

March 12, 2017

Second Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m.

**Gathering Thought:** "To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you." --C.S. Lewis

**ENTRANCE**

**Gathering  
Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** *God Will Take Care of You* - Martin, arr. Warriner

**Lighting of the Altar Candles**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**People: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;**

Leader: my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

**People: Blessed are those who dwell in your house ever singing your praise!**

**\*Hymn of Praise** *Jesus, the Light of the World* W&S 3056

**\*Affirmation of Faith** I Corinthians 15:1-6 and Colossians 1:15-20 UMH 888

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

**You keep your eye upon us, O God.**

**You give us hope in spite of the disquiet that lingers within us;  
you lift our spirits and make us glad.**

**All creation sings your praise; we your people laud your name.**

**Hear us as we worship, and speak to us as we gather.**

**For we seek to be filled with your Spirit**

**and made alive by your abiding Word. Amen.**

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**Children's Message** Patti Ferguson

**Special Music** *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* arr. Chris Tomlin  
Patti Ferguson, soloist

**Prayer for Illumination**  
**First Lesson** *Psalms 121* Pew Bible p. 498

**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** *I Lift up My Eyes* - J. Martin

**\*The Doxology** UMH 70

**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**

**O God, you have sent your Son into the world, that we may have life.**

**May we offer that life in Christ's name to our neighbor.**

**Use our talents to build up Christ's body.**

**Use the money that we give to bring healing for his sake.**

**All that we give is in response to your benevolent care;  
through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Preparation** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* UMH 298

**Second Lesson** *Luke 23:34* Pew Bible p. 859

**Sermon** *The Forgiveness Lesson* Rev. Cliff Webner

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*Hymn of Commitment** *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed* UMH 359

**\*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**\*Postlude** *The Faithful* - Southbridge

**\*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:** Ruth Kriel  
**Acolyte:** Usher  
**Liturgist:** Myra Wagner  
**Ushers:** Adrian Palazzi, Al Mignott, Amanda Brown, Jenny Dorsey

Children's Activity Sheets are available in the Narthex.

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

#### **Altar Flowers**

The rose bud on the altar is given by Margaret Tracey  
in loving memory of her son, Brian.

*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. Doris Therit.

**Presence:** 100

**March 5, 2017**

**Gifts:** \$7,051.17

#### **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:**

The People of Loch Raven United Methodist Church

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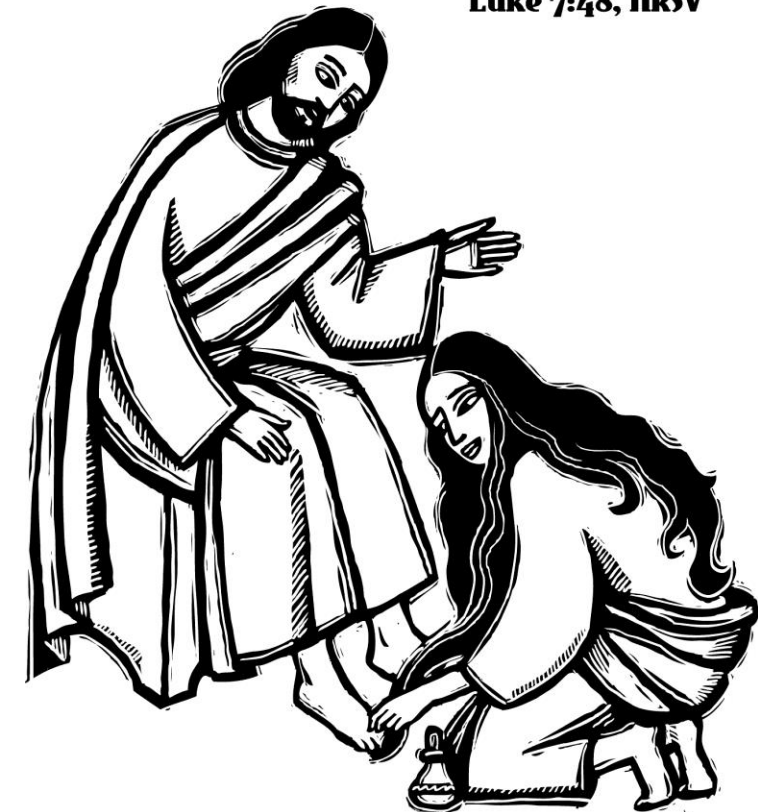
Patricia Gould

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**“Your sins are  
forgiven.”**

**Luke 7:48, NRSV**



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## Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

**The deadline for the April Spire is today.** 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](mailto:njk.williams@yahoo.com). Committee chairpersons may submit monthly newsletter articles so that the congregation is aware of your activities and hard work. If you are not currently receiving the Spire by mail, or if you would like to receive the newsletter by email instead of snail mail, please notify the church office.

**Pastor's Spring Bible Study** will be a four-week study about what it means to follow in Jesus' footsteps. It continues tomorrow at 7:00 PM in the parlor.

The **March/April Upper Rooms** are available in the narthex and sanctuary hallway. The cost is \$1.00.

This year's **Lenten Sermon Series** is called "Lessons from the Cross." It begins today and runs through March 26.

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

**Confirmation classes** continue at 9:00 a.m. in room 126.

The Loch Raven Sunday School is sponsoring an **egg hunt for the children on Easter Sunday**. We need your help with donations of wrapped candy and plastic Easter eggs. Donations can be placed in the boxes located in the church narthex and outside the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please contact Carole Webner at 410-592-5222. Thanks for all of your support.

**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](mailto:Office@LRUMC.org) or dropped off in the Office mailbox in the downstairs hallway.

**Food Collections** - During this March missions season, donations are needed for ACTC of spaghetti sauce. 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.

## Church Calendar for the Week

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<b>Sunday School for all ages</b>	
	9:00 a.m.	<b>Confirmation Class</b>	<b>Room 126</b>
	10:00 a.m.	<b>Worship</b>	Sanctuary
	after worship	<b>April Spire deadline</b>	
		<b>Blood Pressure Screening</b>	Parlor
		<b>Worship Team</b>	Choir Room
		<b>Egg making</b>	Kitchen
	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
Monday	9:15 a.m.	Aerobics	Auditorium
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Pastor's Lenten Bible Study</b>	Parlor
Tuesday	6:15 p.m.	Aerobics	Auditorium
Thursday	9:15 a.m.	Aerobics	Auditorium
	6:15 p.m.	Aerobics	Auditorium
	7:00 p.m.	<b>Handbell Rehearsal</b>	Bell Room
	8:00 p.m.	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	Choir Room
Friday	10:30 a.m.	AI-Anon	Room 128
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal	Room 210

## Upcoming Events

March 19	after worship	<b>Luncheon given by UMW</b>	Fellowship Hall
March 22	7:00 p.m.	<b>Church Council</b>	Fellowship Hall
March 29	9:30 a.m.	<b>Spire assembly</b>	Fellowship Hall



### ***New Prayer Requests***

The DiMartino Family *(by Cheryl Wagner -Koogler 3/5)*

June Jordan *(by Patti Ferguson 3/5)*

Jim Wagner *(by Myra 3/5)*

Marty Marvel *(3/2)*

### ***Recent Prayer Requests***

Vesta Williams *(by Owen Williams 2/26)*

Caregivers who are struggling with their own health problems. *(2/26)*

Brian Myers *(by Marcia & Gary Smith 2/19)*

Katie and Joe Kirby *(by Marcia Smith 2/19)*

Carol McCorkle *(by Anne McCorkle Garrett 2/19)*

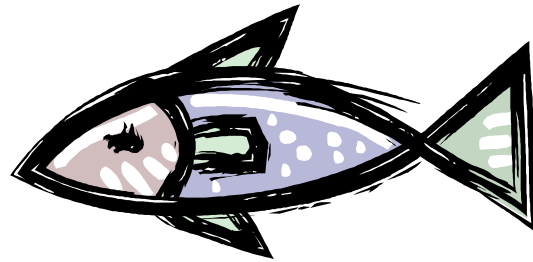
Brian Miller *(by Cecelia Miller 2/19)*

The Maynard-Smith family *(by Maria Stockton-Porter 2/19)*

Alfonso Cox *(by Dana Cox 2/12)*

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

Loch Raven United Methodist Church  
invites you to our  
Annual Lenten Event



**Chicken & Fish Fry  
with potato salad,  
green beans, & cornbread**

Friday, March 24, 2017  
6:00 p.m.

Adults \$12

Children \$10

Tickets available Sunday mornings  
in Fellowship Hall following Worship  
and

weekdays in the Church Office 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
6622 Loch Raven Blvd, Baltimore, MD 21239  
410-825-0900, [www.LRUMC.org](http://www.LRUMC.org)



## Chocolate Covered Easter Eggs

Individually Wrapped Easter Eggs  
\$12.00 per dozen

**Vanilla Cream, Chocolate Cream,  
Coconut Cream, Peanut Butter**

Deadline for ordering: Sunday, March 26, 2017

Pick-up Order: Sunday, April 2, 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Payment due when placing the order  
checks payable to: **Loch Raven United Methodist Women**

Submit order(s) with payment via the offering plate,  
Church Office or give to Nancy Gillotti

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Name: _____	Phone Number: _____
# ____ dozen – Vanilla Cream (dark chocolate)	# ____ dozen – Peanut Butter (dark chocolate)
# ____ dozen – Coconut Cream (dark chocolate)	# ____ dozen – Peanut Butter (milk chocolate)
# ____ dozen – Chocolate Cream (dark chocolate)	# ____ dozen – Assorted (three of each kind)
Total Amount Due: \$ _____	