

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2020

*For to all those
who have, more
will be given,
and they will
have an
abundance.*

Matthew 25:29, NRSV



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Today's Lectionary: 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

The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: Use the talents you possess; for silent would the forest be, if the only birds that sang were those who sang the best. -- *paraphrase of quotation attributed to Henry Van Dyke*

PRELUDE *Netherlands Folk Song* Kremser/arr. Logan

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The day of the Lord comes like a thief in the night.

People: **We will not be caught unaware.**

Leader: Forsake the ways of darkness.

People: **We will live as children of light.**

Leader: Put on the breastplate of faith, and the helmet of salvation.

People: **We will prepare ourselves for the struggles that lie ahead.**

Leader: Encourage one another and build each other up.

People: **We will work for the kingdom and live as children of light.**

All: **Come, let us worship the source of love and light.**

OPENING HYMN *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* UMH 89

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *A Modern Affirmation* UMH 885

INVOCATIONAL PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Judges 4:1-7*

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

Giver of gifts, you bestow us with talents that are far more precious than jewels. Open our eyes to the possibilities you hold for our world. Transform the gifts we offer this day into light and love for the world. Transform our talents into blessings for a world in need. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 25:14-30*

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Soon and Very Soon* UMH 706

SERMON Rev. Dr. George Winkfield

CLOSING HYMN *I Want to Be Ready* UMH 722

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Jubilation* Denton

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

LRUMC OFFERS TWO WAYS TO WORSHIP WITH US:

1) **ZOOM:** Sundays at 8:30 M

2) **ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE or YOUTUBE:** Later in the day, Sundays

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

REMINDER: Our CHURCH CONFERENCE will be held virtually next Sunday, November 22 at 3:00 PM. If you wish to attend, please register at this link by Wednesday, November 18:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9JjOezVu287vr5Uloh4Vk0DbAPgzn_KoONqdis7ssJA36NA/viewform

Please inform the church office if you do register in order to receive necessary documents from Myra.

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.

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 Joannn or Yvonne before November 29. DO NOT send gift card orders to the church!!!!**

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 22, CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Secondary Readings: Psalm 95:1-7a

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 Nancy Lacy, who will be celebrating her birthday Nov. 21.

PRESENCE: November 8, 2020: Zoom Service - 88

In-Person Service - 21

OFFERING: \$9,981.65

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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 15

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

Today	Zoom Worship Service	8:30 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
Wednesday	Spire Assembly Pick-up	1:30 PM
	Church Council	7 PM
Thursday	Becomers Sunday School Class	7 PM
Friday	Spire Assembly Drop-off	9:30 AM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 22	Zoom Worship Service	8:30 AM
	Going His Way Sunday School Class (teleconference)	10 AM
	Online Worship Service	after 11 AM
	Church Conference	3 PM
Nov. 24	Pastor’s Bible Study	7 PM
Nov. 26	Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed	
Nov. 27	Church Office Closed	

Prayer List

Prayer Requests from November 8

Eugene (*Adelaide's nephew*)
Carol & Jim (*Linda C.'s aunt and uncle*)
Dan (*Cheryl's ex-husband*)
David & Melissa (*Merrill's nephew and his wife*)
Miles Family
Students, Educators & Parents

Recent Prayer Requests

Ashley (*Marcia's cousin – 11/1*)
DeeAnn (*Edy P.'s sister-in-law – 11/1*)
Jane (*cousin of Myra's mother – 11/1*)
Jon C. (*11/1*)
Sharon (*11/1*)
Steve W. (*11/1*)
Family of Pearl (*mother of Rebecca's friend – 11/1*)
Family of Walter (*req. by Judy Z. – 11/1*)
Family of Wanda (*Dierdre's aunt – 11/1*)
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*)
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.