

August 12, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of LUMC,

Greetings of grace and peace to each of you. I pray that this week finds you keeping cool and doing well.

Our “at home” worship materials for this Sunday focus on another passage from Matthew’s gospel, this one about that curious story of Jesus and the Canaanite woman and her thoughts about dogs eating the crumbs that fall from the master’s table. Yes, it is odd on first hearing but we’ll try to make some sense of it and find its meaning for our lives of faith.

We have added Scott Ramsay’s brother, Mark, to our prayer list in the last few days. May God’s strength and presence be with Mark and his spouse, Laurie, in this very difficult time as well as with all for whom we are in prayer. We pray as always for those battling Covid-19 and the families of those who have lost their loved ones to this pandemic.

We will be collecting cards for long-term care facilities again this coming **Wednesday, August 19 from 1:00-2:00 pm**. We are receiving such lovely thank you notes for the cards; please keep them going! They are greatly appreciated.

Next week, **August 23** will be a special Sunday for two reasons: our **9:30 am** service will include a hymn sing; the words will be sent to you so that you can “sing along!” Then we will have another outdoor service of worship at **4:00 pm** that afternoon. This will be a completely different service from the one in the morning. Bring your chair. We promise to find more shade this time around!

Please continue to stay strong in God’s promise spoken by the prophet Isaiah, “Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you.” - Isaiah 41.10. May God continue to bless us all. Be well.



God’s blessings,

*Pastor Elizabeth*