

# Lawrence Chapel United Methodist Church

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*Lawrence Chapel UMC practices the love and teachings of Jesus*

Prelude

*In the Sweet By and By*

arr. by Gary Prim

Bringing Forth the Light

Making a Difference (Welcome and Announcements)

Rev. Justin Ritter

**\*Call to Worship**

Look, here is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

**We come as seekers, longing to see and know Christ more fully.**

Jesus turns to us and asks, "What are you looking for?"

**We are looking for grace, for meaning, for healing, and for hope.**

Jesus invites us still, saying, "Come and see."

**We come to worship, to abide in Christ's presence, and to be changed by love.**

Let us worship God, who meets us in the day-to-day and calls us into new life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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Prayer of Confession

Gracious and patient God, you are always present with us, yet we confess that we do not always notice you. We become distracted by the noise of our lives and the demands placed upon us, and we lose sight of your presence that surrounds us each day. We confess that we often settle for cheap faith instead of a living relationship, and that we follow familiar paths instead of responding to your invitation to "come and see." Forgive us for the times we have failed to seek you, failed to listen for your voice, and failed to bear honest witness to your love. Turn our hearts again toward you, that we may learn to abide in your presence and live more fully as your disciples. Amen.

**Silent Prayer**

Hear the good news: Christ does not wait for us to find our way. Even before we seek, Jesus is already seeking us. God meets us with mercy, forgives our sins, and invites us into new life. Through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**Through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Prayer for God's People

**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, they 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		70
*Hymn	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	156
Scripture Reading	John 1:29-42	92
Sermon	Come and See	Rev. Justin Ritter
Invitation to the Offering		Ken Glenn
Offertory	<i>If You Will Trust in God to Guide You</i>	arr. by Georg Neumark
*Doxology		95
*Offertory Prayer		Ken Glenn
*Hymn	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	593
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*Benediction		
*Postlude	<i>Lamb of God</i>	arr. by Twila Paris

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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

Marie Karns(Geehreng), Kelly(Sandra and Lou), Sam(Glenns),  
Brenda Hammond(Connie Curtis), Drew Meyers, Gunther Nocht(Kris Ellenburg),  
Jim Brackett(Donna Glenn), Betty Ambrose, Rev. Bruce and Ann Sayre, Barbara Ochoa, Braelyn Hollensbe,  
Joann Holmes(Walter Hadden), Pat and Skip Fenton, Bob and Josie Geehreng,  
Rick Brezeale(Stanley Morgan), David and Betsy McJunkin, Cherie Pressley(Sandra and Lou),  
Zack, Morgan and Cameron Martin, Jimmy Goodnight, Tommy McCall(Wesley Ramey), Brooke Foster,  
Nancy and Ralph Porter, Leo Hackett and Family, Chris Hooper(Stanley), Jean Thomas, Lesa Hendrick,  
Robyn Daffron(Anne Lee).

*Those interested in joining others for lunch today, please meet at the bottom of the front steps after the service.*

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Counter: Diane Singleton

Greeters:

Children's Church: Suzi Harmon and Sandra Magee

Offertory Reader: Ken Glenn

Acolytes: Lynn Kelley

### **Meeting Reminders:**

1/19 Church Office Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

No Coffee with Justin.

**6:00pm Leadership Council meets in the library.**

1/21 12:00pm Hooks and Needles meeting in the library.

1/22 10:00am Unveiling Mary Magdalene Bible Study meets in the library.

1/26 10:00am Coffee with Justin meets in the fellowship hall.

1/28 12:00pm Hooks and Needles meeting in the library.

1/29 10:00am The Chosen Study meets in the library.

2/1 4:00pm Worship Meeting

YTD Income/Expense Summary, December 2025			
Budget YTD	Expenses Paid YTD	Giving YTD	Variance Expenses to Giving
\$247,865.00	\$239,060.34	\$239,921.82	\$861.48

Year to Date 2025 General Fund gifts, tithes and offerings (YTD January-December 2025). Your financial contributions to Lawrence Chapel are tremendous, exceeded only by the commitment of your time, talents, and other resources as you engage in and support the ministries, outreach, and services of Lawrence Chapel UMC. You make so many things possible in service to Jesus Christ. God bless you.

Website: [lawrencechapel.church](http://lawrencechapel.church) Email: [lawrence.chapel90@gmail.com](mailto:lawrence.chapel90@gmail.com)

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

Church WiFi ID – LCMGuest Password – PeaceBeWithYou!

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## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

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## I Love to Tell the Story

1. I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,  
because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else can do.

### Refrain:

I love to tell the story,  
'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story;  
more wonderful it seems  
than all the golden fancies  
of all our golden dreams.  
I love to tell the story,  
it did so much for me;  
and that is just the reason  
I tell it now to thee. [Refrain]
3. I love to tell the story;  
'tis pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard  
the message of salvation  
from God's own holy Word. [Refrain]
4. I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story  
that I have loved so long. [Refrain]