

The Order of Worship

Centering Words: Centered on God's Spirit, we come to nourish the soil of our lives. Planted in God's grace

ENTRANCE

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: Stand and bear witness to the fulfillment of God's promise:
We are those descendants, too many to count...

People: **Like the dust of the earth.**
 Like the sands of the beach.
 Like the stars in the heavens.

We are those descendants, too many to count...

From the West and the East.
 From the North and the South.

Too many to count...

From the Atlantic and the Pacific.
 From the Antarctica and Australia.

Too many to count...

From Canada to Côte de'Ivoire.
 From New York to Nairobi.

We are those descendants, too many to count...

Blessed of God. Blessed to be a blessing.

*Hymn of Praise

Holy Ground

TFWS 2272

*Affirmation of Faith

A Modern Affirmation

UMH 885

Opening Prayer *(seated and in unison)*

**God of our mothers and our fathers, God of ages past, God of all our tomorrows,
we have come here at your invitation.**

We come, as companions on a journey, through this howling wilderness called life.

We are a motley, mixed multitude.

Some of us are on top of the world,

and others of us have been wearied by the ordinariness of our days.

Yet we all long for something new.

Surprise us with a glimpse of your presence,

just as you surprised the prophet Isaiah long ago,

and just as you surprised Jacob on the road to Haran.

Open our eyes, O God, to a fresh vision of your love.

Open our hearts, that we might sense your presence and be healed today. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Children's Message

Debi Wynn

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Genesis 28:10-19a

Pew Bible p. 22

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

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Theresa Alaeze, soloist

*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

God, just as you received Jacob's gift

of oil poured on the stone that had been his pillow,

receive our humble gifts today as an act of worship.

May our offering make your name known in places where you are needed. Amen.

Second Lesson

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Pew Bible p. 794-795

*Hymn of Preparation

Spirit of God

TFWS 2117

Sermon

Rev. George Winkfield

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Commitment

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH 384

*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

*Going Forth

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**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: Jen Dorsey
Acolyte: Usher
Liturgist: Sandi Cuthbert
Ushers: Brian Miller, Joyce Deitrich,

Children's Activity Sheets are available in the Narthex.

Large print bulletins are available. See an usher.

Altar Flowers

The bowl is given by the Alaeze family
In celebration of the birthday of their daughter, Adaeze.

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 Mrs. Norma Jones.

Presence: 92 **July 16, 2017** **Gifts:** \$4,230.97

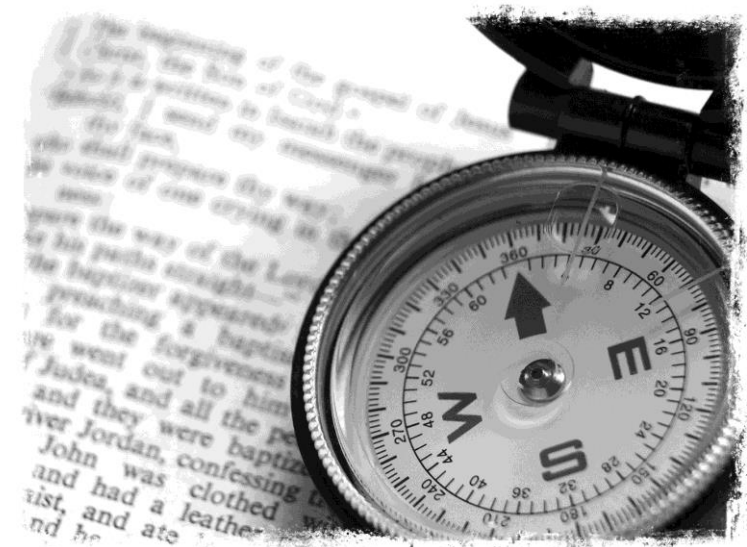
LRUMC Mission Statement

“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.”

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2017



Know that I am
with you and
will keep you
wherever you go.

GENESIS 28:15, NRSV

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New Prayer Requests

Rebecca Mickey (7/16)
Deborah Henschen (by Linda Cole 7/16)
Johnny Tolliver (by Edy Pratt 7/16)
Carol McCorkle (by Anne McCorkle Garrett 7/17)

Recent Prayer Requests

Buddy Schwartz (by Patti Ferguson 7/12)
Tom Williams (by Patti Ferguson & Debi Wynn 7/9)
Christopher Blair (by Judy Feustle 7/9)
Debbie Morgan (by Joyce Johnson 7/2)
Roland Grant (by Joyce Johnson 7/2)
Janie & Judy Johnson (by Maria Stockton-Porter 7/2)
Myra Wagner (7/2)
Edward Smith (by Judy Zahren 6/28)
June Jordan (by Patti Ferguson 6/26)
The family of Sandy & Susan Altadonna (by Cheryl Wagner-Koogler 6/25)
Sandra Harbach (by Stan & Ruth Kriel 6/25)
Patrick DiMartino (by Cheryl Wagner-Koogler 6/25)
Bill Moulds (by Adrian Palazzi 6/25)
Will (by Mundi 6/25)

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

Lectionary Readings for the Coming Week

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

30 July 2017

- First reading and Psalm
 - Genesis 29:15-28
 - Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
 - or Psalm 128
- Alternate First reading and Psalm
 - 1 Kings 3:5-12
 - Psalm 119:129-136
- Second reading
 - Romans 8:26-39
- Gospel
 - Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Church Calendar for the Week of July 23

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
	after worship	Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall
	12:30 a.m.	St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary
Monday – Friday			
	6:30 AM – 6:00 p.m.	The Learning Garden Preschool	Rooms 122, 116
	6:30 AM – 6:30 p.m.	IMPROVE Before- & After-School Care	Rooms 208, 214
<i>Mondays</i>		<i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Sandwich Making for Essex UMC	Kitchen
	6:15 p.m.	Aerobics	Auditorium
Thursday	6:15 p.m.	Aerobics	Auditorium
Friday	10:30 a.m.	Al-Anon	Fellowship Hall
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal	Room 210

Upcoming Events

Jul. 31-Aug. 4	9 to 12:30	<i>Passport to Peru</i> Vacation Bible School	
Aug. 2	7:00 p.m.	Trustees	Parlor
Aug. 14	7:00 p.m.	Missions Cmte.	Sandi's house 1811 Edgewood Rd.

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

We thank **Donald Wolcott, our guest pianist** this morning!

We will be collecting **school supplies** for **Abbottston Elementary**, as well as for the **community** through 3 September: #2 pencils, Kleenex, hand sanitizer, pump hand soap, file folders, two-pocket folders with prongs, marble notebooks, and dry erase markers. Other supplies, such as crayons, scissors, paper, are welcomed for our community give away. Boxes are located in the Narthex and in Fellowship Hall. Or if you prefer, Amy will also be collecting monetary donations. If you are interested in volunteering at Abbottston, Cathy Miles will be having training for reading or math help, and breakfast or lunch help: cjmiles@bcps.k12.md.us or 443-388-6096.

Used Clothing Drive: Please bring in gently used clothing, shoes, accessories, books, and small household items to benefit Caitlin's trip to the **Girl Scout National Convention** in Ohio in October. All donations can be left in Room 115 through July 30th. Please call Jen with any questions, at (410) 419-6886. Thanks so much for your support!

Food Collections - During this July missions season, donations are needed for ACTC of canned fruit. Please place items in collection boxes outside Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

Our Passport to Peru **Vacation Bible School** will be held from July 31st through August 4th from 9 to 12:30. We need volunteers to help with Registration, Bible Story, Music, Arts & Crafts, & Snacks. Donation Requests: empty paper towel rolls or empty gift wrapping rolls, colorful throw rugs or blankets, different color streamers, different color plastic tablecloths.

The **July/August Upper Rooms** are available in the narthex and sanctuary hallway. The requested donation is \$1.00 for regular print, \$2.00 for large print, in the Narthex or Office.

If you would like to be added to an e-mail or mail list, or change how you receive the Spire, please notify the office. We will print a new **directory** soon, so let us know of any updates, such as a mobile phone or e-mail address. E-mail or drop them in the Office mailbox.

Please contact the church office before scheduling events, so we can check the official **church calendar** and put you on it! E-mail Office@LRUMC.org or call 410-825-0900.

Bulletins – Submissions for items to be included in the bulletin would be greatly appreciated by Tuesday. They can be e-mailed to Office@LRUMC.org or dropped off in the Office mailbox in the downstairs hallway.