

**February 5, 2017 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany 10:00 a.m.**

**Gathering Thought:** "The branch of the vine does not worry, and toil, and rush here to seek for sunshine, and there to find rain. No; it rests in union and communion with the vine; and at the right time, and in the right way, is the right fruit found on it. Let us so abide in the Lord Jesus." --Hudson Taylor

**ENTRANCE**

**Gathering  
Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** *Gavotte en rondeau (from Partita III)* J.S. Bach  
Samuel Chin, saxophone

**Lighting of the Altar Candles**

**\*Call to Worship**

*Leader: The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.*

*People: Many will see and be in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.*

*Leader: Blessed are those who make the Lord their trust.*

*People: O Lord my God, you have multiplied your wondrous deeds  
and your thoughts toward us.*

**\*Hymn of Praise** *Spirit of Faith, Come Down* UMH 332  
**\*Affirmation of Faith** *A Modern Affirmation* UMH 885

**Opening Prayer** (*seated and in unison*)

**Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins,  
and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us  
in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**Prayer for Illumination**  
**First Lesson** *John 13:34* Pew Bible p. 877

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer**

**Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**  
**Offertory** *In Christ Alone* arr. David Angerman  
Chancel Choir Sign Language Interpretation by Myra Wagner

**\*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!**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Our Heavenly Father, enlighten us by your Spirit  
to discern how to use the gifts that you have bestowed on us.  
May all of our church's ministries serve as channels of your powerful grace  
to people in need of help.  
We dedicate these tithes and offerings through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Preparation** *Take Time to Be Holy* UMH 395  
**Second Lesson** *1 John 5:1-5* Pew Bible p. 991

**Sermon** *World Conquerors* Rev. Cliff Webner

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live at peace with one another. Today, we will be serving by intinction.

**The Great Thanksgiving** *Musical Settings TFWS p. 2257*

**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.**

**Breaking the Bread**

**Giving the Bread and Cup**

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*Hymn of Commitment** *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* UMH 662  
**\*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**\*Postlude** *Fanfare* Jean Joseph Mouret

**\*Going Forth**

*\*Please rise in posture or spirit*  
*TFWS: The Faith We Sing* *UMH: U.M. Hymnal* **Bold print: in unison**  
*W&S: Worship and Song*

Welcome! Warm greetings and love in Christ are extended to all members and guests.

*If you presently have no church home,  
we hope you will consider making Loch Raven Church your home.*

Thank you for signing the pew registration book.

*(Addresses, phone numbers, & email addresses help us to personally thank you for your visit.)*

Please call the Church Office if you have any questions or if we can be of assistance to you.

**We appreciate the services today of:**

**Greeters:** Myra Wagner  
**Acolyte:** Usher  
**Liturgist:** Amy Price  
**Ushers:** Jon Cuthbert, Jen Dorsey, Art Schoelkopf, Sandra Edmonds

Children's Activity Sheets are available in the Narthex.

**Large print bulletins are available. See an usher.**

**Altar Flowers**

*The 2017 chart for giving Altar flowers is up in the Arcade (downstairs hallway).*

**Ministries of Loch Raven Church**

**Prayers:** Please pray daily for our brothers and sisters in Christ and those on the Prayer List. The member to remember this week is: Ms. Norma Jones.

**Presence:** 110

**January 29, 2017**

**Gifts:** \$5,840

**LRUMC Mission Statement**

“Loch Raven United Methodist Church is a multicultural community of faith, called by God to be a living witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ by serving as stewards of God's gifts and blessings. We minister through worship, learning, fellowship and mission to the community.”

**MINISTERS & EVANGELISTS:**

**PASTOR:** Rev. Cliff Webner

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**PASTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE:**

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**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:**

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**ORGANIST:**

Patricia Gould

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“IF YOU  
*Love*  
*me,*  
YOU WILL  
KEEP MY  
COMMANDMENTS.”

JOHN 14:15, NRSV

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## Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

The **2017 Flower Chart** is up in the Arcade (hallway). Please sign up to beautify our altar to honor or celebrate a loved one.

The **2017 LRUMC Officer Lists** are available in the Narthex.

The **2017 Offering Envelopes** are on the table in the Narthex and on a table in the Arcade (downstairs hallway). Please pick yours up today!

**In search of College Connections** - Do you have a family member attending college in our area or beyond? For 2017 Loch Raven is beginning a new initiative for connecting with college students, near or far. During these challenging years, they are often in need of encouragement and an unexpected surprise piece of mail often brightens a day. Please provide to the church office names, mailing addresses, and a photo of your family's students so we can add them to our 2017 snail mail college connections campaign.

**The Assistance Center of Towson Churches** needs **plastic grocery bags**. They can be dropped off at 120 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Monday through Friday from 10 am to 3 pm.

**Cookies** are needed for the **Board of Child Care**. There will be a box outside Fellowship Hall for donations from Feb 5 until Feb 26. Thank you for helping.

**Food Collections** - During this February missions season, donations are needed for ACTC of potatoes, canned or boxed. Please place items in collection boxes outside Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your support.

**Inclement Weather Policy** - In the event of inclement winter weather, you may call the church office on Sunday morning to determine whether church services remain scheduled for the day. The telephone number is 410-825-0900.

**The January/February Upper Room** is available in the Narthex on the History Cabinets and by the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor entrance to the Sanctuary. These daily devotional booklets may be obtained for a \$1 donation.

The Baltimore-Washington Conference will once again be offering **college scholarships** for the Fall 2017 semester. **Students can apply January 3 – March 1, 2017 through an online application system.** For additional information and to apply, visit [http: www.bwcumc.org/administration/finance/local-church-resources/scholarships](http://www.bwcumc.org/administration/finance/local-church-resources/scholarships).

## Church Calendar for the Week

Sunday	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. after worship  12:30 a.m.	<b>Sunday School for all ages</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Fellowship Time</b> <b>Super Bowl Subs</b> St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall after worship Sanctuary
Monday – Friday	6:30 AM – 6:00 PM 6:30 AM – 6:30 PM	The Learning Garden Preschool IMPROVE Before- & After-School Care	Rooms 122, 116 Rooms 208, 214
Monday	9:15 AM 7:30 p.m.	Aerobics <b>Women in Christ Circle</b>	Auditorium Room 202
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. 6:15 PM	<b>Phyllis Downs Circle</b> Aerobics	Parlor Auditorium
Thursday	9:15 AM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Aerobics Aerobics <b>Handbell Rehearsal</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	Auditorium Auditorium Bell Room Choir Room
Friday	10:30 a.m.	Al-Anon	Room 128
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal <b>Leadership Day</b>	Room 210 Bel Air UMC

## Upcoming Events

February 12		<b>March Spire deadline</b> <i>no blood pressure screening</i>	
February 13	7:00 p.m.	<b>Missions Team meeting</b>	Sandi's house
February 18	7:00 a.m.	<b>Manna House Breakfast Club</b>	



### **New Prayer Requests**

William Russell *(by Marcia Thomas-Smith 11/30)*

Venetia *(by Marcia Thomas-Smith 11/30)*

Lisa Kolp *(by Amanda Brown 1/29)*

Georgia Hurry *(by Nancy Gillotti 1/29)*

Al Cox *(by Dana Cox 1/29)*

The family of Dorothy Blemah *(by Doris Ndlovu 1/27)*

Janet Gaver *(by Judy Zahren 1/26)*

### **Recent Prayer Requests**

Brian Dorsey *(by Jenny Dorsey 1/23)*

The Reverend Tom Umbel *(by Debi Wynn 1/23)*

Jim Wagner *(by Myra Wagner 1/22)*

The Reverend Ann Adams *(by Debi Wynn 1/17)*

The Malone family *(by Myra Wagner 1/15)*

Safety for un-named friends *(by Jan Hoener 1/15)*

Beth Harting *(1/15)*

Ruth Kriel *(by Stan 1/8)*

Georgia Fredette *(by Cecelia & Brian Miller 1/8)*

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