:8-9*

**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!

*If you would like to place flowers on the Altar on a certain date  
in honor or in remembrance of a loved one,  
please contact the LUMC Office.*

**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 currently collecting **pasta sauce**.  
**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!

**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