

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: Dolores Courtney
Acolyte: Usher
Liturgist: Cheryl Wagner-Koogler
Ushers: Adrian Palazzi, Amanda Brown, Jen Dorsey, Al Mignott

Children's Bulletins are available in the Narthex for children ages 3 - 12.

Large print bulletins are available. See an usher.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flower bowl is given by Phil & Londa Lee in memory of Phil's mother, Wong Sleen Lee and in celebration of Briana Lee's 31st birthday.

The vases are given in memory of Marty Marvel by the Alaeze Family.

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. Ardith Luttrell.

PRESENCE: February 25, 2018: 100

Offering: \$6028.50

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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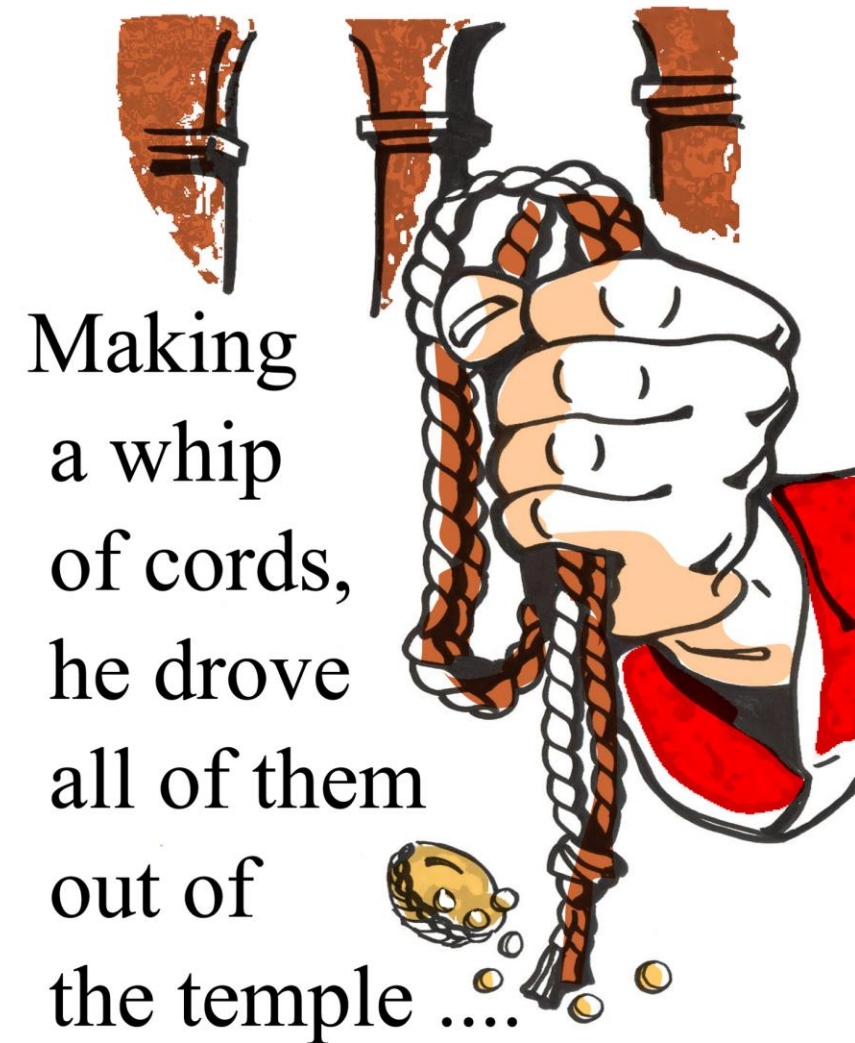
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Samuel Chin

ORGANIST: Patricia Gould

CHILD CARE PROVIDER: Amy Price

Third Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2018



John 2:15, NRSV

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The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: Passion consumed Jesus as he overturned the tables of the merchants and moneychangers in the Temple grounds. As we follow Jesus toward the cross, may we too be consumed by a righteous passion to do what is right and honorable.

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Green

Sam Chin, instrumentalist

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God.

People: **The earth proclaims God's handiwork.**

Leader: In speech without words, their voices are heard.

People: **In praise without language, their sounds extend throughout creation.**

Leader: The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul.

People: **The teachings of God are sure, making wise the simple.**

Leader: The precepts of God are right, rejoicing the heart.

People: **The ordinances of God are true, and are righteous altogether.**

Leader: Come and proclaim with the heavens the glory and majesty of our God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Love Lifted Me

TFWS 3101

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Traditional Version

UMH 881

OPENING PRAYER *(seated and in unison)*

God of righteous fire, just as Jesus was consumed with passion as he cleared the Temple, may we be consumed with passion as we seek justice and righteousness in our world; just as Christ never flinched on his journey to the cross, may we never waver in our devotion to you and our defense of the poor. On this great journey of Lent, teach us the perfection of your ways, as we keep our eyes fixed upon your Son. Amen.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SPECIAL MUSIC

You Were Created to Be Loved

Minsub Lee

Translation: You were created to be loved, and you are receiving that love in your life now. Our love that started from the beginning of the time, produce fruit through our meeting. Because of your existence in this world, you are a great joy to us. You were created to be loved, and you are receiving that love in your life now.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 20:1-17

Pew Bible p. 58

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

How Great Thou Art
Chancel Choir

Hine

*THE DOXOLOGY

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!

UMH 94

*OFFERING PRAYER

Eternal God, your law has guided your people from generation to generation. With the blessings of your covenant; receive our lives, that we may live your commandments; receive our gifts, that we may share your glory with the world. This we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus, who is our wisdom and our strength. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

John 2:13-22

Pew Bible p. 863

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

I Will Call Upon the Lord

TFWS 2002

SERMON

Rev. George Winkfield

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

UMH 15

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

The Old Rugged Cross

UMH 504

*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Melodia da Chiesa

Smith

*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

New Prayer Requests

Denise Malloy (by Judy Zahren)

Shirley Messman

David Ratcliff (Maria Stockton-Porter's stepfather)

Carmen Spencer (Beverley Mignott's mother)

Recent Prayer Requests

Family of Suzanne DiMartino (Cheryl Wagner-Koogler's friend – 2/18)

Dave Jackson (2/18)

Family of Vesta Williams (2/18)

Mary Arrington and Family (by Maria Stockton-Porter – 2/11)

Family of Jeff Braun (Jane Ferguson's great nephew – 2/11)

Family of Patrick DiMartino (Cheryl Wagner-Koogler's friend – 2/11)

Family of Crystal Fuhman (by Jennifer Weaver – 2/11)

Janie Lindsey-Johnson (by Maria Stockton-Porter – 2/11)

Rita Rosenberger (Jennifer Weaver's aunt – 2/11)

Linda Silverman (mother of Marcia Thomas-Smith's friend – 2/11)

Family of Joyce Weyland (by Merrill Harrison – 2/11)

Steve Carrigan (friend of Yvonne and Gary Horn – 2/4)

The family of Kenneth Sinkler (2/4)

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

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

MANY OF THE EVENTS FROM PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER SUNDAY ARE FAMILIAR TO YOU. But you may find it helpful to study them in order, gaining a bit of perspective from each of the four Gospel writers. To help you attain a more well-rounded perspective of what God was doing in that week that changed our world, the **Becomers Adult Class** is studying *Jesus' Final Week*. Please join us at **9:00 AM in Room 202**.

NEXT WEEK – SPIRE DEADLINE The deadline for the April Spire is **Sunday, March 11**. 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.

MARCH/APRIL UPPER ROOMS are available in two places in the Church – in the Narthex and by the 2nd floor entrance to the Sanctuary. These bi-monthly daily devotional booklets may be obtained for a \$1 donation.

FOOD COLLECTIONS - During March, donations of **spaghetti sauce** are needed for ACTC. Place items in collection boxes outside Fellowship Hall.

LECTIONARY READINGS for Sunday, March 11, 2018:

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

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

Church Calendar for the Week of March 4

INSERTS TODAY:

- 1) **WE ARE PREPARING FOR OUR PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!** Free 8x10 photo and church directory for everyone who signs up. **FREE!!!** You only pay if you decide to purchase pictures. Sign up online (link is on our website) or in Fellowship Hall following the service. Pictures will be taken March 26 – 28.
- 2) **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLACE A LOVELY PLANT IN THE SANCTUARY FOR EASTER SUNDAY** in memory and/or in honor of a loved one, see the insert for ordering information. **Orders are due today.** You may place your order forms with payment in the offering plate.
- 3) **The UMW will be selling CANDY EASTER EGGS again this year.** See insert for ordering information.
- 4) **LRUMC ANNUAL FISH FRY will be Friday, March 23.** See the insert for more information.

Today	9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following Worship Following Worship 12:30 PM	Easter Flower Order Deadline Sunday School for all ages Sunday Worship UMW Covered Dish Luncheon Rays of Light Rehearsal St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary Fellowship Hall Sanctuary Sanctuary
Monday – Friday		IMPROVE Before & After Care	Rooms 208, 214
Monday	9:15 AM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	Aerobics IMPROVE Step-Dance Class Women in Christ Circle	Auditorium Auditorium Room 202
Tuesday	10:00 AM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM	Phyllis Downes Circle Aerobics Pastor's Bible Study	Hall/Parlor Auditorium Room 128
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Trustees Meeting	Parlor
Thursday	9:15 AM 10:30 AM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Aerobics Pastor's Bible Study Aerobics Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal	Auditorium Room 128 Auditorium Bell Room Choir Room
Friday	10:30 AM 6:30 PM	Al-Anon IMPROVE Step-Dance Class	Fellowship Hall Auditorium
Saturday	9 – 4 10:00 AM	Baltimore Region Leadership Day St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal	Bel Air UMC Room 210

Upcoming Events

March 11	Following Worship	Spire Deadline Easter Egg Order Deadline Blood Pressure Screening	Education Office
March 12	7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Missions Meeting SPRC Meeting	Parlor Room 202
March 16 & 17		Easter Egg Candy Making	Kitchen/Hall