

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:** Judy Feustle  
**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 Marcia Thomas-Smith in loving memory of her father, Theodore Thomas, her sister, Debra Thomas, and her nephew, Erron Thomas Gordon.

The bowl is given by the Akerele family to God's glory and with love for our homebound members.

The pedestal bowl is given in honor of the fortieth wedding anniversary of Phil & Londa Lee.

**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 Mr. Charles Chilcoat.

**Presence:** 114

**September 17, 2017**

**Gifts:** \$6,935.5

**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

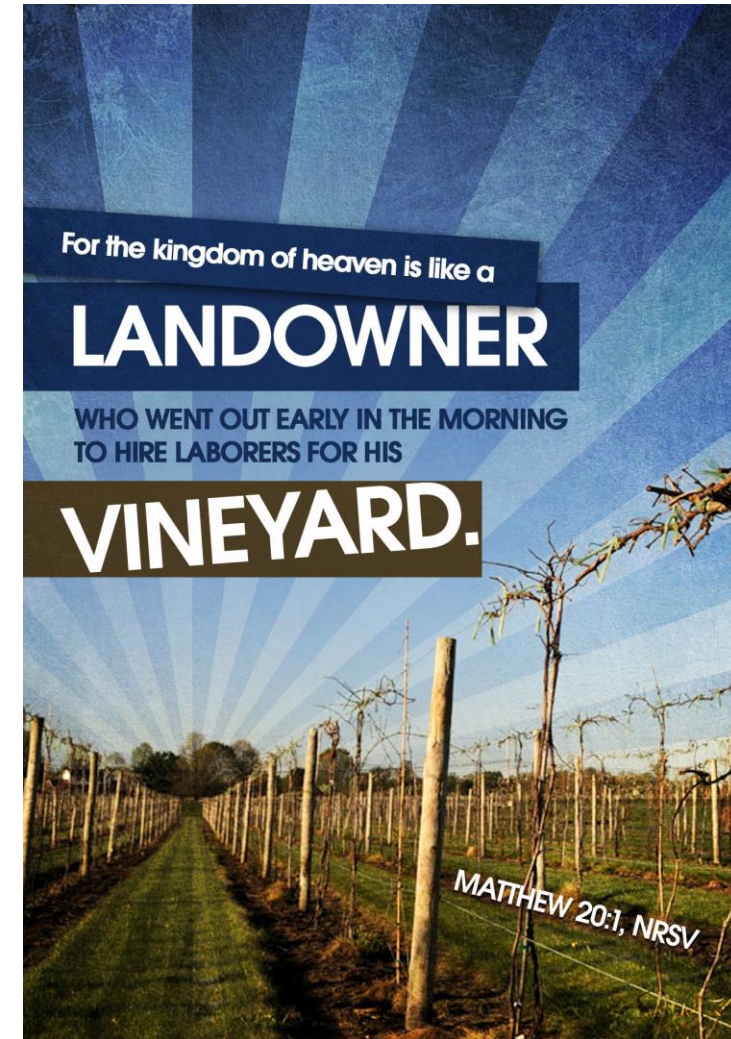
**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Samuel Chin

**ORGANIST:** Patricia Gould

**CHILD CARE PROVIDER:** Amy Price

## Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2017



## Loch Raven United Methodist Church

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# The Order of Worship

**Centering Words:** Come together as the Spirit Calls. Love one another in the grace of Christ.  
Live together as the children of God.

## ENTRANCE

### Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Fanfare*

- Dietrich Buxtehude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

### \*Call to Worship

*Leader:* Give thanks to God and call on Christ's name.

*People:* **We proclaim God's grace and sing God's praise.**

Seek the Lord, who is here with us now.

**We rejoice in God's glory and strength.**

### \*Hymn of Praise

*Welcome*

W&S 3152

### \*Affirmation of Faith

*The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version*

UMH 881

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

**Mighty God, we thank you for your wondrous gifts and your constant love.**

**Guide us on the journey of faith, and feed us with your sustaining grace.**

**Live in us this day, that we might live in you and answer your call.**

**In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.**

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

### Children's Message

Jan Hoener

### Prayer for Illumination

#### First Lesson

*Jonah 3: 10 – 4: 11*

Pew Bible p. 453

### 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

*O Give Thanks to God, the Lord*

- Michael Haydn

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

**Generous God,**

**thank you for showering us with your abundance and your love.**

**Bless the gifts we bring before you now,**

**that they may shower others with your abundance and your love.**

**In your generous love, we pray. Amen.**

### Second Lesson

*Matthew 20: 1-16*

Pew Bible p. 801

### \*Hymn of Preparation

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

UMH 90

### Sermon

Rev. George Winkfield

## SENDING FORTH

### \*Hymn of Commitment

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

UMH 89

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

### \*Dismissal with Blessing

### \*Postlude

*Joyful, Joyful*

Chancel Choir

### \*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***

Jane Ferguson *(by Patti Ferguson 9/19)*  
 Grace Boner *(by Lynn Jean 9/18)*  
 Ruth Kriel *(by Stanley 9/17)*  
 Evelyn Dorfler *(9/17)*

***Recent 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)*  
 Beth Eubanks *(by Patti Ferguson 9/7)*  
 Carrie Pyne *(Patti Ferguson 9/7)*  
 Ardith Luttrell *(by Isabelle 9/6)*  
 The family of Deborah Henschen *(by Linda Cole 8/27)*  
 Bill Moulds *(by Adrian Palazzi 8/27)*

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

**Church Calendar for the Week of September 24**

Sunday	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:30 a.m.	<b>Sunday School for all ages</b> <b>Sunday Worship</b> St. Paul's Ghana Methodist Church Memorial for Vernon Wilson	Sanctuary 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	7:00 p.m.	<b>Church Council</b>	Fellowship Hall
Thursday	6:15 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Aerobics <b>Choir rehearsal</b>	Auditorium Choir Room
		<b><i>Handbells are being refurbished. They may be back in late October.</i></b>	
Friday	10:30 a.m.	Al-Anon	Fellowship Hall
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	St. Paul's Choir Rehearsal	Room 210
<b>Upcoming Events</b>			
Oct. 1	after worship	<b>Awujoh Feast</b>	Fellowship Hall
Nov. 7	7:00 p.m.	<b>Church Conference (new date)</b>	Fellowship Hall

## Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

**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 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 **Hurricanes Harvey and Irma**. Gifts may be made to LRUMC, with Harvey and Irma in the memo.

Sunday, October 1, we will be observing **World Communion Sunday**. At LRUMC, 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.

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.

**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

### Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

*1 October 2017*

- First reading and Psalm
  - Exodus 17: 1-7
  - Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16
- Alternate First reading and Psalm
  - Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32
  - Psalm 25: 1-9
- Second reading
  - Philippians 2: 1-13
- Gospel
  - Matthew 21: 23-32