

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020



Lord,

**IF ANOTHER
MEMBER OF THE
CHURCH SINS
AGAINST ME, HOW
OFTEN SHOULD
I FORGIVE?**



MATTHEW 18:21, NRSV

Loch Raven United Methodist Church

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Today's Lectionary: 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

The Order of Worship

CENTERING WORDS: Sing to our God, who brings us into a future of hope and life.

PRELUDE *How Great Thou Art* arr. Carter

GATHERING
Welcome

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing of God's mercy and grace.

People: **Sing of God's strength and might.**

Leader: Praise God with laughter and joy

People: **Praise God with feasting and dance.**

Leader: For God protects the lowly and avenges the misdeeds of the mighty.

People: **God brings forth justice and righteousness, saving the weak from the cruelty of the powerful.**

Leader: Sing of God's mercy and grace.

All: **Sing of God's strength and might.**

OPENING HYMN *Freely, Freely* UMH 389

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Ecumenical Version* UMH 882

INVOCATIONAL PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Jan

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Exodus 14:19-31* Kate

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

Merciful God, transform this offering into hope and joy for a troubled world. Receive the blessings we return to you this day, and transform our ministries into instruments of your grace. Through our giving, may places of sorrow and mourning know the sound of love and laughter. Through our living, mold us into your people – a people of promise and hope, a people who live and die in the Lord. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON *Matthew 18:21-35* Simon

HYMN OF PREPARATION *My Hope Is Built* UMH 368

SERMON Rev. Dr. George Winkfield

CLOSING HYMN *Grace Alone* TFWS 2162

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Toccata* Blake

Sharing, Caring, and Studying Opportunities

LRUMC OFFERS THREE WAYS TO WORSHIP:

- 1) **IN-PERSON:** Saturday evenings at 6 PM on the playground. Bring your own chair. Space is limited - call the office to reserve space.
- 2) **ON ZOOM:** Sundays at 10 AM.
- 3) **ON YOUTUBE VIA OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:** Available after 11 AM Sundays.

For more information regarding any of these options, please contact the church office.

OCTOBER SPIRE ARTICLES DUE TODAY – SEPTEMBER 13. Please submit your articles to Nancy. 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 SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE NOT MEETING AT THIS TIME. However, Merrill is mailing materials to our students. Contact the Church Office if you wish to be added to her list.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF ROMANS WILL RESUME THIS 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 (actonline.info/donate.html) for information on how to donate food in person.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 20:

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Secondary Readings: Jonah 3:10 – 4:11; Psalm 145:1-8

Church Calendar

(All Meetings will take place via Zoom)

WEEK OF SEPTMEBER 13

Today	Spire Articles Due	
	Worship Service	10 AM
Mon-Fri	IMPROVE School-Age Care	8 AM – 5:30 PM
Monday	Women in Christ Circle	7 PM
Tuesday	Pastor’s Bible Study	7 PM
Wednesday	Church Council	7 PM
Thursday	Becomers Sunday School Class	7 PM
Saturday	In-Person Worship Service	6 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 20	Worship Service	10 AM
Sept. 22	Pastor’s Bible Study	7 PM
Sept. 24	Becomers Sunday School Class	7 PM
Sept. 26	In-Person Worship Service	6 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 Elsie Chang, who celebrates her 99th birthday September 16.

PRESENCE: September 6, 2020: 52 (Zoom Service); 24 (Online Service)

Offering: \$8,994.00

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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Prayer List

Prayer Requests from September 6

Family of Cassandra (*Maria's friend*)

Edward

Jennifer (*Sandra's niece*)

John (*Bruce & Kate's friend*)

Kieran (*thanksgiving from Patti*)

Family of Lawana (*Maria's cousin*)

Sandra

Vi (*Judy Z.'s neighbor*)

Education system workers and students (*req. by Rebecca*)

Recent Prayer Requests

Family of Jane F. (*8/30*)

Health care workers (*8/30*)

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*)

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

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