

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.

**We appreciate the services today of:**

**Greeters:** Ruth Kriel  
**Acolyte:** Usher  
**Liturgist:** Cheryl Wagner  
**Ushers:** John Christopher, Vernon Davies, Joycelyn Williams

**Children's Activity Sheets** are available in the Narthex.

**Large print bulletins are available. See an usher.**

#### **Altar Flowers**

The bowl is given in celebration of  
the 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Jim & Nancy Harvill.

#### **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. Grace Boner.

**Presence:** 101

**September 3, 2017**

**Gifts:** \$6,899.50

#### **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  
**LEAD PASTOR:** Rev. George Winkfield, 301-379-4616 cell, PastorWinkfield@Gmail.com  
**PASTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE:** Rev. Wayne Harting, 443-966-0244 cell  
**ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY:** Anne McCorkle Garrett  
**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Samuel Chin  
**ORGANIST:** Patricia Gould  
**CHILD CARE PROVIDER:** Amy Price

## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2017



FOR WHERE TWO OR  
THREE ARE GATHERED  
IN MY NAME, I AM  
THERE AMONG THEM.

MATTHEW 18:20, NRSV

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# The Order of Worship

**Centering Words:** We are called to love one another, to answer God's invitation, and to walk in the light of God's love.

## ENTRANCE

### Gathering

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** *As We Gather*

Tom Coomers & Mike Fay

**Lighting of the Altar Candles**

### \*Call to Worship

*Leader:* The time is near!

*People:* **The night is past.**

Leave the darkness behind.

**Live in the light of God's love.**

Set aside selfish ways.

**Share Christ's love wherever you are.**

The time is near!

**Let us worship God.**

### \*Hymn of Praise

*Draw the Circle Wide*

W&S 3154

### \*Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version*

UMH 881

### Opening Prayer *(seated and in unison)*

**Holy God, we sing your songs of praise, rejoicing in your love.**

**We know that when we gather, you are here with us.**

**Build us into a faithful community –**

**a community that cares for one another and listens to one another in love.**

**Living your law of love, help us follow you onto new paths. Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

### Children's Message

### Special Music

*You Are So Faithful*

Debi Wynn, soloist

Lenny LeBlanc & Greg Gulley

### Prayer for Illumination

### First Lesson

*Exodus 12: 1-14*

Pew Bible p. 51

### 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

### Offertory

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

arr. Mark Hayes

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!**

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God of light and love, you provide all that we need.**

**As first you gave the gift of life and love to us, so now we bring our gifts to you.**

**May they reflect the love and concern we have for our neighbors.**

**May they represent our commitment to build communities of freedom and hope.**

**Amen.**

### Second Lesson

*Matthew 18: 15-20*

Pew Bible p. 799-800

### \*Hymn of Preparation

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

UMH 361

### Sermon

Rev. George Winkfield

## SENDING FORTH

### \*Hymn of Commitment

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

UMH 526

### \*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

### \*Dismissal with Blessing

### \*Postlude

*Tambourin*

- Jean-Philippe Rameau

### \*Going Forth

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*\*Please rise in posture or spirit*

*TFWS: The Faith We Sing*

*UMH: U.M. Hymnal*

***Bold print: in unison***

*W&S: Worship and Song*



***New Prayer Requests***

Ardith Luttrell *(by Isabelle 9/6)*

***Recent Prayer Requests***

The family of Deborah Henschen *(by Linda Cole 8/27)*  
 Bill Moulds *(by Adrian Palazzi 8/27)*  
 The family of Heather Heyer *(by Cheryl Wagner-Koogler 8/20)*  
 Myra Wagner *(8/20)*  
 Anne McCorkle Garrett *(8/18)*  
 Chuck Fischer *(by Marcia Thomas-Smith 8/17)*  
 Christina Fitzpatrick *(by Marcia Thomas-Smith 8/17)*  
 Roland Grant *(by Joyce Johnson 8/13)*  
 John Smith *(by Edward Smith 8/11)*

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

**Church Calendar for the Week of September 10**

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<b>Sunday School for all ages</b>	
	10:00 a.m.	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	Sanctuary
	after worship	<b>Fellowship Time</b>	Fellowship Hall
	12:30 a.m.	St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary

Monday – Friday  
 IMPROVE Before & After Care

*Mondays*  
 Monday ***Pastor's Sabbath***  
***Church Office closed for Labor Day***

Tuesday	6:15 p.m.	Aerobics	Auditorium
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	<b>Trustees</b>	Parlor
Thursday	6:15 p.m.	Aerobics	Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	<b>Choir rehearsals resume</b>	Choir Room
Friday	10:30 a.m.	Al-Anon	Fellowship Hall
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal	Room 210

**Upcoming Events**

Sept. 10	after worship	<b>Spire deadline</b> <b>Blood Pressure Screening</b>	
Sept. 11	7:30 p.m.	<b>Women in Christ Circle</b>	Room 202
Sept. 17	after worship	<b>Finance Cmte.</b>	Parlor
Sept. 20	9:30 a.m.	<b>Spire Assembly</b>	Fellowship Hall
Sept. 27	7:00 p.m.	<b>Church Council</b>	Fellowship Hall
Oct. 18	7:00 p.m.	<b>Church Conference</b>	Fellowship Hall

## Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

**The Becomers Class** brings together adults with diverse backgrounds to study the Bible and what its stories and messages mean for our contemporary lives. Today in Room 202, we will resume our study of **Christian Virtues**.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (**UMCOR**) is providing aid to victims of **Hurricane Harvey** in Texas. Gifts may be made to LRUMC, with Harvey in the memo. Or you may send it directly to the Baltimore-Washington Conference, made out to UMCOR, with Advance #901670 in the memo for Hurricane Harvey relief.

Our **Church Conference** will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 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.

**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 blindness or restore sight for children. Please help us prevent **childhood blindness**. Thank you, the Missions Committee.

**Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A Thursday, October 19, 5:00 – 8:00 PM** - 20% of your dinner order will go to the LRUMC Mission's Committee. Pick up a flyer and present it with you order. Give a flyer to your family, friends, and co-workers and ask them to participate, and enjoy a nice dinner at the same time. Location: 2008 E. Joppa Rd , Parkville 21234.

**Food Collections** - During this September missions season, donations are needed for ACTC of powdered milk. Please place items in collection boxes outside Fellowship Hall.

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, in the Narthex or Office.

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](mailto: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](mailto:Office@LRUMC.org) or dropped off in the Office mailbox in the downstairs hallway.

## Lectionary Readings for the Coming Week

### Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*17 September 2017*

- First reading and Psalm
  - Exodus 14: 19-31
  - Psalm 114
- Alternate First reading and Psalm
  - Genesis 50: 15-21
  - Psalm 103
- Second reading
  - Romans 14: 1-12
- Gospel
  - Matthew 18: 21-35