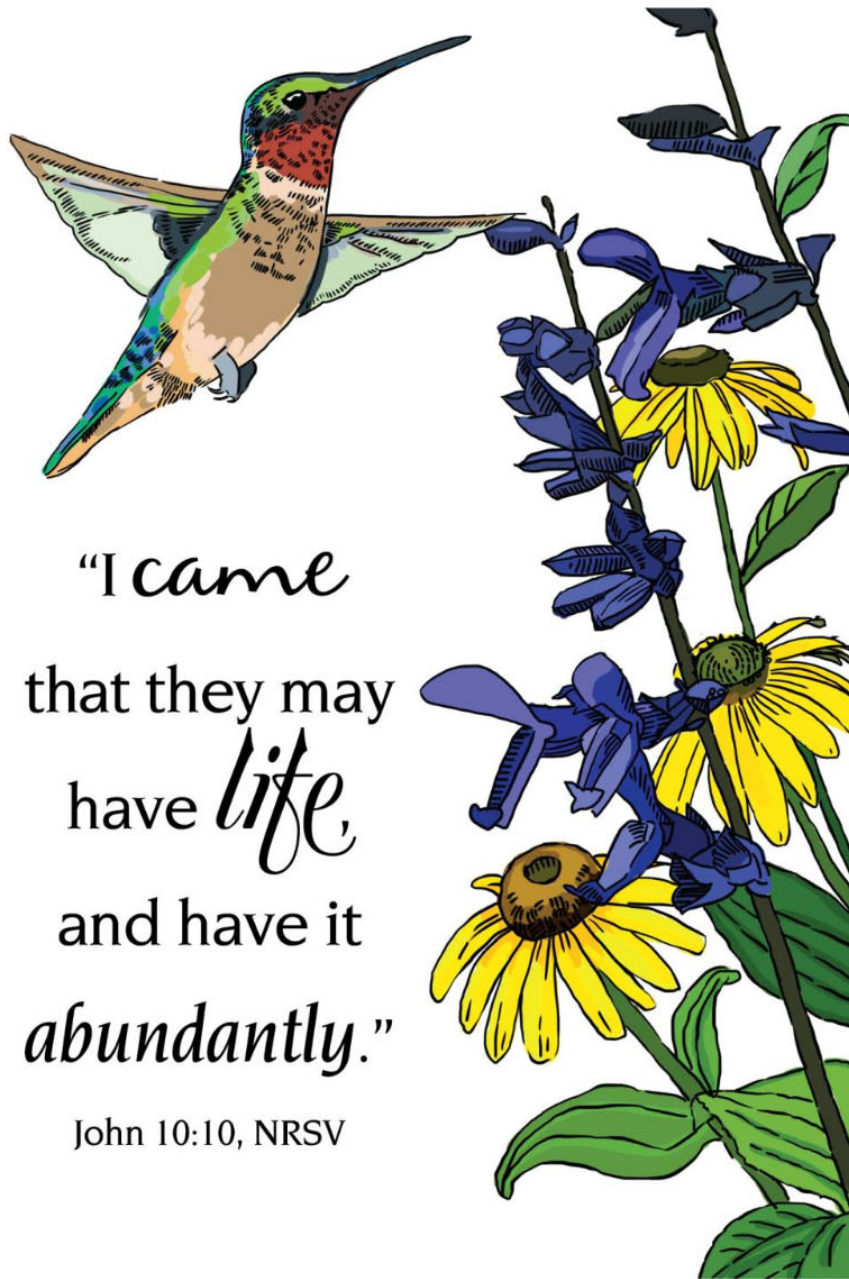


Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020



"I came
that they may
have *life*,
and have it
abundantly."

John 10:10, NRSV

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Today's Lectionary: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: God is our rock, the foundation of our spiritual home. We are living stones, used to build God's house.

PRELUDE *An Easter Carillon* Broughton

GATHERING
Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd.

People: **We are the sheep of Christ's pasture.**

Leader: The shepherd makes us lie down in green pastures.

People: **In Christ, we dwell secure.**

Leader: The shepherd leads us beside still waters and restores our souls.

All: **We worship Christ, our shepherd, our gate.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ, our shepherd and gate, we would rather chart our own course, than be shepherded like sheep; we would rather find our own way, than see you as the Way; we would rather be shepherds than sheep, who are vulnerable and exposed. Forgive us when we bleat our resistance, as you guide us to higher pastures. Be our gate, our way to safe havens, where we can dwell with you secure. Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* UMH 557

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Traditional Version* UMH 881

INVOCATIONAL PRAYER

FIRST LESSON *Psalm 23*

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

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy One, touch us with the awe that came upon those early disciples, as they beheld the signs and wonders performed in their midst by the apostles. May the gifts we offer this day be a remembrance of their commitment to share all things in common. In Jesus's name, amen.

GOSPEL LESSON *John 10:1-10*

HYMN OF PREPARATION *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* TFWS 2223

SERMON Rev. Dr. George Winkfield

LOVE FEAST (WITH GOING FORTH)

POSTLUDE *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come* Pachelbel

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

AT THE DIRECTION OF BISHOP EASTERLING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, ALL MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES AT LOCH RAVEN UMC HAVE BEEN CANCELLED THROUGH AT LEAST MAY 15.

NEXT WEEK, MAY 10, IS THE DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE SUMMER SPIRE. Email your articles to Nancy W. (This Spire will cover all activities for June, July and August – even though tentative at this time.) Please inform Myra if you are not receiving the Spire either by email or regular mail.

WORSHIP SERVICES ARE BEING HELD ONLINE THROUGH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE. Please inform Pastor George if you are interested in participating in these services. Also, Pastor George would like to receive filmed testimonies of how God has kept you and/or blessed you through this time. You may also send Pastor George your filmed well-wishes to the rest of the congregation.

AT THIS TIME, WE ARE NOT COLLECTING FOR ACTC. However, you may drop off any donations at the parking lots of Ascension Lutheran Church (7601 York Road) Mondays, 12 to 2 PM or Trinity Episcopal Church (120 Allegheny Avenue) Thursdays, 12 to 2 PM.

Most needed items include: **Breakfast cereal** (box), **Canned meals** (pork and beans, chili, pasta meals, etc.), **Canned vegetables** (tomatoes, beans, corn, peas, potatoes, etc.), **Canned fruit** (oranges, peaches, etc.), **Dry pasta, rice, instant potatoes** (bag or box), **Spaghetti sauce** (jar or can), **Macaroni and cheese meals** (box), **Tuna** (can), **Peanut butter, jelly** (jar), **Soup** (can), **Toiletries** (deodorant, lotions, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, diapers, feminine hygiene products, etc.)

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR MAY 10:

Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5,15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

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 Russell Thompson.

PRESENCE: April 26, 2020: Online (98 views)

Offering: \$2,874.22

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.”

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Prayer List

Prayer Requests from April 26

Scott, Megan, April and Olivia

Family of Londo (*brother-in-law of Judy Z. 's neighbor*)

Vesta (*Owen's sister*)

Spyrothoula, Pearl, Peter (*friends and family of friends of Cheryl's sister*)

Betty O'C.

Katie (*Patti F. 's colleague and friend*)

June (*Patti F. 's aunt*)

Recent Prayer Requests

Jacqueline and Family (*Sandra and Rebecca's friend – 4/19*)

Those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic (*4/12*)

Those fighting the disease

Those who have lost loved ones

Those who have lost their jobs

Local, state and national leaders

Denise (*Linda C. 's sister – 4/5*)

Family of Jan H. 's client (*4/5*)

Family of Ryan (*Nick W. 's co-worker – 4/5*)

Fay (*Judy Z. 's friend – 4/5*)

Nicole (*Jen and Caitlin's dance family friend – 4/5*)

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.