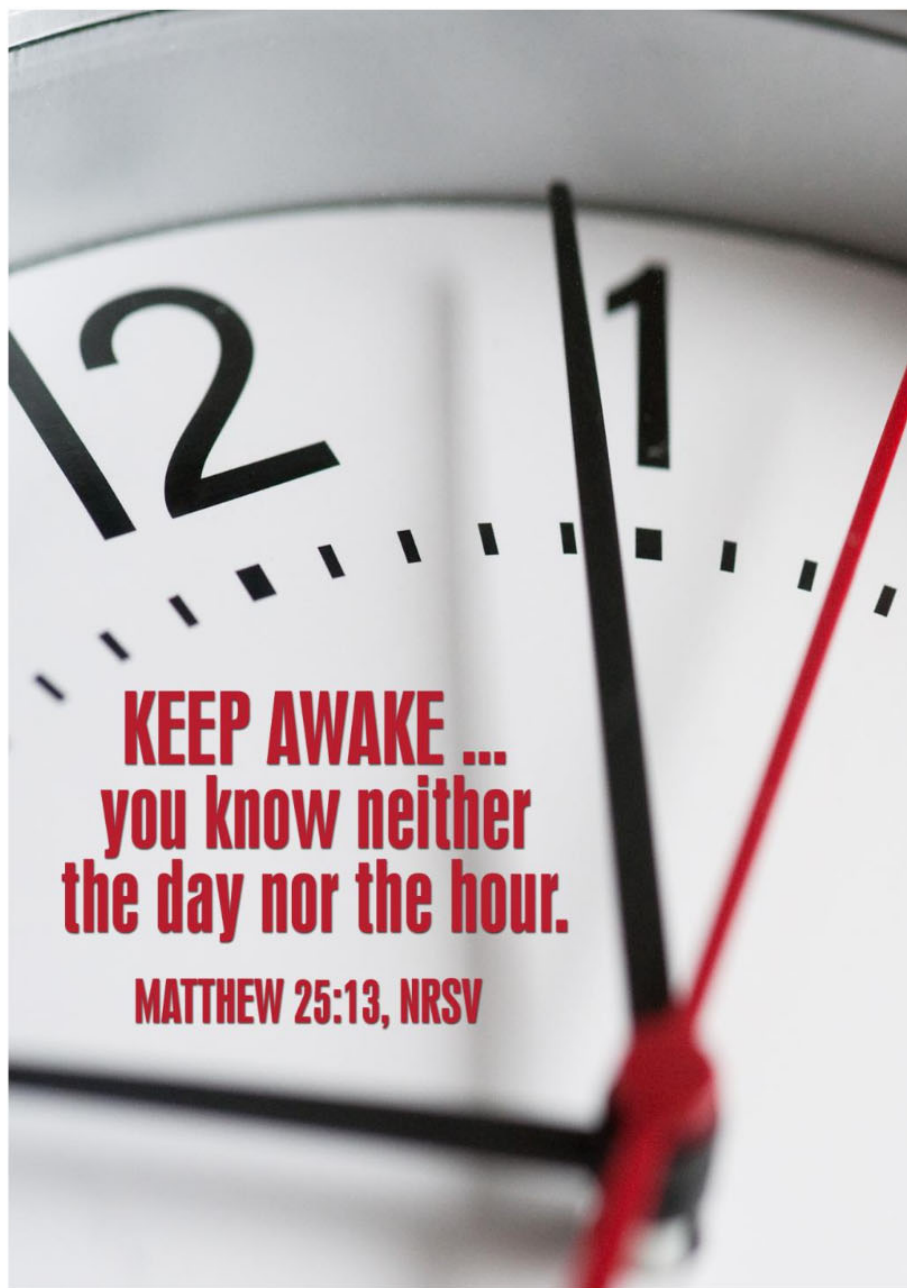


Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2020



Loch Raven United Methodist Church

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Today's Lectionary: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
Secondary Readings: Solomon 6:12-16 or Amos 5:18-24; Solomon 6:17-20 or Psalm 70

The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: What decision would change your life forever? Choosing this day to follow God is that decision. What is stopping you?

PRELUDE *Prelude in Baroque Style* Lau

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our ancestors have led us here.

People: **We are witnesses of their faith.**

Leader: The wisdom of the ages has called us here.

People: **We are children of its call.**

Leader: The choice to follow God lies before us.

People: **We are heirs of its promise.**

Leader: The Lord of life has called us here.

All: **We are here to worship the Lord.**

OPENING HYMN *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* UMH 626

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Ecumenical Version* UMH 882

INVOCATIONAL PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25*

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

We come before you, O God, with gifts in your name in service of the world. We bring you this offering, as a symbol of our choice to follow you. Receive these gifts of love, that may go forth as your blessing and wisdom for the world. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 25:1-13*

HYMN OF PREPARATION *The Family Prayer Song* TFWS 2188

SERMON Rev. Dr. George Winkfield

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Von Himmel Hoch, Da Komm Ich Her* Krebs

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

LRUMC OFFERS THREE WAYS TO WORSHIP WITH US:

- 1) **ZOOM:** Sundays at 8:30 M
- 2) **IN-PERSON:** Sundays at 10 AM.
- 3) **ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE or YOUTUBE:** Later in the day, Sundays

For more information regarding any of these options, please contact the Church Office.

DECEMBER SPIRE ARTICLES ARE DUE NEXT TODAY – November 8. Please submit your articles to Nancy W. If you are not receiving the Spire newsletter via email or snail mail, please contact the church office (410-825-0902).

If you would like to contribute toward a **BRONZE MARKER FOR EDDIE GROSZER’S GRAVESITE**, please send a check to the church, made payable to LRUMC and indicate “Eddie’s Marker” on the memo line.
NOTE: The state does not provide a marker. Without our help his grave would go unmarked.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS FOR ACTC: It has been our tradition to provide gift cards to be included in the baskets so the recipients can purchase additional food items for their Thanksgiving dinner. **If you would like to share in this ministry, make your check payable to LRUMC and indicate “ACTC” on the memo line. Checks should be received by Friday, November 13.**

Don’t forget to fill your **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX** this week – online!

If you’d like to **ORDER GIFT CARDS** for yourself or a loved one, please see the order form emailed this week or in the November Spire. **Please send your orders to Joann or Yvonne before November 29. DO NOT send gift card orders to the church!!!**

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 15:

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30
Secondary Readings: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12

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 Dan Dorsey, who will be celebrating his birthday November 13.

PRESENCE: November 1, 2020: Zoom Service - 44
In-Person Service - 21
Online Service - 8
OFFERING: \$6,523.00

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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ORGANIST: Patricia Gould
CHILD CARE PROVIDER: Amy Price

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 8
(All meetings to be held on Zoom unless otherwise noted)

Today	Spire Articles Due	
	Zoom Worship Service	8:30 AM
	In-person Worship Service	10 AM
	Going His Way Sunday School Class (teleconference)	10 AM
	Online Worship Service	after 11 AM
Mon-Fri	IMPROVE School-Age Care (at LRUMC – 2 nd Floor)	8 AM – 6 PM
Tuesday	Food Pantry (parking lot)	11 AM – 1 PM
	Pastor’s Bible Study	7 PM
Thursday	Becomers Sunday School Class	7 PM
Friday	Monetary Donations for ACTC Thanksgiving Baskets are Due	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 15	Zoom Worship Service	8:30 AM
	In-person Worship Service	10 AM
	Going His Way Sunday School Class (teleconference)	10 AM
	Online Worship Service	after 11 AM
Nov. 17	Food Pantry (parking lot)	11 AM – 1 PM
	Pastor’s Bible Study	7 PM
Nov. 18	Spire Assembly Pick-up	1:30 PM
	Church Council	7 PM
Nov. 19	Becomers Sunday School Class	7 PM
Nov. 20	Spire Assembly Drop-off	9:30 AM

Prayer List

Prayer Requests from November 1

Adelaide's nephew
 Ashley (*Marcia's cousin*)
 DeeAnn (*Edy P.'s sister-in-law*)
 Jane (*cousin of Myra's mother*)
 Jon C.
 Sharon
 Steve W.
 Family of Pearl (*mother of Rebecca's friend*)
 Family of Walter (*req. by Judy Z.*)
 Family of Wanda (*Dierdre's aunt*)

Recent Prayer Requests

Avril and Family (*req. by Reynold – 10/25*)
 Jamie (*son of Jan's friend – 10/25*)
 Julian and Family (*Maria's friend – 10/25*)
 Mary (*Cecelia's friend – 10/25*)
 Nicole (*Cheryl's daughter – 10/25*)
 Allan P. (*10/18*)
 Doreen (*Judy Z.'s friend – 10/18*)
 Family of Nancy (*Judy Z.'s friend – 10/18*)
 Aaron (*Marcia's nephew-in-law – 10/11*)
 Brandi (*Reynold's friend – 10/11*)
 Christian (*Marcia's son – 10/11*)
 Evanique (*Marcia's cousin – 10/11*)
 Gary H. (*10/11*)
 Georgette (*10/11*)
 Family of Jonious (*Rebecca's friend – 10/11*)
 Family of Kendall (*Judy M.'s brother – 10/11*)
 Patricia (*grandmother of Reynold's friend Brandi – 10/11*)
 Sandra E. (*10/11*)
 Tommy (*brother-in-law of Peggy's daughter Amy – 10/4*)
 Dontae (*Jan's godson – 7/26*)
 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

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