

Leominster

United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025 | 9:30am



*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.*

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Rev. Michelle Ashley, Pastor

Order of Worship

*Indicates standing as able.

BOLD TYPE indicates words spoken in unison by the congregation.

BOLD ITALIC TYPE indicates words sung in unison by the congregation.

UMH = *United Methodist Hymnal* | TFWS = *The Faith We Sing*

WE GATHER AS GOD'S BELOVED PEOPLE

Prelude Jennifer Bedard

Greeting The Lord be with you. Pastor Michelle
And also with you.

*Call to Worship Julie Haven

God of love, Creator of life, we hear your voice.

You call to us in love, and we answer.

Christ of love, shepherd of your sheep, you lead us out in love.

You walk in love, and we follow you.

Holy Spirit, breath of love, you give us life that cannot be taken from us.

You enliven us now to worship you, and to go forth to serve in love. Alleluia!

*Processional
Hymn

“Come and Find the
Quiet Center”

TFWS #2128

Opening Prayer

Julie Haven

**God of grace, when we are lost you give us
direction.
When we are defeated you give us courage.
When we are weak you give us strength.
When we are dead you raise us to life.
Come to the place in our hearts where we are in
need,
and take our hand, and raise us up with your
Word.
Amen.**

*The Peace

*During this time, worshippers are invited to
move around the sanctuary and greet one
another with signs of Christ's peace (saying
“peace be with you,” offering a handshake, hug,
peace sign, hands crossed over heart, etc. – as
you are comfortable).*

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

Children’s Message

Pastor Michelle

After the Children’s Message, all children from birth – grade 5 are invited to gather at the rear doors of the Sanctuary to be led to Sunday School by our Sunday School teachers. Parents and caregivers, you may pick up your child(ren) downstairs in Classroom 4 immediately following the service.

First Lesson

Psalm 23

Julie Haven

*Gospel Lesson

John 10:22-30

Pastor Michelle

*Gloria Patri

UMH #70

Sermon

Pastor Michelle

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of
Response

“Savior, Like a
Shepherd Lead Us”

UMH #381

*Affirmation of
Faith

UMH #883

Julie Haven

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Reception of New Member

Riya Irfan Bhatta

...Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your
commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this person now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

... Members of the household of God,
I commend this beloved child of God to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Invitation to Generous Living and Giving Julie Haven

Offertory "The Lord Will Be My Shepherd" Senior Choir
Words by N. Price and D. Besig
Music by D. Besig

*Doxology UMH #95

*Prayer of Dedication Julie Haven

Prayers of the People Pastor Michelle

The Lord's Prayer UMH # 895

WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE

The Life of LUMC Pastor Michelle

*Recessional Hymn "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" UMH #128

*Benediction Pastor Michelle

Postlude Jennifer Bedard

*Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately
after the service for refreshments and
conversation.*



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Psalm 23 NSRVUE

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;^[a]

³ he restores my soul.^[b]

He leads me in right paths^[c]

for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,^[d]

I fear no evil,
for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely^[e] goodness and mercy^[f] shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.^[g]



John 10:22-30 NSRVUE

²² At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah,^[a] tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all,^[b] and no one can snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.”

Please Pray For...

Church Members

Dennis Grammont, cancer & Parkinson's disease

James Stephen

Malie Marino, chronic health issues

Nancy Dougherty, dementia

Steve Dinsmore (& family) praise for good days and strength & hope for continued healing

Cary Leroy, relief from back pain

Praise for prayers for Adryanna, she is back in school & hoping to be out of the boot by end of April.

Kent Oldfield for healing from a traumatic brain injury w/ multiple brain bleeds

Praise for the birth of Douglas Rousseau born 03/26/25 (Diana)

Healing for Joyce Barclay after a fall

Dee Tosh for healing from surgery

Donna (Dee) Tosh healing from cancer

Family and Friends of Church Members

Leslie, ALS (Edith's niece)

Melissa, cancer (Diana)

Dawnne's mother in law Liz dealing with depression

Linda Gilpatrick for reoccurrence of cancer (Sam)

Trisha with cancer (Mel's niece)

Suzanne for health concerns

Al Gagne stage 4 cancer (Belinda)

Turk having serious complications from melanoma surgeries (Mel)

Joanne Ripley, breast cancer returned. (Sam)

John for successful kidney stone operation & healing (Bruce Shaheen)

Dave Olson (bone cancer) and his wife Pam (brain cancer) (Phyllis)

Desmond who is having kidney surgery to remove a mass; hopefully not cancerous (Karen)

Monia who's cancer has returned (Edith)

Shirley Furey with cardiac issues

*John on palliative care (Mel)

*Holly recovering from sepsis (Mel)

Those who are grieving

Welch family during this time of bereavement (Karen)

Family of Rev. Wayne Kendall

Larayne Horton for the loss of her husband of 58 years (Belinda)

The Wheeler family for the loss of Wendy's mom this week at age 93

The Family of Marcia Schutt

Family of Heather Rocha who lost battle with ovarian cancer

Our World

All Nations & people affected by war

All affected by natural disasters

All affected by violence in its many forms

Victims of recent hurricanes

Our Leaders

Bishop Bickerton, D.S. Megan Stowe, Pastor Michelle
All of our civic leaders & elected officials



HAPPY
Mother's Day

“For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.”

Psalm 139:13-14

This Week at LUMC

Sunday, May 11 Mother's Day

9:30 am Worship & Sunday School

10:45 am Coffee Hour

11:00 am Bible Study

Monday, May 12

7:00pm Appleseed Agape Group

Tuesday, May 13

7:00 pm Senior Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 14

2:00 pm Bible Study – Book of Matthew

6:00 pm Hospitality & Christian Caregiving

7:00 pm Bible Study – Book of Matthew

7:00 pm Trustees Meeting

Friday, May 16

6:00 pm Praise Team Practice

Sunday, May 18

9:30 am Worship & Sunday School

10:45 am Coffee Hour

11:00 am Bible Study

7:00 pm Bible Study