

# Leominster

## United Methodist Church

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Anna Howard Shaw Sunday**

**May 25, 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 Jamie Filteau

In the beginning, the voice that whispered us into being still whispers, saying...

**Let there be light!**

In the wilderness, the voice that fed us from the heavens still feeds us. saying...

**Let there be light!**

In the story we share with this God of mystery and amazing love, the voice calls to us each and every morning, saying...

**Let there be light!**

\*Proclamation  
Hymn

“Safely Through  
Another Week”  
See Reverse

Senior Choir

Opening Prayer

Jamie Filteau

**God of the stars and galaxies, God of the seed and Earth, we thank you that you continue to come to us, to amaze us, to laugh with us, to cry with us, to comfort us, and to show us that your love shines through us and your creation, bringing light to a darkened world. May this beauty and peace be reflected in this sacred circle. In the name of the Christ-presence, we pray. 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

Belinda Scott

*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 68:11	Jamie Filteau
*Gospel Lesson	John 4:4-26	Jamie Filteau
*Gloria Patri		UMH #70
Sermon		Lee Carpenter

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

Invitation to Generous Living and Giving		Jamie Filteau
Offertory	“Come Now Christians, Join to Sing!” Hugh S. Livingston, Jr	Senior Choir
*Doxology		UMH #95
*Prayer of Dedication		Jamie Filteau
Prayers of the People		Pastor Michelle

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Michelle

## **WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE**

The Life of LUMC

Pastor Michelle

\*Recessional  
Hymn

“Blest Be the Tie That  
Bind”

UMH #557

\*Benediction

Lynn Ayars

Postlude

Jennifer Bedard



*The Call to Worship and Opening Prayer were written by Sally Johnson, United Methodist Creation Justice Movement. The Invitation to Generous Living and Giving is from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion. The Prayer of Dedication was written by Rev. Kristina Sinks. The Benediction is from [umc.discipleship.org](http://umc.discipleship.org). The artwork on the cover of the bulletin is a photograph of a sculpture entitled “Christ and the Samaritan Woman” at Chester Cathedral in Chester, England by artist Stephen Broadbent.*



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

## ***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

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

Pastor Michelle and her doctors

\*Nancy Henderson

\*Dawnne Prince; healing from thyroid/parathyroid surgery

\*Antonion Prince for his finger tendon to heal quickly

### ***Family and Friends of Church Members***

Leslie, ALS (Edith's niece)

Melissa, cancer (Diana)

Dawnne's mother in law Liz dealing with depression

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)

John on palliative care (Mel)

Holly recovering from sepsis (Mel)

Desmond for healing from complications after removal of a cancerous kidney mass (Karen)

\*Shirley Furey w/ COPD

\*Russ w/ stage 4 COPD (Edith)

\*Michelle w/ mouth cancer (Sam)

### ***Those who are grieving***

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

\*The Turczynski family for the passing of Turk (Mel)

### ***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

## ***This Week at LUMC***

### **Sunday, May 25 Anna Howard Shaw Sunday**

- 9:30 am    Worship & Sunday School
- 10:45 am    Coffee Hour
- 11:00 am    “My Body Is Not A Prayer Request” Book Study
- 5:30 pm    Youth Group
- 7:00 pm    “My Body Is Not A Prayer Request” Book Study

### **Tuesday, May 27**

- 7:00 pm    Senior Choir Rehearsal

### **Sunday, June 1**

- 9:30 am    Worship & Sunday School
- 10:45 am    Coffee Hour
- 11:00 am    “My Body Is Not A Prayer Request” Book Study
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## Safely Through Another Week

John Newton, 1774; alt. (1725-1807)

SABBATH 7.7.7.7.7.  
Lowell Mason, 1824 (1792-1872)

1. Safe - ly through an - oth - er week God has brought us on our way;  
 2. While we seek sup - plies of grace Through the dear Re - deem - er's name,  
 3. When the morn shall bid us rise, May we feel Thy pres - ence near,  
 4. May the gos - pel's joy - ful sound Con - quer sin - ners, com - fort saints;

Let us now a bless - ing seek, Wait - ing in His courts to - day;  
 Show Thy rec - on - cil - ing face, Take a - way our sin and shame;  
 May Thy glo - ry meet our eyes, When we in Thy house ap - pear;  
 Make the fruits of grace a - bound, Bring re - lief to all com - plaints;

Day of all the week the best, Em - blem of e - ter - nal rest;  
 From our world - ly cares set free May we rest this day in Thee.  
 Here af - ford us, Lord, a taste Of our ev - er - last - ing feast.  
 Thus may all our Sab - baths be Till we rise to reign with Thee.

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## **Psalms 68:11 American Standard Version**

<sup>11</sup> The Lord giveth the word:  
The women that publish the tidings are a great host.



## **John 4:4-26 American Standard Version**

<sup>4</sup> And he must needs pass through Samaria. <sup>5</sup> So he cometh to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph: <sup>6</sup> and Jacob's <sup>[a]</sup>well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat <sup>[b]</sup>thus by the <sup>[c]</sup>well. It was about the sixth hour. <sup>7</sup> There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. <sup>8</sup> For his disciples were gone away into the city to buy food. <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman therefore saith unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, who am a Samaritan woman? <sup>[d]</sup>(For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. <sup>11</sup> The woman saith unto him, <sup>[e]</sup>Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: whence then hast thou that living water? <sup>12</sup> Art thou greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his sons, and his cattle? <sup>13</sup> Jesus

answered and said unto her, Every one that drinketh of this water shall thirst again: <sup>14</sup> but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up unto eternal life. <sup>15</sup> The woman saith unto him, <sup>[f]</sup> Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come all the way hither to draw. <sup>16</sup> Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. <sup>17</sup> The woman answered and said unto him, I have no husband. Jesus saith unto her, Thou saidst well, I have no husband: <sup>18</sup> for thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: this hast thou said truly. <sup>19</sup> The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. <sup>21</sup> Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, shall ye worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> Ye worship that which ye know not: we worship that which we know; for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: <sup>[g]</sup> for such doth the Father seek to be his worshippers. <sup>24</sup> <sup>[h]</sup> God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth. <sup>25</sup> The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh (he that is called Christ): when he is come, he will declare unto us all things. <sup>26</sup> Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am *he*.



## **About Anna Howard Shaw Sunday**

Rev. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw (1847-1919) was a pastor, physician, suffragette, social justice advocate, proponent of world peace, and the first woman to be ordained in a Methodist tradition in the 19th century.

Rev. Dr. Shaw pastored churches in Hingham and East Dennis, Massachusetts.

Here at LUMC, we remember Rev. Dr. Shaw each year with a special worship service led by the United Women in Faith. The purpose of this special Sunday is to remember our “social justice DNA” as a church as we worship the God of liberating love...past, present, and future.

Guest Preacher Lee Carpenter is a historian, Anna Howard Shaw impersonator, and active layperson in the New England Annual Conference. Today Ms. Carpenter will be imaginatively offering a sermon on today's Gospel text from the perspective of Rev. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw.

If you are interested in becoming a part of our local chapter of United Women in Faith here at LUMC, please reach out to Belinda Scott. All woman are welcome!



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