

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:** Theresa Alaeze  
**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 vases are given by the Alaeze family in celebration of Joshua's birthday.

The bowl is given by Nancy Gillotti  
in celebration of the birthdays of Jennifer, Caitlin, & Nick.

**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. Elsie Chang.

**Presence:** 115                      **September 10, 2017**                      **Gifts:** \$6,962.97

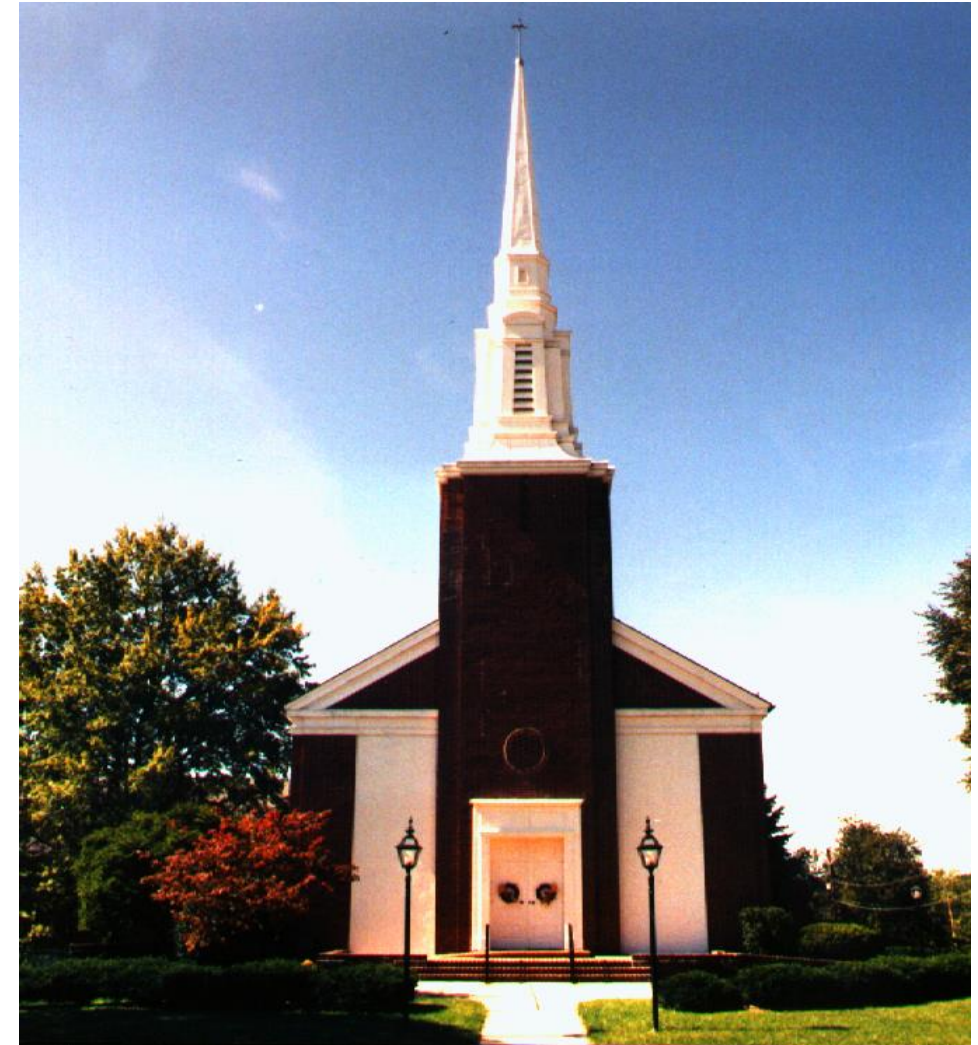
**LRUMC Mission Statement**

"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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**ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY:** Anne McCorkle Garrett  
**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Samuel Chin  
**ORGANIST:** Patricia Gould  
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## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2017



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# The Order of Worship

**Centering Words:** If it had not been the Lord who was on our side when the forces of death pressed against us, we would have no songs to sing to our children. If it had not been the Lord who was on our side when the instruments of death had us in their power, we would be the victims of the unrighteous. Sing to our God, who brings us into a future of hope and life.

## ENTRANCE

### Gathering

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude** *Ash Grove with Thanks Be to God* - G. F. Handel, arr. A. L. Page

**Lighting of the Altar Candles**

### \*Call to Worship

*Leader:* Sing to God for mercy and grace.

*People:* **Sing praises to God for laughter and joy.**

For our God is mighty and strong,  
protecting the lowly from the anger of the oppressor.

**Our God is righteous and just,  
saving the weak from the cruelty of the powerful.**

Sing to God for mercy and grace.

**Sing praises to God for laughter and joy.**

### \*Hymn of Praise

*My Life Is in You, Lord*

TFWS 2032

### \*Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version*

UMH 881

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

**Gracious God, renew our minds and cleanse our spirits,  
that we might rise above the petty judgments  
that keep us from full fellowship with you and with one another.**

**Part the waters of our worries and confusion,  
and save us from the tides that threaten to overwhelm us.**

**Be merciful to us and protect us with your powerful hand,  
that we might dance and sing to your glory. Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

### Children's Message

### Special Music

*You Are My King*

Jan Hoener

Patti Ferguson

Billy James Foote

### Prayer for Illumination

### First Lesson

*Psalms 114*

Pew Bible p. 491

### 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

*Mighty to Save*

- Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan

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

**Merciful God, transform our gifts**

**into gifts of hope and joy for a world acquainted with despair.**

**Receive our very lives, and fashion us into instruments of your grace,**

**that we may become love and laughter in places of sorrow and mourning.**

**Mold us into your people – a people of promise and hope,**

**a people who live and die in the Lord. Amen.**

### Second Lesson

*Matthew 18: 21-35*

Pew Bible p. 800

### \*Hymn of Preparation

*Wade in the Water*

TFWS 2107

### Sermon

Rev. George Winkfield

## SENDING FORTH

### \*Hymn of Commitment

*Freely, Freely*

UMH 389

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

### \*Dismissal with Blessing

### \*Postlude

*Allegro Vivace*

- G. F. Handel

### \*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***

- 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)*
- Jane Ferguson *(by Patti Ferguson 9/8)*
- Beth Eubanks *(by Patti Ferguson 9/7)*
- Carrie Pyne *(Patti Ferguson 9/7)*

***Recent Prayer Requests***

- Ardith Luttrell *(by Isabelle 9/6)*
- 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 17**

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
	after worship	<b>Finance Cmte.</b>	Parlor
	12:30 a.m.	St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church	Sanctuary
Monday – Friday		IMPROVE Before & After Care	
<i>Mondays</i>		<b><i>Pastor's Sabbath</i></b>	
Tuesday	6:15 p.m.	Aerobics	Auditorium
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	<b>Spire Assembly</b>	Fellowship Hall
Thursday	6:15 p.m.	Aerobics	Auditorium
	8:00 p.m.	<b>Choir rehearsal</b>	Choir Room
		<b><i>Handbells are being refurbished. No rehearsals until further notice.</i></b>	
Friday	10:30 a.m.	Al-Anon	Fellowship Hall
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal	Room 210

**Upcoming Events**

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

**Going His Way Sunday School** will resume today 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 adults of diverse backgrounds to study the Bible and what its stories and messages mean for our contemporary lives. We are resuming our study of *Christian Virtues* in Room 202.

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.

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.

**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!

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!

**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.

**Food Collections** - During September, donations of powdered milk are needed for ACTC. 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.

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.

## Lectionary Readings for the Coming Week

### Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*24 September 2017*

- First reading and Psalm
  - Exodus 16: 2-15
  - Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45
- Alternate First reading and Psalm
  - Jonah 3: 10 – 4: 11
  - Psalm 145: 1-8
- Second reading
  - Philippians 1: 21-30
- Gospel
  - Matthew 20: 1-16