





**Open Minds! Open Hearts! Open Doors!**  
**THE PEOPLE OF LOCH RAVEN**  
**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 6622 Loch Raven Boulevard  
 Baltimore, Maryland 21239  
 410-825-0900

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

February 6, 2011

8:30 & 11a.m.

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**Gathering Thought:** *“The word of God is a tree of life that offers us blessed fruit from each of its branches. It is like that rock which was struck open in the wilderness, from which all were offered spiritual drink. Be glad then that you are overwhelmed, and do not be saddened because he has overcome you. A thirsty person is happy when drinking, and not depressed, because the spring is inexhaustible. You can satisfy your thirst without exhausting the spring; then when you thirst again, you can drink from it once more.”*

*---Ephrem the Syrian, fourth century poet*

**GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD**

**GATHERING**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *“Concerto No. 2 G Major”*

J. S. Bach

Lighting of the Candles

\*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT - TFWS HYMN #2074

*“Shout to the Lord”*

**“Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King.**

**Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.**

**I sing for joy at the work of your hand, forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.**

**Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.”**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*OPENING HYMN TFWS #2236

*“Gather Us In”*

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER**

OPENING PRAYER (together)

**Lord, it is fitting to rejoice in your beauty and to gaze upon your handiwork. While others may call this a waste of time, we recognize that unless we sit in adoration of you, we will forget whom we serve and for what purpose. Remind us why worship is always our first response to you. Amen.**

**LISTENING FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 112: 1-10

Pew Bible, p.490

\*HYMN #472

*“Near to the Heart of God”*

\*GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 5: 13-20

Pew Bible, p.786

A WITNESS TO THE WORD *“When Christians Get It Wrong:  
 4. When Bad Things Happen”*

Pastor Gayle

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The Great Thanksgiving

Invitation

Sharing the Bread and Cup

As the elements are distributed, please sing:

#618 *“Let Us Break Bread Together”* vs. 1-3

#641 *“Fill My Cup, Lord”* (sing twice)

#623 *“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee”*

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

Anthem

\*PRESENTATION OF GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

\*Response TFWS Hymn #2036, *“Give Thanks”*

**“Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,  
 give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.**

**And now let the weak say, “I am strong”;**

**let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.”**

**Give Thanks”**

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**GOING FORTH TO SERVE GOD**

\*HYMN #585

*“This Little Light of Mine”*

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*“Praise the Lord With Drums and Cymbals”*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Please be seated and listen to the postlude

\*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

\*GOING FORTH

\*Please Rise in Posture or Spirit

TFWS = The Faith We Sing

**Welcome! Warm greetings and love in Christ are extended to all members and guests ...**  
 Thank you for signing the pew registration book located at each end of the pews. *(Addresses and phone numbers help us to personally thank you for your visit.)* Please call the Church Office 410-825-0900, if you have any questions or if we can be of assistance to you.



**Next Sunday, Free Blood Pressure Screening, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Education Office**

**SPIRE DEADLINE** The deadline for the March Spire is next Sunday, February 13, 2011. Please place all articles in the Spire box in the church office or email your articles directly to Nancy Williams at njk.williams@yahoo.com . Committee chairpersons may submit monthly newsletter articles so that the congregation is aware of your activities and hard work. You may receive the newsletter by email instead of snail mail by notifying Michele Brown at [Mbrown@lrumc.org](mailto:Mbrown@lrumc.org).

**SKI/TUBING TRIP** - The Family Ministries Committee will be hosting a ski and tubing trip to Ski Roundtop on Saturday, February 12th. We will be meeting in the church parking lot at 8:00AM and caravanning to PA for a day of fun at the slopes. All abilities are welcome! Please sign up in the narthex. Ski Roundtop prices: Ski/Snowboard Pass – 4hour \$53; 8hour \$58; Rental Equipment \$38. Tubing – 1hour \$21; 2hour \$25; Tube Included.

**COOKIES ARE NEEDED** for the Board of Child Care. There will be a box in Fellowship Hall for donations until Feb 13, 2011. Thank you for helping.

**CALENDARS** A few full size appointment calendars are still available at a cost of \$8.00 each. The funds from these calendars support activities for our youth. Please see any Youth member or Jen Byrd for a calendar. Thanks again for your support!!!

**MISSION HELPERS** We are looking for helpers for the monthly meal we take to Heart’s Place Shelter. We need people to bake a cake or make a casserole. We give you a recipe for the casserole to make on Saturday and bring to church on Sunday morning, February 13. The casseroles are heated and used as Monday dinner. If you would like to help contact Joann Munden at 410-665-6361 or Sandi Cuthbert at 410-661-0974.

**USHERS NEEDED** It takes many volunteers to assist with Sunday morning Worship Services. All of the different tasks culminate with a well-organized and spiritually rewarding journey for the participants. The position of an usher is important because it is usually the first contact with visitors. Would you consider helping your Church with this ministry? Please see Adrian Palazzi or contact the church secretary for additional information.

**NEW MEMBERS** will be received on Sunday, February 27. Please contact Pastor Gayle, Pastor Bob or the church office if you would like to unite with Loch Raven United Methodist Church.

**This Week’s Prayer Request**

People in Tunisia and Egypt

**Most Recent Prayer Requests**

Eric Askew req Cecelia Miller

Rosemary Ayers

Jane Burns req Marge Tyler

Robert Cole Jr. req by Linda & Ken Cole

Mary Coon req Marcia Smith

Theresa Connor req Harriet Cole

Ed Custer

Ronald Ferguson

Carolyn Hax

Dave Jackson

Donna Johnson

Michaela Jones

Sarah Jones

Warren Lee req Merrill Harrison

Neale Luttrell – brother- in-law Ardith Luttrell

Peter McGinnes

Elizabeth Mersey req Merrill Harrison

Shirley Messman

Cecelia Miller and Family

Jeanette Miller req Brian Miller

Mary Moy req Elsie Chang

Ed Stiles and Family req Sharon Gardner

James Wagner – req Cheryl Wagner- Koogler

James Wagner – husband of Myra Wagner

Eleanor Weikert req Don & Gayle Webb

Family of Scott Wedell

Katie Williams req Sandi Cuthbert

Mary Williams req Sandi Cuthbert

Doris Wilson

**Prayer Cards – Worship 1/30**

Prayers for all who are suffering all over the world; homeless, unemployed,

Local, federal & state workers; LRUMC, pastors, Brammer, Boykins Smith,

Johnson Families

Because of the large number of prayer requests that we receive, all names are given to our Prayer Chain, but only the most recent prayer requests are listed in the bulletin. A more complete Prayer list is posted on the bulletin boards.



