

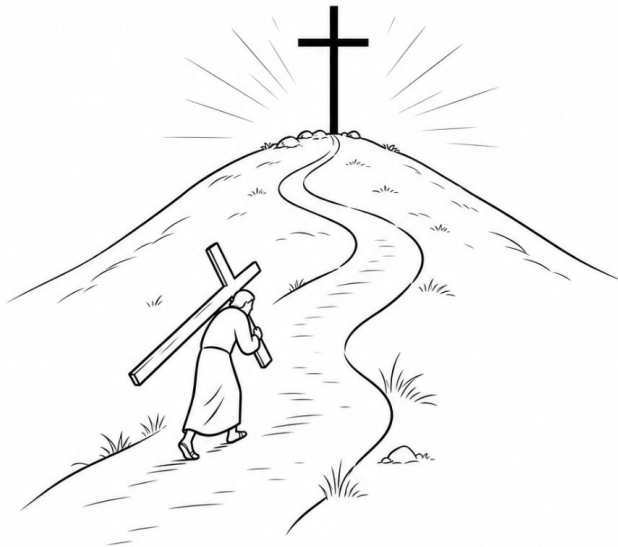
Lawrence Chapel United Methodist Church

August 30, 2026

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Take Up the Cross

Following Jesus on the Costly Way



Gospel: Matthew 16:21–28

14th Sunday after Pentecost – August 30, 2026

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Lawrence Chapel UMC practices the love and teachings of Jesus

Prelude

Take Up Thy Cross, the Savior Said

arr. by Howard Helvey

Bringing Forth the Light

Making a Difference (Welcome and Announcements)

***Call to Worship**

Come, let us worship the God who meets us with grace wherever we are.

We come with thankful hearts, trusting in God's love and mercy.

Jesus calls us to follow him and to walk in the way of love.

We are ready to listen, to learn, and to follow.

We may not know everything the journey will bring, but we know God walks with us.

By God's grace, we will follow where Christ leads.

Come, let us worship God together.

We give thanks for God's grace that meets us, carries us, and sends us into the world.

***Hymn**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

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Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we do not always follow where you lead. We become afraid, we hold on to anger, and sometimes we put up walls between ourselves and others. We receive your grace, but we do not always share it. Forgive us when we forget your love and fail to show that love to others. Help us to follow Jesus with humble hearts and to become people who live and share your grace. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Hear the good news. God's grace is greater than our failures, and God's love does not give up on us. Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and given another opportunity to follow him. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. 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
Invitation to the Offering		Evelyn Davison
Offertory	<i>Living for Jesus</i>	arr. by C. Harold Lowden
*Doxology		95
*Offertory Prayer		Evelyn Davison
*A Modern Affirmation		885
*Glori Patri		70
*Hymn	<i>Pass It On</i>	572
Scripture	Matthew 16:21-28	Pew Bible NT p.19
Sermon	Follow Me	Rev. Justin Ritter
*Hymn	<i>The Summons</i>	TFWS 2130
*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>Walk with Me</i>	arr. by John S. Rice
*Please Stand as able		

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The rose on the altar this morning is given to honor the birth of Beau Matthew Watson, born on Sunday, August 16th, to Matt and Marley Watson and grandson of Rick and Laura Linder..

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 Geehreng,
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),
Eddie Sweet(Morgans), 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: Skip Davison

Greeters: Linda Regnier and Julie Weir

Children's Church: Suzi Harmon and Deanna Phifer

Offertory Reader: Evelyn Davison

Acolyte: Lynn Kelley

Meeting Reminders:

8/30 11:30am 5th Sunday Meal bring several dishes to share.

8/31 10:00am Coffee with Justin meets in the fellowship hall.

9/2 12:00pm Hooks and Needles meets in the library.

9/3 10:00am QAVA Study Series meets in the library. Session One.

9/7 Church Office Closed - Happy Labor Day!

9/10 10:00am Luke in the Land bible Study all are invited.

9/20 11:30am Greeting Cards on sale in the fellowship hall.

Finance Summary, July 2026	Month	Year to Date	Budget
Giving	\$19,284.28	\$146,003.66	Monthly- \$22,248.00
Expenses	\$21,046.23	\$142,981.22	YTD- \$155,736.00
Variance Expenses to Giving	(\$1,761.95)	\$3,022.44	

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!

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Holy Holy Holy (Nicaea)

John Bacchus Dykes | Reginald Heber

UMH 64

VERSE 1

Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

VERSE 2

Holy holy holy
All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim
Falling down before Thee
Which wert and art
And evermore shalt be

VERSE 3

Holy holy holy
Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy
There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power
In love and purity

VERSE 4

Holy holy holy
Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy holy holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

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Pass It On

Kurt Kaiser

UMH 572

VERSE 1

It only takes a spark to get a fire going
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing
That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it
You spread His love to ev'ryone
You want to pass it on

VERSE 2

What a wondrous time is spring
When all the trees are budding
The birds begin to sing
The flowers start their blooming
That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it
You want to sing it's fresh like spring
You want to pass it on

VERSE 3

I wish for you my friend
This happiness that I've found
You can depend on Him
It matters not where you're bound
I'll shout it from the mountain-top
I want my world to know
The Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on

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The Summons

Graham Maule | John L. Bell

VERSE 1

Will you come and follow Me
If I but call your name
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same
Will you let My love be shown
Will you let My name be known
Will you let My life be grown
In you and you in Me

VERSE 2

Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare
Will you let Me answer prayer
In you and you in Me

VERSE 3

Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name
Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same
Will you kiss the leper clean
And do such as this unseen
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in Me

VERSE 4

Will you love the you you hide
If I but call your name
Will you quell the fear inside
And never be the same
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around
Through My sight and touch and sound
In you and you in Me

TFWS 2130

VERSE 5

Lord Your summons echoes true
When You but call my name
Let me turn and follow You
And never be the same
In Your company I'll go
Where Your love and footsteps show
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In You and You in me

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