

Lawrence Chapel United Methodist Church

May 17, 2026



Wherever you are in your spiritual journey,
you are welcome at Lawrence Chapel.

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Lawrence Chapel UMC practices the love and teachings of Jesus

Prelude *How Firm a Foundation* arr. by Mark Hayes

Bringing Forth the Light

Making a Difference (Welcome and Announcements) Rev. Justin Ritter

***Call to Worship**

On this Ascension Sunday, we remember that Christ is risen and still at work in the world.

Jesus calls us to live in love, unity, and hope.

We come from different places and different experiences, but God gathers us together as one people.

We are the body of Christ, called to serve together.

In a world filled with division and fear, Jesus reminds us that love is stronger.

We come to worship the God who unites us in grace. Let us worship God together.

***Hymn** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* 154

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Justin Ritter

Gracious God, You call us to love one another, but sometimes we choose division instead of unity. We focus on our own wants instead of the needs of others. We are quick to judge, slow to listen, and hesitant to forgive. Too often we forget that we belong to one another as the body of Christ. Forgive us when we fail to reflect your love.

Remind us that no one is left out of your grace. Help us to be a church that welcomes, serves, encourages, and loves like Jesus. Renew our hearts and lead us in your way of peace and love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Hear the good news: Christ prayed for us long before we ever gathered here today. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, loved, and made new.

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, loved, and made new. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Prayer for God's People

Rev. Justin Ritter

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. 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.

Time and Prayer for Young Disciples

Deanna Phifer

***A Modern Affirmation**

885

***Glori Patri**

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*Hymn	<i>They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love</i>	TFWS 2223
Scripture	John 17:1-11	Pew Bible p.111
Sermon	United In Love	Rev. Justin Ritter
Invitation to the Offering		Jeff Hall
Offertory	<i>Humble Thyself In the Sight of the Lord</i>	arr. by Bob Hudson
*Doxology		94
*Offertory Prayer		Jeff Hall
*Hymn	<i>O Church of God, United</i>	547
*Benediction		Rev. Justin Ritter
*Benediction Response	<i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds(vs.4)</i>	557
	"When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain; but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again."	
*Postlude	<i>God is So Good</i>	
*Please Stand as able.		

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If you are worshipping at LCUMC for the first time, we welcome you in the name of Christ! Please fill out a visitor card in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate so that Pastor Justin can send you a note.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey in Christ, you are welcome at LCUMC. You do not have to join in order to participate in worship, many areas of serving, and small groups. However, becoming a member of this body of Christ is an excellent way for you to fully live out your Christian commitment and deepen your faith. If you would like to become an official member of this community, Pastor Justin would love to have a conversation with you!

To reach a larger ministry audience, our service is live streamed on Facebook and YouTube and recorded for posting on our website. Typically, the last 5 pews in the church are never "on camera"(near the street entrance).

Prayer Concerns

Kelly(Sandra and Lou), Sam(Glenns), Drew Meyers, Gunther Nocht(Kris Ellenburg), Betty Ambrose, Rev. Bruce and Ann Sayre, Barbara Ochoa, Braelyn Hollensbe, Joann Holmes(Walter Hadden), Pat and Skip Fenton, Bob and Josie Geehreg, Cherie Pressley(Sandra and Lou), Zack, Morgan and Cameron Martin, Tommy McCall(Wesley Ramey), Lesa Hendrick, Robyn Daffron(Anne Lee), Vera Crane(Heather Beam), Ray Smith(Cindy Arnold), Andrea Hyde(Laura Linder), Eddie Sweet(Morgans), Gwen Hummel and Family, Joyce Hartsell, Stanley Morgan, Ray Barfield(Linda Regnier), Jean Thomas.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Music Director: Dr. Amy Ahui
Children’s Director: Deanna Phifer
Counter: Diane Singleton
Greeters: Helen Hedden and Erin Beam
Children’s Church: Suzi Harmon and Deanna Phifer
Offertory Reader: Jeff Hall
Acolytes: Lynn Kelley

Meeting Reminders:

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Finance Summary, April 2026	Month	Year to Date	Budget
Giving	\$19,238.64	\$92,701.61	Monthly- \$22,248.00
Expenses	\$21,009.01	\$81,817.56	YTD- \$88,992.00
Variance Expenses to Giving	(\$1,770.37)	\$10,884.05	

Website: lawrencechapel.church Email: lawrence.chapel90@gmail.com

Nursery and Restroom facilities are in the Education Building across from the sanctuary.

Church WiFi ID – LCMGuest Password – PeaceBeWithYou!

Phone 864-653-4461

UMH 154

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.
3. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.
4. Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.
5. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod,
and crown him Lord of all.
Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod,
and crown him Lord of all.
6. O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all.

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A MODERN AFFIRMATION

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Pastor:

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:

Pastor and People:

We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (The Doxology)

Gilbert H. Vieira | Jeff Lowery | Thomas Ken

CHORUS

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Alleluia alleluia
Praise God the source of all our gifts
Praise Christ Whose power uplifts
Praise the Spirit Holy Spirit
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Peter Scholtes

VERSE 1

We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored

TFWS 2223

CHORUS

And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love

VERSE 2

We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land

VERSE 3

We will work with each other
We will work side by side
We will work with each other
We will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity
And save each man's pride

VERSE 4

All praise to the Father
From whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus
His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit
Who makes us one

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O Church of God, United

UMH 547

1 O church of God, united
to serve one common Lord,
proclaim to all one message,
with hearts in glad accord.
Christ ever goes before us;
we follow day by day
with strong and eager footsteps
along the upward way.

2 From every land and nation
the ordered ranks appear;
to serve one valiant leader
they come from far and near.
They chant their one confession,
they praise one living Lord,
and place their sure dependence
upon his saving word.

3 Though creeds and tongues may differ,
they speak, O Christ, of thee;
and in thy loving spirit
we shall one people be.
Lord, may our faithful service
and singleness of aim
proclaim to all the power
of thy redeeming name.

4 May thy great prayer be answered
that we may all be one,
close bound, by love united
in thee, God's blessed Son:
to bring a single witness,
to make the pathway bright,
that souls which grope in darkness
may find the one true light.

Blest Be The Tie (Dennis)

Johann Hans Georg Nägeli | John Fawcett

VERSE 1

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above

VERSE 2

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers
Our fears our hopes our aims are one
Our comforts and our cares

VERSE 3

We share each other's woes
Our mutual burdens bear
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear

VERSE 4

When we asunder part
It gives us inward pain
But we shall still be joined in heart
And hope to meet again

VERSE 5

This glorious hope revives
Our courage by the way
While each in expectation lives
And longs to see the day

VERSE 6

From sorrow toil and pain
And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity

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Verse 4

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