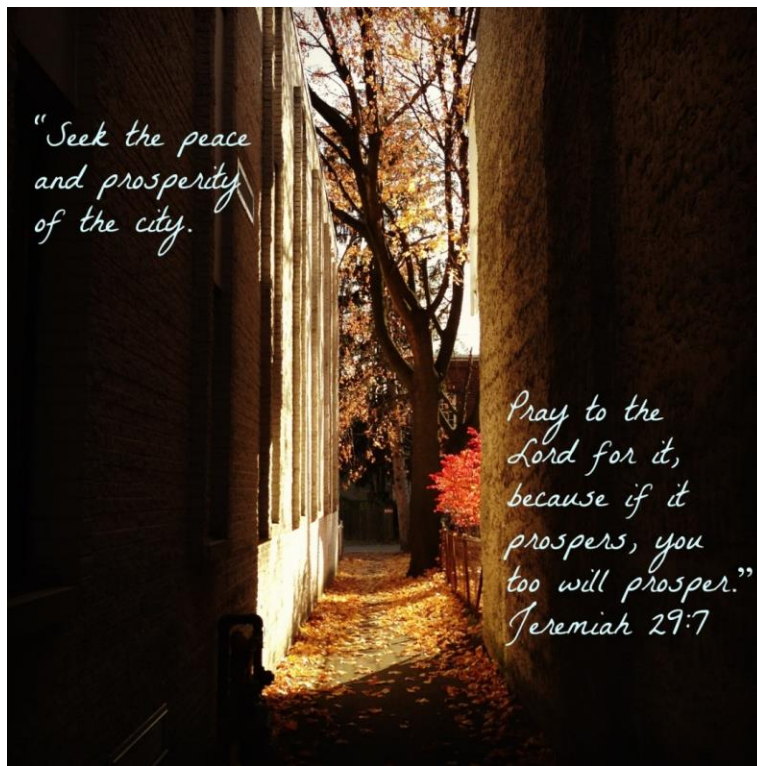


Leominster

United Methodist Church

18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 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.

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

WE GATHER AS GOD’S BELOVED PEOPLE

Prelude	“Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven” UMH #66	Jennifer Bedard
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Greeting	The Lord be with you. And also with you.	Pastor Michelle
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*Call to Worship		Belinda Scott
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What wondrous gifts our Creator has given us!

God, we are in awe, and we praise you!

What amazing love Christ has offered us

Christ, we are healed, we are changed, and we thank you!

What blessings and powers the Holy Spirit has given us!

**You have given us new life! We turn to you in gratitude,
to give you our thanks and praise, to give you our lives!**

*Processional
Hymn

“All Who Love and
Serve Your City”

UMH #433

Opening Prayer

Belinda Scott

God of infinite grace, fountain of life, you shower abundant blessings on us. You are a waterfall of blessing, a ceaseless spring of delight, the sun of mercy. Your Word is an infinite gift. Your presence is our eternal home. With gratitude we open our hearts to your Word, to your presence, to your grace. In joy, we look for the presence of Christ. In trust and gratitude, we listen for your voice. 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.

Psalm	Psalm 66:1-12	Belinda Scott
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Scripture Lesson	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	Belinda Scott
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*Scripture Response	The Word of God for the People of God. Thanks be to God.
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*Gloria Patri	UMH #70
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Sermon	Pastor Michelle
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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Affirmation of Faith	UMH #883	Belinda Scott
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**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.**

Invitation to Generous
Living and Giving

Belinda Scott

Offering Our "For Where Love Is,
Lives and Gifts to There is God"
God Douglas E. Wagner

Senior Choir

*Doxology

UMH #95

*Prayer of Dedication

Belinda Scott

Prayers of the
People

God, in your great
love,
Hear our prayer.

Pastor Michelle

The Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE

The Life of LUMC

Pastor Michelle

*Recessional
Hymn

“Lift Every Voice and
Sing”

UMH #519

*Benediction

Pastor Michelle

Postlude

“Sing We Now at
Parting”
E. Beesley Arr. T.
Hutchings

Jennifer Bedard



*The Call to Worship and Opening Prayer are written by Steve
Garnaas-Holmes.*



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Please Pray For...

Church Members

James Stephen

Malie Marino, chronic health issues

Nancy Dougherty, dementia

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

Donna (Dee) Tosh healing from cancer

Pastor Michelle and her pregnancy

Jean & Bob Wylie's daughter while doctors decide diagnosis & treatment

Landa Hoke, guide her in her difficult path

Family and Friends of Church Members

Leslie, ALS (Edith's niece)

Dawnne's mother in law Liz dealing with depression

James' brother-in-law Vern in the hospital w/ broken hip

Doris D had a fall and broke collar bone and got hematoma

Joann who is very depressed

Tina having health issues (Mel)

People in recovery from alcohol and drugs & their families

6 year old Matthew w/ second & third degree burns

Lee Leblanc who has heart trouble

2 year old Paige healing from broken clavicle bone incurred on a trampoline (Belinda)

Claudette, prayers for ongoing health issues (Mel)

Jeff Holbrook preparing for brain surgery

*Donna with medical issues

*Continued prayers for Anna for healing. Thank you for the prayers (Dawnne)

*Dennis Shamblin with thyroid cancer

Those who are grieving

Ellen & Frank for the loss of their daughter Grace

Jane Marcello, Michael Marcello and Tammy Mickey for the loss of their husband and father Dennis Marcello

The Funk & Gabriel families for the loss of Chuck Funk

Our World

All Nations & people affected by war

All affected by natural disasters

All affected by violence in its many forms

*World peace and world healing

Our Leaders

Bishop Bickerton, D.S. Megan Stowe, Pastor Michelle

All of our civic leaders & elected officials



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

This Week at LUMC

Sunday, October 12

- 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
- 10:45 am Coffee Hour
- 10:45 am Vacation Bible School Meeting
- 11:00 am Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Bible Study

Monday, October 13

- 7:00 pm Appleseed Agape Group

Tuesday, October 14

- 7:00 pm Senior Choir Practice

Wednesday, October 15

- 7:00 pm Wesley Development Group Meeting

Sunday, October 19

- 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
- 10:45 am Coffee Hour
- 11:00 am Bible Study
- 11:00 am Listening Session
- 7:00 pm Bible Study

Psalms 66:1-12 NSRVUE

¹ Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

² sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise.

³ Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before
you.

⁴ All the earth worships you;

they sing praises to you,
sing praises to your name.” *Selah*

⁵ Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

⁶ He turned the sea into dry land;

they passed through the river on foot.

There we rejoiced in him,

⁷ who rules by his might forever,

whose eyes keep watch on the nations—

let the rebellious not exalt themselves. *Selah*

⁸ Bless our God, O peoples;

let the sound of his praise be heard,

⁹ who has kept us among the living

and has not let our feet slip.

¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us;

you have tried us as silver is tried.

¹¹ You brought us into the net;

you laid burdens on our backs;

¹² you let people ride over our heads;

we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.^[a]

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 NRSVUE

29 These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

⁴ Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.