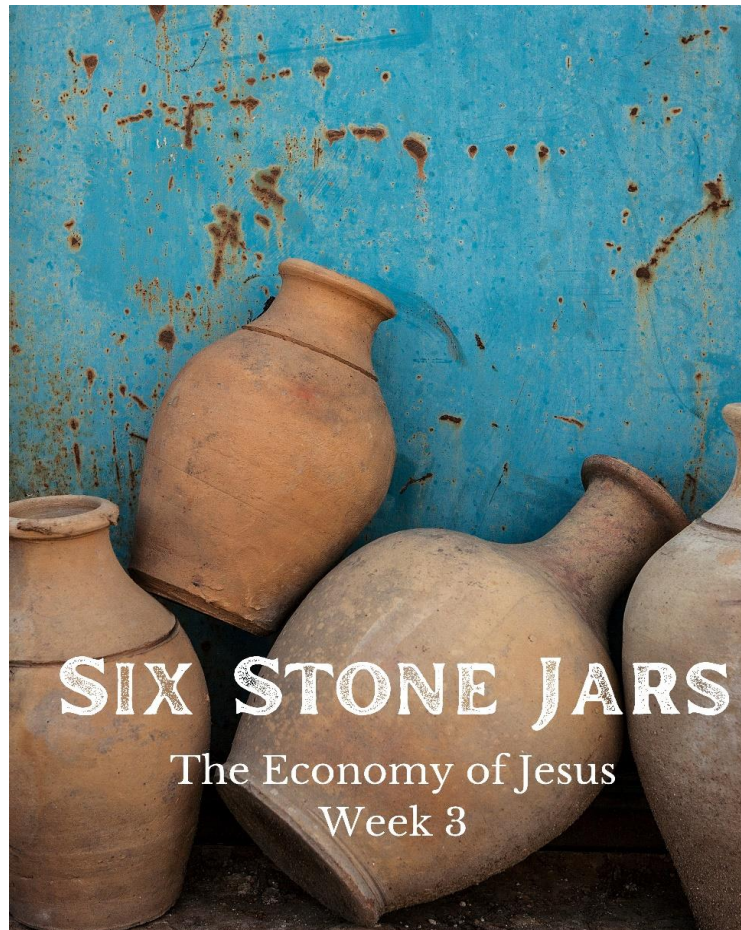


Leominster

United Methodist Church

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 2, 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

People: we feel the yearn to earn.

The world measures our worth in those earnings.

But Jesus had different ideas.

When they demanded special treatment,
he offered healing and wholeness for all – not just for some.

When we feel our own resources are lacking,

we can view our lives and practices again from the economy of Jesus.

Opening Prayer

Belinda Scott

*The Peace

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED

Children’s Message

Pastor Michelle

*Gospel

Luke 4:21-30

Belinda Scott

Lesson

*Gloria Patri

UMH #70

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the
Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall*

*be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.*

Sermon

Pastor Michelle

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Generous Living and
Giving

Belinda Scott

Offertory

“No Turning Back”
R. J. Hughes

Senior Choir

*Doxology

UMH #95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

Belinda Scott

Prayers of the People

Pastor Michelle

Reception of New Members

Katie Ann Quigley
Mellor, Ann Marie Shaheen

and Bryan Chadwick Pridgen

The congregation's renunciation of sin and profession of faith:

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 these persons 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 they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

The congregation's statement of welcome to the new members:

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your

**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.**

Giving the Bread and Cup

Pastor Michelle and
New Members

Communion Prayer

Pastor Michelle

WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE

The Life of LUMC

Pastor Michelle

*Recessional
Hymn

“Leaning on the
Everlasting Arms”

UMH #133

*Benediction

Pastor Michelle

Postlude

Waltz no. 9 Op. 69
F. Chopin

Jennifer Bedard

*Worship Series and “A Call to Plenty” are written by Marcia
McFee. “Abundance” is written by Lindy Thompson and Mark
Miller.*

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



GET IN TOUCH 
WITH OUR PASTOR

Pastor Michelle is available for pastoral care throughout the week. You can often find her in the church office during office hours (Tu-F, 9-2), but if you wish to speak with her, it is best to make an appointment in advance to ensure she is available. She would love to hear from you by email at pastormichelleashley@gmail.com. Please keep in mind that Pastor Michelle honors Monday as her Sabbath day.

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Please Pray For...

Church Members

Dennis Grammont, cancer & Parkinson's disease

James Stephen

Malie Marino, chronic health issues

Nancy Dougherty, dementia

Continued prayers for Joyce Barclay for medical issues

Nancy Erb on hospice

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

Sam Warner prayers for health issues

Family and Friends of Church Members

Rebecca Parent (daughter of Maryann Kane)

Leslie, ALS (Edith's niece)

Melissa, cancer (Diana)

Dawnne's mother in law Liz dealing with depression

Phineas Funk, that he may find his way (The Funk & Gabriel families)

Linda Gilpatrick for reoccurrence of cancer (Sam)

Tristan to find his way to improvement (Dawn Prince)

Healing for Carol, Belinda's daughter in law

Healing for Carol with liver cancer (Mel)

Carol P. to find suitable senior housing (Mel)

Praise for Bob O'Neill, Cancer free (Edith)

Donna for upcoming heart surgery (Don Hutchins)

Damon for recovery from addiction & mental health issues

Dan that his knee heals (Bruce Shaheen)

Commica who was hospitalized with a mild stroke
Lesley for good health
Cary II
Karen with breast cancer
Alan Twomley, kidney cancer
Mel's brother John diagnosed with cancer
Praise for Michelle being cancer free after surgery (Karen)
Lydia & Floyd Meadows III, heart problems (Edith)
David, emergency surgery (Beth & Scott)
Garfield who had a massive stroke & is in a coma
*Trisha with cancer (Mel's niece)
*Lesley, good health

Those who are grieving

Dan's family for loss of mother in law (Bruce)
Mark Kauffman and family for the loss of his wife, Sara and daughter Ellie
Vikki Turnquist and family for loss of her grandmother
Chadbourn Family, loss of mother (Bruce Shaheen)

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



Luke 4:21-30 NRSVUE

²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” ²³ He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’ ” ²⁴ And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

This Week at LUMC

Sunday, February 2

- 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
- 10:45 am Coffee Hour
- 11:00 am Senior Choir Practice
- 11:00 am *Mere Christianity* Bible Study
- 11:00 am Hiring Committee Meeting
- 7:00 pm *Mere Christianity* Bible Study

Wednesday, February 5

- 2:00 pm Bible Study – Book of Matthew
- 7:00 pm Bible Study – Book of Matthew

Friday, February 7

- 7:00 pm Praise Team Practice

Sunday, February 9

- 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
- 10:45 am Coffee Hour
- 10:45 am SPRC Meeting
- 11:00 am *Mere Christianity* Bible Study
- 5:30 pm Youth Group
- 7:00 pm *Mere Christianity* Bible Study