

Loch Raven United Methodist Church

March 14, 2021



Fourth Sunday in Lent
Reverend Dr. George Winkfield, Pastor

Loch Raven United Methodist Church

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

The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: Give thanks to the Lord, whose steadfast love endures forever. Let the faithful give thanks to the Lord.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Birchwood arr.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is good.

People: All the time.

Leader: And all the time,

People: God is good.

Leader: Let all God's people cry out in joy;

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Come! Let us worship the Lord of our salvation.

OPENING HYMN

God is Here

UMH 660

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Ecumenical Version

UMH 882

INVOCATIONAL PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Numbers 21:4-9

21:4 From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. 21:5 The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." 21:6 Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. 21:7 The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So, Moses prayed for the people. 21:8 And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." 21:9 So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING PRAYER

Great and generous God, our lives are surrounded by things that steal our lives, inflict and destroy us. The tithes and

offering we share with you this day are a way of keeping us focused not on the things that would take life away but will renew our lives: hope, love, compassion, empathy. As the Israelites looked to a serpent on a pole for healing, we look to a Savior on a cross to be brought back to life. In that holy name, Jesus the Messiah, we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Goodness is Stronger than Evil

TFWS 2219

GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:14-21

3:14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 3:15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 3:17 "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 3:18 Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 3:19 And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. 3:20 For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. 3:21 But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

UMH 340

SERMON

Reverend Dr. George Winkfield

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

The Holy City

Adams arr.

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

WE ARE NOW WORSHIPPING ON SUNDAYS AT 10 AM IN THE SANCTUARY. Reservations are required. Reservations for Sunday, March 21, 2021 may be secured by calling the church office at (410) 825 - 0900 or by emailing the church office at office@lrunc.org. Reservations for Sunday services should be made by Friday at 3 p.m. for the upcoming Sunday.

WE ARE NOW LIVESTREAMING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE. Sundays at 10 AM on our Facebook and YouTube pages. You may call in to hear the service. If you do not receive that information from us, inform the church office that you want to be added to the call-in list.

ORDERS FOR UMW EASTER EGGS. Contact Nancy Gillotti or the church office (office@lrunc.org) to secure your orders. All checks should be made payable to LRUMC UMW.

RECENT DIRECTORY UPDATES ARE NOW AVAILABLE. Please call/email the office if you would like a copy of the updates from August 2020 – January 2021.

ALTAR FLOWERS. Contact Judy Z. by phone or email to order altar flowers, preferably at least one week in advance. Send payment to the church office with FLOWERS and the date for which they are requested in the memo.

SPIRE ARTICLES. Due today.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR March 21

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:30-33

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist & Soloist: Jan., H

Livestream Technicians: Owen & Nancy W., Amy P., Franklin A.

Greeter: Nancy H. Usher: Rick N.

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. Nancy Lacy

PRESENCE: March 7, 2021 In Sanctuary: 18 Media: 112 Offering: \$8,328.80

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, 301-379-4616 cell, PastorWinkfield@gmail.com**

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ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY: **Maurita Bowie, office@lrumc.org**

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CHILD CARE PROVIDER: **Amy Price**

Calendar of Events for Week of March 14

(All meetings to be held on Zoom unless otherwise noted)

Today	Going His Way Sunday School Class (teleconference)	9 AM
	Livestream & Live Worship Service	10 AM
Monday – Friday	IMPROVE (2nd Floor)	8 AM – 5:30 PM
Tuesday	Food Pantry (Drive By)	11 AM - 1 PM
Tuesday	Lenten Prayer Service	7 PM
Wednesday	Church Council Meeting	7 PM

Prayer List

Recent Prayer Requests

Judy Z's friend, Nancy, recovering from surgery. (2/28)

Prayers of healing and celebration for Reynold's friend, Marlon. (2/28)

Jon C. received a transfusion for low hemoglobin count. (2/28)

Sharon recovering from COVID 19. (2/28)

Adiaha's friends Sharon & Mary, who have COVID-19 and at home. (2/28)

Rebecca's nephew Van and family, mourning the loss of their mother Grace. (2/28)

Rev. Junius Dotson, GS for Discipleship Ministries, died on February 24. (2/28)

Those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Those fighting the disease – Those who have lost loved ones

Those who have lost their jobs – Local, state, and national leaders.

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