

Thanksgiving Eve

November 21, 2018

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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I urge that
supplications,
prayers,
intercessions,
and
thanksgivings
be made
for everyone....

1 Timothy 2:1-2, NRSV

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The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: When God restored the fortunes of Zion, the Israelites wandered home as if in a dream. Let us be people who wander in our dreams. Wander amongst God's marvelous creation! Wonder at the amazing things God has done! Do not worry about your life, today or tomorrow. Trust that God values us even more greatly than birds and flowers, no matter how beautiful they may be. Know that God treasures us completely, and gives us all that we will ever need.

GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude

Now Thank We All Our God

arr. Keveren

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come with hearts overflowing in gratitude.

People: **God has done great things for us.**

Leader: Be glad and rejoice.

People: **We rejoice in God's gifts.**

Leader: Sing praises of joy.

People: **Our mouths are filled with laughter.**

Leader: Shout with thanksgiving, in sunshine and rain.

People: **Praise God for our lives, for harvest and food.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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OPENING PRAYER *(seated and in unison)*

Giver of life, for sunshine and showers, we give you thanks; for food and drink, we give you praise; for clothing and shelter, we bestow our gratitude. Gather our worries and our burdens this day, and shelter us from fear and despair. Help us rest assured in your arms, knowing that your loving care is enough. It is enough. It is enough. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Joel 2:21-27

Pew Bible p. 741-742

A TIME TO SHARE

What Are You Thankful For?

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Chancel Choir

arr. Hayes

*DOXOLOGY

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Praise God, from whom all blessings 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!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Bountiful God, we look forward to your harvest each year. Our tables overflow with the goodness of your green earth, but our tables pale in comparison to the splendor that awaits us, and all of your children, at your heavenly banquet. Receive these offerings, as we thank you for your many blessings. Help us be mindful of those who go without, as we feast and make merry during this festive season. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 6:25-33

Pew Bible p. 787-788

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Open Our Eyes, Lord

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MESSAGE

Rev. George Winkfield

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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*BENEDICTION

*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*POSTLUDE

Kremser

Logan

*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