

Loch Raven United Methodist Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent March 21, 2021



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Sunday, March 21, 2021

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

The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: We are changing. You are changing. God is already at work in you, renewing your spirit. Anticipate the new thing that God is doing. Can you feel it?

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Power of the Cross

Townend and Getty arr.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Have mercy on your people, O God.

People: Wash us, cleanse us. Make us more perfect in your love.

Leader: Open the skies and pour down your grace upon your people.

People: Open our hearts to hear your voice. Let the thunder of your presence awaken us!

Leader: Have mercy on your people, O God.

People: Restore within us the joy of your salvation. Draw us nearer to Jesus, our Christ!

OPENING HYMN

Change My Heart, O God

TFWS 2152

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation

UMH 885

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

INVOCATIONAL PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jerimiah 31:31-34

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

God of compassion, when we failed to keep your commandments and rebelled against that which would bring peace and joy to our lives, your love was so great that you offered us a new covenant – not written on tablets, but on our hearts. In our giving, and in all our offerings, may it be our lives, our love and devotion that we bring to your altar. May we remember in our giving that you loved us so much that the sacrifice of your Son on the cross for us was not too great a cost. Our gifts are meager in comparison but let them remind us of what you gave first. In Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN	<i>The Power of the Cross</i>	W & S 3085
GOSPEL LESSON		John 12:30-33
HYMN OF PREPARATION	<i>Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing</i>	UMH 671
SERMON		Reverend Dr. George Winkfield
DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING		
POSTLUDE	<i>Glory to Our God and King</i>	Ritter arr.

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

GRACE & GIRL SCOUTS ARE GOING TO SAVANNAH! Grace and her Girl Scout troop are going to Savannah in June. As a fundraiser, they are collecting items for Savers. If anyone is doing some Spring cleaning, we would be happy to pick up any donations. Donations can also be dropped off to church on Sunday mornings. We will be collecting until April 5th. Thank you for your support.

WE ARE NOW WORSHIPPING ON SUNDAYS AT 10 AM IN THE SANCTUARY. Reservations are required. Reservations for Sunday, March 28, 2021 may be secured by calling the church office at (410) 825 - 0900 or by emailing the church office at office@lrumc.org. Reservations for the March 21st service are being taken until Friday, March 26th at 3 PM.

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGES. Children's messages are now available on Facebook.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES. Thursday, April 1 **Maundy** Thursday Service at 7 p.m. via livestream and in person (reservations required). Friday, April 2 **Good Friday** Service at 7 p.m. via zoom.

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.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR March 28

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist: Myra W. Soloist: Judy Z.
Livestream Technicians: Owen & Nancy W., Amy P., Franklin A.
Greeter: Nancy G. 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 Mr. **Gregory Sinkler**

PRESENCE: March 14, 2021 In Sanctuary: 23 Media: 94 Offering: \$5,747

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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CHILD CARE PROVIDER: Amy Price

Calendar of Events for Week of March 21

(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	Lenten Prayer Service	7 PM
Thursday	Becomers Sunday School Class	7 PM