

The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: How pleasing it is to God when we live as one family, sharing all that we have in holy love. How eager is our God to bless us with everlasting life when we move from the shadows and forsake the works of darkness. How joyous is the life we find in Christ.

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *An Exultant Alleluia* Smith

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day to walk in the light.

People: **This is the day to share signs of peace.**

Leader: This is the day to believe where we have not seen.

People: **This is the day to embrace what we cannot touch.**

Leader: Come! Let us worship the Lord of life.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Here I Am to Worship* W&S 3177

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Affirmation from 1 Timothy* UMH 889

OPENING PRAYER *(seated and in unison)*

God of manifold blessing, come to us this day. Come and bless us. Come and lead us into the light. For we come to you to find peace. We come to rediscover joy. We come to believe where we have not seen. We come to touch the glory of everlasting life, through the power of your Son. We come to truly live. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rhoda Wilson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON *(seated and responsively)* *Psalm 133* UMH 850

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *This Little Light of Mine* arr. Johnson
Chancel Choir

*THE DOXOLOGY UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundant grace, we live in a world where people's worth is often tied to their wealth. You have shown us how good and pleasing it is when families live together as one. May the offerings we bring before you now be signs of our commitment to help those in need and to live together as the family of God. Amen.

SECOND LESSON *John 20:19-31* Pew Bible p. 883

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Trust and Obey* UMH 467

SERMON Rev. George Winkfield

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *Dona Nobis Pacem* UMH 376

*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE *An Easter Carillon* Broughton

*GOING FORTH

**Please rise in posture or spirit*

Bold print: in unison

TFWS: *The Faith We Sing*

UMH: *U.M. Hymnal*

W&S: *Worship and Song*

Prayer List

Trisha Doan (*Jo Thomas's niece – 3/25*)
Miles Ferree (*Jo Thomas's great nephew – 3/25*)
Sandy Fitzpatrick (*by Cecelia Miller – 3/25*)
Barbara Hacker (*by Brian and Cecelia Miller – 3/25*)
Jeanette Keaton (*Patti Gould's grandmother – 3/25*)
Donna Martin (*Jo Thomas's sister-in-law – 3/25*)
Shirley Messman (*3/25*)
Carmen & Victor Spencer (*by Beverley Mignott – 3/25*)
Bill Thomas (*3/25*)
Jo Thomas (*3/25*)
Family of Roland Grant (*Joyce Johnson's brother – 3/18*)
Carroll Mantel (*by Peggy Kelly – 3/18*)
Kristen Powell (*by Peggy Kelly – 3/18*)
Christian Smith (*3/18*)
Joyce Johnson (*3/11*)
Nancy Oswald (*3/11*)
Roxy Potter (*Judy Zahren's sister-in-law – 3/11*)

Prayer requests will be held for one month, unless requested otherwise.

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

PASTOR GEORGE'S BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES THIS WEEK, Tuesdays at 7 PM and Thursdays at 10:30 AM.

TODAY, IS THE DEADLINE FOR THE MAY SPIRE: Please place all articles in the Spire box in the church office or email your articles directly to Nancy Williams at njk.williams@yahoo.com. **Committee chairpersons may submit monthly newsletter articles so that the congregation is aware of your activities and hard work.** Also, if you are not currently receiving the Spire by mail, or if you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please notify Myra Wagner at office@lrumc.org.

SPECIAL THANK YOU:

- 1) To those who purchased flowers and to those who placed them around the Sanctuary for the Easter Service.**
- 2) To those who helped prepare the wonderful breakfast Easter morning.**
- 3) To all who participated and assisted with the photo sessions for our church directory.**

COFFEE CAKES ARE NEEDED FOR MANNA HOUSE BREAKFAST CLUB. If you are able to make a cake, please contact Linda Cole (410-666-5222). Please drop off your coffee cake in the kitchen next week, April 15.

APRIL IS BOARD OF CHILD CARE AUXILIARY MONTH...Today, in the pews are envelopes for you to become a member or renew your membership in the Auxiliary of the Board of Child Care of the United Methodist Church. By contributing \$2.00/person, you will belong to the Baltimore North District Auxiliary, a group dedicated to putting love for children and youth into action. Please complete the information on the envelope front, place your donation inside and put in the offering plate. Thank You.

APRIL COLLECTION FOR ACTC: CANNED MEAT – beef chili, stew, Spam (Please place your items in the box labeled “Missions Collections” outside Fellowship Hall.)

LECTIONARY READINGS for Sunday, April 15, 2018:

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:17; Luke 24:36b-48

Church Calendar for the Week of April 8

Today	Spire Deadline	
	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages
	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	Following Worship	Fellowship Time
	Following Worship	Blood Pressure Screening
	Following Worship	Finance Meeting
	Following Worship	Membership Meeting
	12:30 PM	St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church
	4:00 PM	Rays of Light Rehearsal

Monday – Thursday		
	6:30 – 9:00 AM	IMPROVE Before-School Care
	3:00 – 6:30 PM	IMPROVE After-School Care

Monday	9:15 AM	Aerobics
	7:00 PM	SPRC Meeting

Tuesday	6:15 PM	Aerobics
	7:00 PM	Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesday	6:30 PM	IMPROVE Dance Class
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Thursday	9:15 AM	Aerobics
	10:30 AM	Pastor's Bible Study
	6:15 PM	Aerobics
	7:00 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
	8:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal

Friday	10:30 AM	AI-Anon
	6:30 PM	IMPROVE Talent Show

Saturday	10 AM - 1 PM	LRUMC Leadership Day
	10:00 AM	St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal

Upcoming Events

April 15	11:15 AM	UMW General Meeting
		Covered Dish Luncheon and Presentation
April 18	7:00 PM	Church Council
April 21	7:00 AM	Manna House Breakfast Club
		Meet in Church Parking Lot at 6:30 AM

Saturday, April 14

LRUMC Leadership Day

10 AM – 1 PM

Fellowship Hall

Come learn about Church Council, our Mission and our Vision

All are welcome!



Sunday, April 15

Join the United Methodist Women

Following the Worship Service

Covered dish luncheon and presentation

in Fellowship Hall

Bring a favorite dish to share!

All are welcome!



Sunday, April 22

Recycle Day

Pot Luck Luncheon following the Worship Service

in Fellowship Hall

AND

Tree Planting on the front lawn

in celebration of Earth Day

Bring a favorite dish to share!