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**Praise and Thanksgiving for Answered Prayer** ~ Alecia's new Job!

**For Those Serving in the Military** ~ Jordyn Breur; Paul Pettit; Ian Michael Keyes; Jr.; T. Ryan McDonald; Ryan Palmieri; Daniel Schenker; Jason Schenker; James Lubbers; Dan Haley; Don Doidge; Ellen Hammer; Gavin Hammer D'Adamo; Jake Martin; Jeff Finley; Peter Borchester; Randall D. Donithan; Raymond Kitson; Richard Bauman; Ricky Jefferson; Robert Eayre; Robert Sharp; Thomas Taylor; Justin Gibson; Rick Dixon; for all Soldiers; Sailors; Marines; Air Men/Women; & Guards-Men/Women of our Armed Forces.

**For the Ministries of our Church** ~ Bible Studies; Christian Education; Community Outreach; DOC Connection Ministries; Extension Ministries; Finance Team; Healing Ministries; Hope Chest Food Pantry; Hospitality & Welcoming Team; Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe; Kúrios' Kids; Music Programs; How It Works and Why; AA Group; Senior Ministries; SHALOM for the Homeless; Stewardship Team; Summer Lunch for Lacey's Kids; The Tuesday & Thursday Hot Lunch Mission; Youth Ministries.

**For Greater NJ Annual Conference** ~ Bishop John & Beverly Schol; DS Rev Dr. Gina Hendrickson; all Clergy and Laity of the Greater UMC Annual Conference & United Methodist Denomination

**World Council of Churches & USA Prayer Atlas** ~ People of Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea; Ohio, Oklahoma; Lacey Township Committee, Leaders & First Responders; Senators; Congressmen and leaders of our United States of America; Uniting of all American political parties; President Donald Trump & Vice-President Mike Pence, Gov. Murphy, NJ Officials working to end CoVid19; Praying an outpouring of God's spiritual renewal and healing of all the people of America.

## Lacey United Methodist Church

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Head Ushers: Cindy Dreher & Rick Waddell

Junior Head Ushers: Kenshin Frangos & Abby Michalkowski

Head Counter: Rebecca Buglione & Bob Furbeck, Judy Mihalkovitz, Rich Rosfjord

Thank You to All Who Share Their Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, Witness & Time!

### August 2, 2020

*Welcome in the Name of Jesus Christ to All Visitors, Members, Family and Friends!*

*Today, we begin the Sermon Series "Half-Truths".*

Prelude

Welcome

\*Praise Song ~ Dawn Slate & Fred Weidemann *How Great Is Our God*  
(Please reflect as you enjoy Dawn and Fred's performance)

Opening Prayer

Children's Message

Ministry of Giving & Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn ~ #127 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*  
(Please reflect as you enjoy Dawn's performance)

Scripture ~ Deuteronomy 30:19-20

Message: "Half-Truth: Everything Happens for a Reason"

\*Hymn ~ #2146 *His Eye is on the Sparrow*  
(Please reflect as you enjoy Dawn's performance)

Affirmation: John Wesley's Covenant Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of Holy Communion

\*Hymn ~ #467 *Trust and Obey*  
(Please reflect as you enjoy Dawn's performance)

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

### ***How Great Is Our God***

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty  
Let all the Earth rejoice  
All the Earth rejoice

He wraps himself in light  
And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice  
Trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the end

The Godhead Three in One  
Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb  
The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God

Name above all names  
Worthy of our praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God

You're the name above all names  
You are worthy of our praise  
And my heart will sing  
How great is our God

### ***Opening Prayer***

O God, send your Spirit upon us and light our path.  
Having heard your scriptures proclaimed,  
enable our hearts and minds to more fully understand your  
goodness and your grace.  
Help us break free from ideas that no longer bring life,  
that we may embrace the life-giving work of your Spirit.  
Challenge us to forsake paths that ask little of us,  
and help us resist the evils and temptations of this world,  
That we may truly follow the way of kingdom living. **Amen.**

### ***Prayer of Dedication***

O God, as we offer our treasure and hearts to you, may they  
be used to pass on the promise of hope, of peace, of life, of  
community to all in need of your gifts and presence in their  
lives. **Amen.**

### **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah #127**

Guide me, O Thou great \*Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,  
Hold me with Thy pow'ful hand.  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more;  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;  
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's Destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to Thee;  
I will ever give to Thee.

### **Scripture Reading ~ Deuteronomy 30:19-20a**

*<sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth as my witnesses against you right now: I have set life and death, blessing and curse before you. Now choose life—so that you and your descendants will live— <sup>20a</sup> by loving the Lord your God, by obeying his voice, and by clinging to him.*

### **His Eye is on the Sparrow #2146**

Why should I feel discouraged,  
    why should the shadows come,  
Why should my heart be lonely,  
    and long for heaven and home,  
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

I sing because I'm happy,  
I sing because I'm free,  
For His eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know He watches me.

“Let not your heart be troubled,” His tender word I hear,  
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

I sing because I'm happy,  
I sing because I'm free,  
For His eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know He watches me.

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,  
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,  
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

I sing because I'm happy,  
I sing because I'm free,  
For His eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know He watches me.

***Affirmation: John Wesley's Covenant Prayer***

"I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee,  
Exalted for thee or brought low for thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and  
disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Thou are mine, and I am thine.  
So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
Let it be ratified in heaven. Amen."

***Sacrament of Holy Communion: The Great Thanksgiving***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
You formed us in your image  
and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed,  
your love remained steadfast.  
You delivered us from captivity,  
made covenant to be our sovereign God,  
and spoke to us through the prophets.

And so,  
with your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,  
to proclaim release to the and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce  
that the time had come when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.  
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection  
you gave birth to your Church,  
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,  
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.  
When the Lord Jesus ascended,  
he promised to be with us always,  
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,  
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,  
gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,  
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
"Drink from this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
poured out for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so,  
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,  
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory  
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.  
Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

### ***Trust and Obey #467***

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,  
What a glory He sheds on our way!  
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.

#### *Refrain:*

Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet,  
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;  
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;  
Never fear, only trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way,

To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

*The vision and mission of Lacey United Methodist Church is to welcome, nurture and serve all. Sharing God's grace with open arms. Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the Glory of God.*

*Scriptures to read & pray over in preparation for ~ August 9, 2020  
Psalm 121:1-2*

**Bible Study Opportunities Via Zoom - \*\*Cancelled on 8/5\*\***  
Wednesdays 9:00 AM & 6:45 PM  
Please contact the LUMC Office if you would like to receive the Zoom link!

*If you would like to place flowers on the Altar on a certain date in honor or in remembrance of a loved one, please contact the LUMC Office 609-693-5222.*

**FINANCIAL STATISTICS ~ July 26, 2020**

**Attendance ~ 29 In-Person; 194 via Facebook Views**  
**Envelope Offerings ~ \$3,555.00 Plate ~ \$40.00**  
**Offerings via Vanco ~ \$687.50**

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- 1) Visit our website at [laceyumc.org](http://laceyumc.org)
  - 2) Click **Electronic Giving**, then follow the instructions
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Contact the LUMC office for more information 609.693.5222



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In-Person Worship is scheduled has resumed. Volunteers are needed to assist with various worship roles (including ushers, counters, etc.). Space is limited due to social distancing practices. Please contact the LUMC Office 609.693.5222 or [laceyumcnj@gmail.com](mailto:laceyumcnj@gmail.com) to register to attend, volunteer, or obtain a copy of LUMC's re-opening guidelines.

♪ ♪ Do you have a favorite hymn that you hope to hear during Worship? Our Worship Team would like to hear from you! Please email your 5 favorite hymns/praise songs to [laceyumcnj@gmail.com](mailto:laceyumcnj@gmail.com).

The next hymn we share may be one of your favorites! ♪ ♪

If you would like to have a Hymnal from the Sanctuary to assist in worshipping with us via LUMC FaceBook and Website please contact Joann in Church Office – 609-693-5222

**We are Still Social Distancing at LUMC –  
PLEASE be respectful of others and wear a  
mask when you are on Church Property.  
Thank You!!**

Memorial Brick Orders for The Bell Enclosure Walk Way.  
4" x 8" Brick / 3 lines / 18 characters each line including spaces = \$50  
8" x 8" Brick / 6 lines / 18 characters each line including spaces = \$100  
See Elaine Brandt for more information.

ALL people are children of God and are of sacred worth. Lacey UMC affirms Christ's example of unconditional love, cultural diversity and individual integrity. Therefore, our hearts, our minds and our doors are open to YOU. We welcome you and celebrate the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ with you. LUMC is a place to belong; A place to be loved; A place of opportunity to make a difference in the local community and the world. LUMC is an experience of the relevant, abundant grace and hospitality of Jesus Christ.  
We are: living God's message of hope, forgiveness & unconditional love; engaged in a passion for righteousness, justice and a conscious integrity; discerning truth through study of Scripture; accountable to God; & equipping members for service and mission to all of humanity and creation.

**Lacey Rec. Dept. Farmer's Market Open at LUMC on  
Fridays from 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM.**