

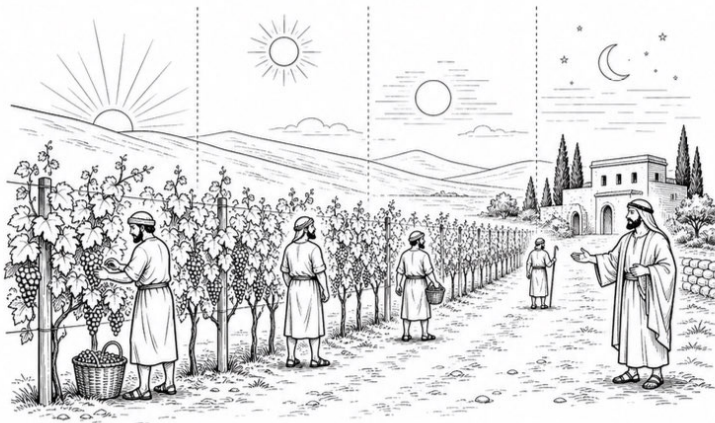
Lawrence Chapel United Methodist Church

September 20, 2026

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The Generous Vineyard Owner

The Last Will Be First



Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

17th Sunday after Pentecost – September 20, 2026

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Lawrence Chapel UMC practices the love and teachings of Jesus

Prelude

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

arr. by Michael Cox

Bringing Forth the Light

Making a Difference (Welcome and Announcements)

***Call to Worship**

Come, for God's grace is greater than anything we could ever earn.

We come with grateful hearts, knowing that God welcomes us just as we are.

Come, for God's love is not measured by how long we have served or how much we have done.

We come to receive the generous love of God.

Come, and let go of our comparisons, our jealousy, and our need to keep score.

We come to worship the God whose love is generous, whose mercy is abundant, and whose grace is for all.

***Hymn**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we often keep score. We compare what we have done with what others have done. We notice who has worked harder, given more, served longer, or received more. Sometimes we forget that everything we have is a gift from you. Forgive us when we become jealous of your generosity toward others. Forgive us when we believe we have earned more of your love than someone else. Help us remember that none of us earns your grace. It is freely given to each of us. Teach us to receive your grace with humility and to share it with generosity. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Hear the good news: God does not love us because we have earned it. God loves us because God is love. Receive this good news and let it change the way you live and love. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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
Invitation to the Offering		Jeff Hall
Offertory	<i>The Comforter Has Come</i>	arr. by Carol Tornquist
*Doxology		95
*Offertory Prayer		Jeff Hall
*Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church		884
*Glori Patri		70
*Hymn	Morning Has Broken	145
Scripture	Matthew 20:1-16	Pew Bible NT p.21
Sermon	Equal Pay?	Rev. Justin Ritter
*Hymn	<i>Sent Forth By God's Blessing</i>	664
*Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>I Come with Joy</i>	617
"Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise."		
*Postlude	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	arr. by Hugh S. Livingston
*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, Barbara Ochoa, Braelyn Hollensbe, Joann Holmes(Walter Hadden), Pat and Skip Fenton, Bob and Josie Geehreg, Cherie Pressley(Sandra and Lou), Tommy McCall(Wesley Ramey), Lesa Hendrick, Robyn Daffron(Anne Lee), Vera Crane(Heather Beam), Ray Smith(Cindy Arnold), Andrea Hyde(Laura Linder), Joyce Hartsell, Ginger Roper(Davison's), Anne Lee, Rev. Bruce and Ann Sayre, Josh Howard(Lee), Julie Wardlaw, Linda Oakley(Julie Wardlaw), Gregg Martin, Ann Fuhr, Ray(Linda Regnier), and Michael (Linda Regnier's stepson).

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Music Director: Dr. Amy Ahui
Children's Director: Deanna Phifer
Counter: Diane Singleton
Greeters: Linda Middleton and Jean Thomas
Children's Church: Suzi Harmon and Deanna Phifer
Offertory Reader: Jeff Hall
Acolyte: Lynn Kelley
Guest Pianists: Wesley Ramey and Elaine Masceri

Meeting Reminders:

9/20 11:30am Greeting Cards on sale in the fellowship hall.
9/21 10:00am Coffee with Justin meets in the fellowship hall.
9/23 12:00pm Hooks and Needles meeting at Jitters.
5:30pm Children/youth group - dinner is provided.
9/24 10:00pm Luke in the Land Study meets in the sanctuary.
9/25 Fellowship Hall Reserved all day.
9/26 Fellowship Hall Reserved all day.
9/28 10:00am Coffee with Justin meets in the fellowship hall.
6:00pm Leadership Council Meeting in the library. *New date.
9/30 12:00pm Hooks and Needles meets in the library.
5:30pm Children/youth group - dinner is provided.

Finance Summary, August 2026	Month	Year to Date	Budget
Giving	\$17,125.45	\$163,129.11	Monthly- \$22,248.00
Expenses	\$20,239.20	\$163,220.42	YTD- \$177,984.00
Variance Expenses to Giving	(\$3,113.75)	(\$91.31)	
Capital Campaign		\$18,950.00	\$100,000.00

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

Immortal Invisible God Only Wise (St. Denio)

Verse 1

Immortal invisible God only wise
In light inaccessible
Hid from our eyes
Most blessed most glorious
The Ancient of Days
Almighty victorious
Thy great name we praise

Verse 2

Unresting unhasting
And silent as light
Nor wanting nor wasting
Thou rulest in might
Thy justice like mountains
High soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains
Of goodness and love

Verse 3

To all life thou givest
To both great and small
In all life thou livest
The true life of all
We blossom and flourish
As leaves on the tree
And wither and perish
But naught changeth thee

Verse 4

Great Father of glory
Pure Father of light
Thine angels adore thee
All veiling their sight
All praise we would render
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor
Of light hideth thee
Amen

Walter Chalmers Smith

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Morning Has Broken

Verse 1

Darkness had fallen thus cloaking the land
In the tomb there lay the saviour of man
Disciples defeated their leader is dead
But something soon happened bringing joy instead

Chorus

'Cause morning had (has) broken
The stone rolled away
The Son had (has) risen to start a new day
A new era started grace replaced the law
A brand new beginning they looked on with awe
'Cause morning had (has) broken
Revealed (reveals) a new dawn
Jesus had (has) risen His body was (now) gone
He sent His Spirit there at Pentecost
A brand new beginning to save all the lost

Verse 2

Father has spoken through Jesus His son
Through Calvary's cross salvation has come
Heaven's door is open all may come inside
Through the blood of Jesus
None will be denied

Everett Adams

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Sent Forth By God's Blessing (The Ash Grove)

Verse 1

Sent forth by God's blessing
Our true faith confessing
The people of God from his table take leave
The supper is ended may now be extended
The fruits of his service in all who believe
The seed of his teaching our hungry souls reaching
Shall blossom in action for all humankind
His grace shall incite us his love shall unite us
To work for his kingdom his purpose to find

Verse 2

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living
The tasks of our everyday life we will face
Our faith ever sharing in love ever caring
Embracing as neighbours all those of each race
One feast that has fed us one light that has led us
Unite us as one in his life that we share
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honour to Christ and his name that we bear

Omer Westendorf

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