

September 17, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of LUMC,

Greetings of grace and peace to each of you in these beautiful September days.

Our readings of the Scripture switch books this week for both the reading from the Hebrew Scripture and the Epistle. We hear of God's faithfulness to the Israelites in providing sustenance for them each day; Paul reminds us in the words of Philippians of the joy that comes in living for Jesus Christ. Our readings continue in Matthew's gospel with one of my most favorite parables, that of the workers in the vineyard. What are your thoughts on this parable? What is the real point of this story Jesus shares?

We have added Sid and Carolyn Dobson to our prayer list as they both face health challenges. Please pray that the God of comfort, hope, and healing would be with them. We continue to remember Patsy Stevens in her time of recuperation; she has moved to Bodwell House so may our prayers be for her settling in. May God's loving presence comfort all those 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.

Again, just a reminder that I will continue to email the worship materials to those who are not yet comfortable being in person; for those of you who have Internet access, we are continuing the FB live stream of worship from our sanctuary.

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*