

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2020



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

MATTHEW 18:20, NRSV

Loch Raven United Methodist Church

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Today's Lectionary: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20
Secondary Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40

The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: The love of God brings peace to our lives.
 The judgment of God brings peace to our world.

PRELUDE *This Is My Father's World* arr. Lopez

GATHERING
Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Have you heard the good news?

People: **Christ calls us to be people of light.**

Leader: Have you felt the good news?

People: **Christ offers us God's love and grace**

Leader: Have you lived the good news?

People: **Christ lives in us when we gather in his name.**

All: **Come! Let us worship the Lord.**

OPENING HYMN *I Come with Joy* UMH 617

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Traditional Version* UMH 881

INVOCATIONAL PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Myra

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Exodus 12:1-14* Franklin

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Wayne Harting

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

OFFERING PRAYER

In celebration of their deliverance from slavery, the Hebrew people offered you their worship and their praise. May the offering we bring before you this day be a sign of our celebration of your saving love and your never-failing grace. Just as Passover stands as a perpetual observance of your love and care, so may our weekly offering be a perpetual observance of your love in our lives. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Matthew 18:15-20* Bruce

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* UMH 357

SERMON Rev. Dr. George Winkfield

CLOSING HYMN *How Great Thou Art* UMH 77

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *March* Kabalevsky

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

LRUMC OFFERS WORSHIP SERVICES VIA ZOOM AT 10 AM SUNDAYS. (Check your email or call the office by Friday for log-in information.) RECORDED WORSHIP SERVICES CONTINUE BEING ACCESSED THROUGH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE.

REMINDER: Church Council worksheets/forms due to Myra by Tuesday, Sept. 8 or completed online by Friday, September 11.

OCTOBER SPIRE ARTICLES DUE NEXT WEEK – SEPTEMBER 13. Please submit your articles to Nancy W. If you are not receiving the Spire newsletter via email or snail mail, please contact the church office (410-825-0902).

WE CURRENTLY HAVE 2 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES MEETING WEEKLY. If you wish to join either class please call the office for more information.

- 1) THE BECOMERS CLASS: LED BY OWEN AND CLASS MEMBERS, MEETS THURSDAYS AT 7 PM VIA ZOOM**
- 2) THE GOING HIS WAY CLASS: LED BY JONATHAN, MEETS SUNDAYS AT 9 AM VIA TELECONFERENCE**

CHILDREN'S SUDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE CANCELLED AT THIS TIME.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF ROMANS WILL RESUME NEXT WEEK, SEPTEMBER 15 AT 7 PM VIA ZOOM. We will pick-up where we left off, Chapter 8 in the book (*Life Under the Law*), on Romans 7. Pastor George is preparing catch-up videos for the Romans (chapters 1- 6), which will be available soon.

UMCOR -- UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE IN RELIEF -- IS ALREADY RESPONDING TO THE VICTIMS OF HURRICANE LAURA. If you would like to contribute to the relief effort, send a check payable to LRUMC and indicate: **UMCOR Advance # 901670**, or go to <https://advance.umcor.org/p-620-umcor-us-disaster-response-and-recovery.aspx>. 100% of your money goes to disaster relief in the U.S.

IF YOU WERE ABLE TO SUPPORT MISSION'S LOOSE CHANGE COLLECTION EFFORT, count up your coins and dollars. Send a check in that amount to the church office, payable to LRUMC and indicate **Missions - MFB** on the memo line. Funds will be donated to the Maryland Food Bank.

AT THIS TIME, WE ARE NOT COLLECTING FOR ACTC.

Go to their website (actconline.info/donate.html) for information on how to donate food in person.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 13:

Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Secondary Readings: Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13

Church Calendar

(All Meetings will take place via Zoom)

WEEK OF SEPTMEBER 6

Today	Worship Service	10 AM
Monday	Church Office Closed for Labor Day	
	Reentering Well Task Force Meeting	7 PM
Tues-Fri	IMPROVE	8 AM – 6 PM
Wednesday	SPRC Meeting	7 PM
Thursday	Becomers Sunday School Class	7 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 13	Spire Articles Due	
	Worship Service	10 AM
Sept. 14	Women in Christ Circle	7 PM
Sept. 15	Pastor's Bible Study	7 PM
Sept. 16y	Church Council	7 PM
Sept. 17	Becomers Sunday School Class	7 PM

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 Doris Therit, who celebrates her 94th birthday September 11.

PRESENCE: August 30, 2020: 51 (Zoom Service); 25 (Online Service)

Offering: \$2,890.00

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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CHILD CARE PROVIDER: Amy Price

Prayer List

Prayer Requests from August 30

Family of Jane F.
Health care workers

Recent Prayer Requests

Alan (*husband of Linda's cousin – 8/23*)
Jake (*husband of Cecelia's friend – 8/23*)
June (*Cecelia's friend – 8/23*)
Voss Family (*Judy Z.'s friends – 8/23*)
Chuck (*Jen [and Rob]'s uncle – 8/16*)
Debbie (*Judy F's sister – 8/16*)
Jennifer (*Sandra's sister – 8/16*)
Family of Michelle (*daughter of Cheryl's friend – 8/16*)
Rita (*Jen [and Rob]'s aunt – 8/16*)
Family of Dr. John Yambasu (*Resident Bishop of the UMC in Sierra Leone – 8/16*)
Eddie (*8/9*)
Jake and Charlotte (*Cecelia's friends – 8/9*)
Family of Nancy (*Myra's aunt – 8/9*)
Nina (*Cecelia's friend – 8/9*)
Virginia (*Cecelia's former sister-in-law – 8/9*)
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
Cassandra & Family (*req. by Maria – 9/15*)

Prayer requests will be listed for one month unless requested otherwise.