

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: Joycelyn Williams
Acolyte: Usher
Liturgist: Cheryl Wagner-Koogler
Ushers: Amanda Brown, Beverley Mignott, Rick Neumann

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

Large print bulletins are available. See an usher.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are given by Phil and Londa in celebration of Briana's 33rd birthday and in memory of Phil's mother.

MINISTRIES OF LOCH RAVEN CHURCH

PRAYERS: Please pray daily for our brothers and sisters in Christ and those on the Prayer List. The members to remember this week are Mr. and Mrs. Dan Dorsey.

PRESENCE: February 23, 2020: 90

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

LEAD PASTOR: Rev. Dr. George Winkfield

PASTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Rev. Wayne Harting

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY: Myra Wagner

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Judith Zahren

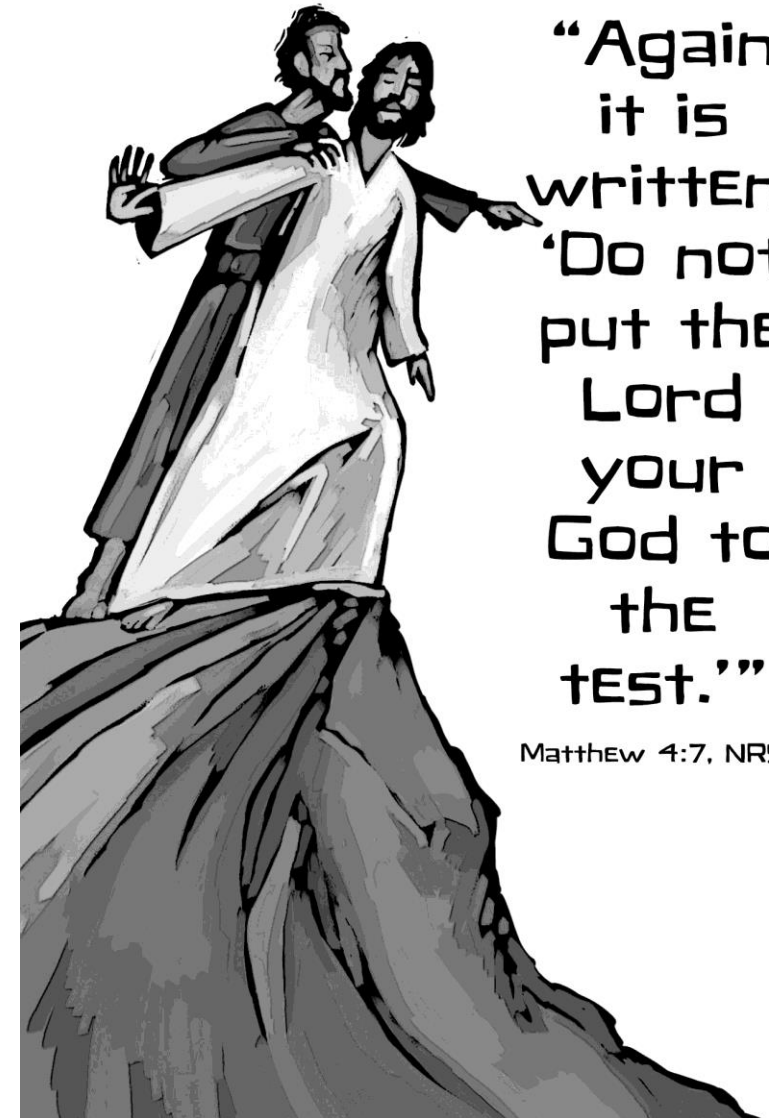
ORGANIST: Patricia Gould

CHILD CARE PROVIDER: Amy Price

First Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2020

10:00 AM



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The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: Temptations surround us every day. Even Jesus felt its pull in the wilderness. But when we keep our focus on God's call in our lives, we find the strength to move beyond its pull – we find the resources to move toward greatness.

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Break Thou the Bread of Life* arr. Berry

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven.

People: Happy are those who receive God's mercy.

Leader: Rejoice and be glad, you upright in heart.

People: Shout for joy, you people of God.

All: Let us worship the one who gives us strength to resist temptation in the wilderness of our lives.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we do not always face temptation well. We settle for loaves of bread when our souls long for bread that does not perish. We put you to the test, seeking signs of your favor, when we should "be still" and rest in the knowledge that you are God. We place our trust in leaders who make promises they cannot deliver, when we should be putting our faith in you. Forgive us, O God, and help us be found worthy of your calling, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*GUEST WELCOME

*HOLY WAVE

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Grace Greater Than Our Sins* UMH 365

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Traditional Version* UMH 881

INVOCATIONAL PRAYER/PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON *Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7* Pew Bible, p. 2

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

SECOND LESSON *Matthew 4:1-11* Pew Bible p. 785

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*
TFWS (black book) 2112

SERMON Rev. George Winkfield

PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Glorify Thy Name* Adkins
Chancel Choir

*THE DOXOLOGY UMH 87 (verse 1)

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?

What words can convey it, the joy of this day?

When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,

What song can we offer in honor and praise?

*OFFERING PRAYER

Holy One of Israel, work through these gifts. As we provide loaves of bread for the hungry, work through our offering, that others may be fed, not only in body, but in spirit. As we seek to bring justice to our world, may we embody faith in your righteous love, that your people may know the source of their hope. Amen.

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 W&S (green book) 3171

The Lord's Prayer W&S (green book) 3068

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *It Is Well with My Soul* UMH 377

*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *It Is Well with My Soul* arr. Doran

**Please rise if you are able*

Bold print: in unison

TFWS: *The Faith We Sing* UMH: *U.M. Hymnal* W&S: *Worship and Song*

Prayer List

Prayer Requests from February 23

Marcia (*Bill and Jo's friend*)

Thames (*Myra's uncle*)

Zabryah (*Gladys' granddaughter*)

Jack (*Nancy's friend*)

Recent Prayer Requests

Jeff (*Judy's brother-in-law – 2/16*)

Tommy (*brother-in-law of Peggy's daughter Amy – 2/16*)

Family of Jeannette (*Patti's grandmother – 2/16*)

Shirley (*2/16*)

Dawn (*Cheryl's sister – 2/16*)

Rodney (*req. by Judy– 2/16*)

Laura (*Jane's niece- 2/9*)

Ardith (*2/9*)

Jeannette (*Gladys' mother – 2/2*)

Carol (*Rebecca's friend – 2/2*)

Mignott Family (*2/2*)

Jessica (*req. by Beverley – 2/2*)

Venetia (*Marcia's sister– 11/10*)

Cassandra & Family (*req. by Maria– 9/15*)

Dontae (*Jan's godson – 7/21*)

Adrian (*7/21*)

Prayer requests will be listed for one month unless requested otherwise.

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS DUE TODAY, MARCH 1. See the insert.

NEXT WEEK – SPIRE DEADLINE The deadline for the **APRIL Spire** is **Sunday, March 8**. Please place all articles in the Spire box in the church office or email your articles directly to Nancy Williams. **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 email, please notify Myra Wagner.

JOIN THE UMW FOR A COVERD DISH LUNCHEON AND GENERAL MEETING MARCH 8 in fellowship hall following the worship service. We will have a presentation from the Board of Child Care. **All are invited.**

PASTOR GEORGE'S BIBLE STUDY on the book of Romans meets **Tuesdays at 7 PM and Thursdays at 10:30 AM** through May.

THE UMW WILL BE SELLING CANDY EASTER EGGS AGAIN THIS YEAR.
See insert for ordering information.

THERE HAVE MANY MEMBERSHIP AND ADDRESS CHANGES OVER THE PAST 6 MONTHS. If you'd like a copy of these updates, please contact the church office.

GLADYS WILLIAMS HAS STARTED A CROCHETING MINISTRY, making blankets for infirmed members of our congregation. If anyone is interested in joining Gladys, please contact her.

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.

MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR ACTC: Dried Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Clean plastic bags
Please place your items in the box labeled "Missions Collections" outside Fellowship Hall.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MARCH 8

Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17

Please join us downstairs following the service for a time of fellowship.
Church Calendar for the Week of March 1

