





**LOCH RAVEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**6622 Loch Raven Boulevard**  
**Baltimore, Maryland 21239**  
**410-825-0900**

January 29th, 2012

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**8:30 & 11:00 AM**

**Gathering Thought:** The church is of great value.

**ENTRANCE**

**GATHERING**

Welcome and Announcements  
Prelude  
Lighting of the Candles

**\*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT**      *"People Need the Lord"*      TFWS 2244

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!  
**People: Give thanks and bless God's holy name!**  
Leader: For the Lord is good;  
**People: God's steadfast love endures forever; God's faithfulness to all generations.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**      *"Ye Servants of God"*      Hymnal p. 181

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**      Hymnal p. 885

**OPENING PRAYER** (Seated and in unison)

Almighty God, you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name, you will be in the midst of them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST LESSON**      Psalm 147:1-11      Pew Bible, p.507

**HYMN OF PREPARATION**      *"A Charge to Keep I Have"*      Hymnal p.413

**SECOND LESSON**      I Corinthians 9:16-23      Pew Bible p. 931

**SERMON**      "How Much is Your Church Worth?"      Pastor Cliff

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS/ PASTORAL PRAYER**

**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.

**PRESENTATION OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

(8:30)      *"This is My Father's World"*      arr. Robert Lau  
Chancel Choir  
Myra Wagner, sign language interpreter

(11:00)      *"Prelude from Cello Suite No.1"*      J.S. Bach  
Samuel Chin, clarinet soloist

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**  
**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**  
**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT**      *"Make Me a Captive, Lord"*      Hymnal p. 421

**\*CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

[Please be seated and listen to the postlude]

**\*GOING FORTH**

\*Please Rise in Posture or Spirit      TFWS = The Faith We Sing  
W&S = Worship and Song

**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.



**LRUMC**  
**NOTICES 1/29/12**

There will be a **NEW MEMBER'S CLASS** today adults interested in becoming members of Loch Raven Church today. We will meet in the parlor from 12:15-1:30 PM. It is for new seekers as well as those who wish to transfer their membership from another church.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES begin Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM** during the Sunday school hour. If you have a child aged 12-18 (6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade) who wants to confirm their faith and become a full member of Loch Raven UMC please contact the church office to register them or if you have any questions.

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY**--We'll be using Andy Stanley's book "Taking Responsibility for Your Life." This four-week Bible study begins February 27<sup>th</sup> on Monday nights at 7:00 PM and will be repeated on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM. **A signup sheet is posted at the upstairs and downstairs entrance.**

**BOARD OF CHILD CARE** Cookies are needed for the Board of Child Care. There will be a box in Fellowship Hall for donations from January 29 until February 19. Thank you for helping.

**WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2012** There are now 11 boxes of envelopes remaining in the **Narthex** for members and those who regularly attend service. Anyone who does not see his or her name on the envelopes may contact the Church Office at (410) 825-0900.

**THE TRUSTEES** are requesting donations toward the purchase of **new tables and chairs** for the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$80.00 per table and \$20.00 per chair. 19 tables have been purchased and 80 folding chairs will be ordered. Please use the pew envelopes and mark them "tables and chairs" to make a donation. Thank you for your cooperation!

**STAGE PLAY** – "Hindering Benefits" A Christian Stage Play that surrounds a couple that is exploring the world of engagement and all it's excitement. Living a life of perfect secrecy eventually comes to the surface. In this family they learn the hard way that any way without Jesus Christ is a Hindering Benefit. **Date:** February 17 **Location:** LRUMC Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. **Admission Fee:** \$10.00

**SKI/TUBING TRIP** - The Family Ministries Committee will be hosting a ski and tubing trip to Ski Roundtop on Saturday, February 4th. We will be meeting in the church parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and caravanning to PA for a day of fun at the slopes. All abilities are welcome! Please sign up in the narthex or the lower level of the church. Ski Roundtop prices: Ski/Snowboard Pass – 4 hour \$55; 8 hour \$60; Rental Equipment \$40. Tubing – \$27 all day; Tube Included.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY** In the event of inclement weather, you may telephone the church office on Sunday morning to determine if church services remain scheduled for the day. The telephone number is (410) 825-0900.

A special welcome to our guest organist today, Mr. Kim Buckel.

**This Week's Prayer Request**

Persons who are homeless

**Most Recent Prayer Requests**

Margo Brown  
Ed Custer  
Ashleigh Johansen req. Nancy Lacy  
Michaela Jones  
Del Lloyd  
Sharon Neumann  
Samuel Okeke  
Family of Madge Potter (Judy Zahren's mother)  
Darius Powell  
Paul Redmond req. Cecelia Miller  
Nancy Scheeler  
A. Richard Stewart  
Albertha Weah