

The Order of Worship

Centering Words: The Holy One is always with us, in every place and time, working through us, and around us, and in us.

ENTRANCE

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Let Us Break Bread Together* Afro-American spiritual, arr. Keveren

Lighting of the Altar Candles

*Call to Worship

Leader: Long ago, God led the Israelites through the desert –
by fiery pillar at night, and by cloud during the day.

People: **We come to worship today, searching for God,
wondering if the Holy One is among us or not.**

God split the rocks open in the wilderness,
causing water to flow down like rivers to save the people from thirst.

**We come hungry and thirsty for compassion,
wondering if anyone cares about our lives.**

Jesus said that outcasts and sinners would be welcome in heaven,
because they believe the good news of God's love.

We come today, longing to believe.

Prayer of Confession (*seated and in unison*)

Holy Teacher of humility and grace, you emptied yourself, and came to live among us.

Forgive us, Holy One, when we take pride in our accomplishments,
and look for applause and praise from those around us.

You walked among us, healing and telling stories,
pouring out your life for the sake of those in need.

Forgive us, gracious God, when we focus all our time and effort on what will please ourselves.

Words of Assurance

The Spirit of God works within us and around us and through us.

God gives us water when we are thirsty, and rest when we are weary.

In the name of Christ, we are forgiven. **Amen.**

*Hymn of Praise

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH 127

*Affirmation of Faith

A Modern Affirmation

UMH 885

Opening Prayer (*seated and in unison*)

Holy Giver of life and love, you work in us and around us and through us.

**As you travelled among the Israelites on their way from slavery to freedom,
you gave them water from the rock when they were thirsty.**

**As you walked among the people in Jerusalem,
you healed the sick and taught through parables and stories.**

**As you move in and through our worship today,
you offer yourself to us and to all the world.**

**Unite us in love and service, that we may bless the world in the name of Jesus,
who teaches us what it means to do your will. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Exodus 17: 1-7

Pew Bible p. 56

Sharing of Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Sisi Gumbo We (We Need You)

- Patsy Ford Simms

Chancel Choir

*The Doxology

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessing 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!

*Offering Prayer

In humility and obedience, we offer these gifts

as signs of our willingness to do your will in all things, Amen.

Second Lesson

Matthew 21: 23-32

Pew Bible p. 802-803

***Hymn of Preparation**

One Bread, One Body

UMH 620

Sermon

Rev. George Winkfield

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin,
and seek to live at peace with one another. Today, we will be serving by intinction.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Musical Setting A

UMH p. 17

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.**

**Breaking the Bread
Giving the Bread and Cup**

SENDING FORTH

***Hymn of Commitment** *Trust and Obey* UMH 467
***Carrying the Light of Christ into the World**
***Dismissal with Blessing**

***Postlude** *Heeding the Call* - Tom Birchwood
***Going Forth**

**Please rise in posture or spirit*
TFWS: The Faith We Sing UMH: U.M. Hymnal **Bold print: in unison**
W&S: *Worship and Song*



We appreciate the services today of:

Greeters: Merrill Harrison
Acolyte: Usher
Liturgist: Nancy Gillotti
Ushers: Richard Neumann, Ruth Kriel, Stan Kriel, Beverley Mignott

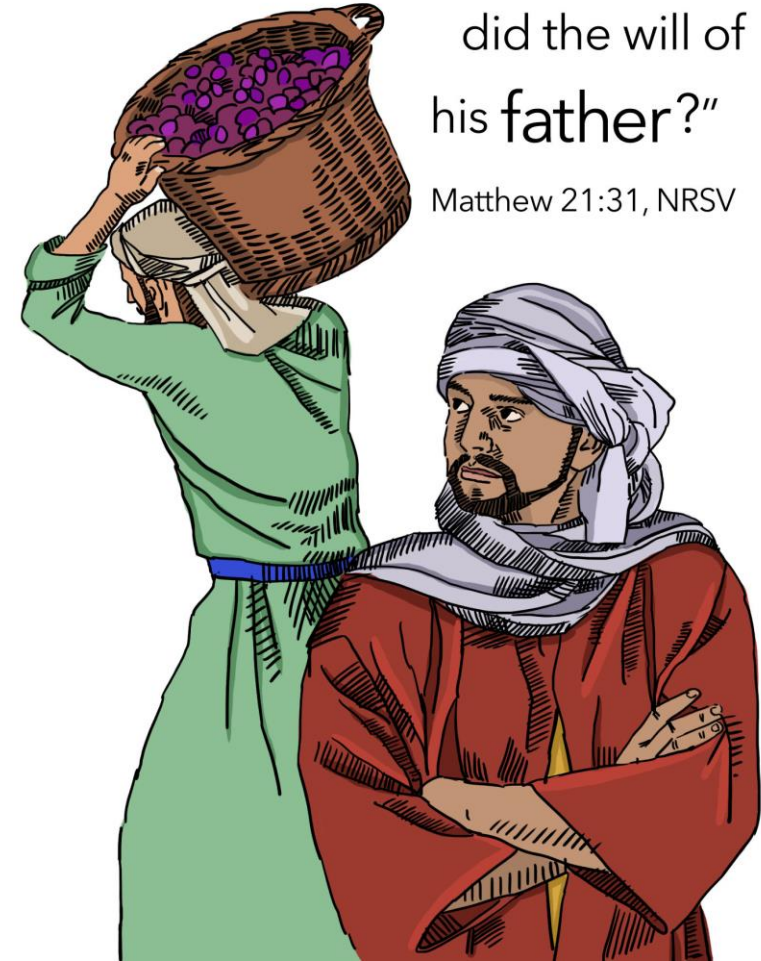
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World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2017

“ Which of the two
did the will of
his father?”

Matthew 21:31, NRSV



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New Prayer Requests

Bill Moulds *(by Adrian Palazzi 9/24)*
 Church members on a cruise *(by Brian Miller 9/24)*
 President Trump *(9/24)*
 Jane Ferguson *(by Patti Ferguson 9/24)*
 Ardith Luttrell *(by Gail Habicht 9/22)*

Recent Prayer Requests

Grace Boner *(by Lynn Jean 9/18)*
 Ruth Kriel *(by Stanley 9/17)*
 Evelyn Dorfler *(9/17)*
 Bryan Coolie *(by Patti Ferguson 9/12)*
 Denny Driscoll *(by Peggy Kelly 9/10)*
 The family of Puber Lee Cox, Jr. *(9/10)*
 Danielle & Bob Starin *(by Edy Pratt 9/10)*
 Beth Eubanks *(by Patti Ferguson 9/7)*
 Carrie Pyne *(Patti Ferguson 9/7)*

Prayer requests will be held for one month, unless requested otherwise.

Church Calendar for the Week of October 1

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages	
	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship	Sanctuary
	after worship	Awujoh Feast	Fellowship Hall
	12:30 a.m.	St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary
Monday – Friday		IMPROVE Before & After Care	
<i>Mondays</i>		<i>Pastor's Sabbath</i>	
	9:15 a.m.	Aerobics	Auditorium
	7:30 p.m.	Women in Christ Circle	Room 202
Tuesday	6:15 p.m.	Aerobics	Auditorium
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Trustees	Parlor
Thursday	9:15 a.m.	Aerobics	Auditorium
	6:15 p.m.	Aerobics	Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal	Choir Room
		<i>Handbells are being refurbished.</i>	
Friday	10:30 a.m.	Al-Anon	Fellowship Hall
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal	Room 210
Upcoming Events			
Oct. 8		Spire deadline	
	after worship	UMW Luncheon, Speaker from ACTC	Fellowship Hall
		<i>Covered dish, open to the whole church</i>	
Oct. 11	7:00 p.m.	Lay Leadership Development Cmte.	Parlor
		<i>(Nominating meeting)</i>	
Oct. 14	6:30 p.m.	Manna House Breakfast Club	leaves parking lot
Oct. 15	after worship	Finance Cmte.	Parlor
Oct. 25	7:00 p.m.	Church Council	Fellowship Hall
Oct. 28	6:30 p.m.	Trunk or Treat	parking lot
Nov. 7	7:00 p.m.	Church Conference <i>(new date)</i>	Fellowship Hall

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

Today we will be observing **World Communion Sunday**. We celebrate with an **international luncheon** called “**Awujoh**, a West African word for “feast.” Volunteers are needed to cook (including American dishes) and set up. Please contact Adelaide Wilson.

Food Collections - During October, donations of jelly (18-20 oz.) and macaroni & cheese are needed for ACTC. Place items in collection boxes outside Fellowship Hall.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (**UMCOR**) is providing aid to victims of **Hurricanes Harvey and Irma**. Gifts may be made to LRUMC, with Harvey and Irma in the memo.

Going His Way Sunday School meets in Room 128 at **8:45 a.m.** (new start time). We will continue studying the book *Life with a capital L; Embracing your God-Given Humanity* by Matt Heard, starting in chapter 12. All are welcomed!

The Becomers Class brings together in Room 202 adults of diverse backgrounds to study the Bible and what its stories and messages mean for our contemporary lives. Next Sunday, we will begin the study *Speaking Wisely*. Join us as we learn how to help others by cultivating the habit of using words that encourage, express love, and praise God.

Are you interested in enhancing the LRUMC image in the community and within our congregation? All are invited to attend the next **Membership Committee** meeting next Sunday after worship.

Manna House Breakfast Club – Saturday, October 14, leaving church parking lot at 6:30 a.m. If you can help prepare or serve breakfast, call Linda Cole, 410-666-5222. If you can bake a coffee cake, call Sandi Cuthbert, 410-661-0974. Thanks for your assistance!

Calling all Shoppers! **Boscov's** is offering a **shopping pass** on Tuesday, October 17th from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. for a fee of \$5. The \$5 goes to the church. Contact Sandra Edmonds, Jean Oberia, or Jocelyn Williams, in the Fellowship Hall before and after the service.

Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A Thursday, October 19, 5 to 8 p.m. Present a flyer at 2008 E. Joppa Rd., Parkville, and 20% of your order will go to Missions. Give a flyer to your family, friends, and co-workers and ask them to participate.

CHANGE a Child's Life with Your CHANGE. Pick up a prescription bottle and fill it with your spare change--or a check (payable to LRUMC and indicate CBM on the memo line) to help prevent **childhood blindness** or restore sight for children. Thank you!

We are co-hosting a **Job Fair** with the Greater Hillendale Community Assn. on October 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Loch Raven members are needed to staff this outreach event as Greeters, Hospitality Station, Employer Hosts, Church Table. Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of Fellowship Hall.

Join in the fun! **Trunk or Treat** community outreach event will be Saturday, October 28, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., (set Up 5:30 – 6:15p.m.) Transform your car trunk into a kid-friendly trick-or-treat stop, or volunteer to be at a trick-or-treat non-car station or game. Sign up on the bulletin board outside of Fellowship Hall.

Our **Church Conference** will be held on **Tuesday, November 7** (new date), at 7 p.m. This will be slightly different from the Charge Conference format which we have used in the past. With a Church Conference, all members attending are eligible to vote.

Recipes Needed! The Fundraising Committee is planning a new edition of Loch Raven recipes. Plan now for sharing your special recipes.

The **September/October Upper Rooms** are available in the narthex and sanctuary hallway. The requested donation is \$1.00 for regular print, \$2.00 for large print.

If you would like to be added to an e-mail or mail list, or change how you receive the Spire, please notify the office. We will print a new **directory** soon, so let us know of any updates, such as a mobile phone or e-mail address. E-mail or drop them in the Office mailbox.

Please contact the church office before scheduling events, so we can check the official **church calendar** and put you on it! E-mail Office@LRUMC.org or call 410-825-0900.

Bulletins – Submissions for items to be included in the bulletin would be greatly appreciated by Tuesday. They can be e-mailed to Office@LRUMC.org or dropped off in the Office mailbox.

Lectionary Readings for the Coming Week

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8 October 2017

- First reading and Psalm
 - Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20
 - Psalm 19
- Alternate First reading and Psalm
 - Isaiah 5: 1-7
 - Psalm 80: 7-15
- Second reading
 - Philippians 3: 4b-14
- Gospel
 - Matthew 21: 33-46

Welcome! Warm greetings and love in Christ are extended to all members and guests.
*If you presently have no church home,
we hope you will consider making Loch Raven Church your home.*
Thank you for signing the pew registration book.
(Addresses, phone numbers, & email addresses help us to personally thank you for your visit.)
Please call the Church Office if you have any questions or if we can be of assistance to you.

Children's Activity Sheets are available in the Narthex.

Large print bulletins are available. See an usher.

Altar Flowers

The vases are given by the Wilson family
with love and in celebration of Rhoda's birthday.
The bowl is given by Phil Scott in memory of his mother, Linda E. Hall-Scott,
on what would have been her 100th birthday.
The rosebud is given in celebration of 51 wonderful years for Jon and Sandi Cuthbert.
The pedestal bowl is given for the birthday of Adelaide Wilson,
an amazing woman of God, with love from your family.

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 Mrs. Evelyn Dorfler

Presence: 103

September 24, 2017

Gifts: \$5,753

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.”