

October 9, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of LUMC,

Greetings of grace and peace to each of you in this lovely season of autumn. As I write this note, the rain is softly falling; our earth needs this blessing after the hot, dry summer.

Our readings of the Scripture in the Old Testament take us back again this week to our Sunday days when we first heard the story of the golden calf. We read Paul's benedictory words to the Philippians in today's poetically-beautiful reading. Jesus shares a lesson with those in authority, not in the form of a parable this week, but as a statement. He reminds them to separate what belongs to the state from what belongs to God. A timely passage!

Our prayer list is included as always for your faithful prayers. We have added Bud and Peg Cherry as Bud continues not to feel "just right." We are also remembering the family of Rich Harmon after both the passing of his wife and he himself recently. 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 to those with 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.



Love

God's blessings,

Pastor Elizabeth

Please Pray For....

**Bob Baumer
Paul Bernier
The Camerdese Family
Lola Carlson
Clyde Cavender
Jorge Chavis and Family
Bud and Peg Cherry
Davis and Statler Families
Sid and Carolyn Dobson
Connie Doboga
Edra's Family's concerns
Joe Gardner
Larry Gordon
Corinne and James Goss
Dr. John Guernelli
Family of Rich Harmon
Andy and Priscilla Higgins
Jennifer and William
The Jewett Family
Kelly
Georgette Lebourdais
Lisbon's Students,
Teachers, and Staff
The Rev. Loni Lynn
Richard and Margaret
Main
Lori McDougal
Madelyn McHale
Millson/Rogers Family
Marianne Ouellette
Sam Owens
Debi Pensiero
Annette Powers
Ralph Profenno
Abby Quinlivan**

**Mark Ramsay
Ray and family
Claire Richardson
Clifford Roberts
April and Dave Rollins
Jim Ross
Russell/Cornish families
Sage and mom, Rachel
Samson family
Savannah
Bob Schmidt
Win and Duanne Smith
Patsy Stevens
Laurie and Larry Taylor
Freddy Tome
Mike and Elaine Trumble
Bob and Barbara
Underwood
Rick and Patty Vieta
Pam Wolfe
Megan and Sandy Zanghy**

- *Victims of Disaster & Violence*
- *The United Methodist Church*
- *Those Battling Addiction*
- *Individuals with Alzheimer's & their families*
- *The World as it Battles Covid-19*
- *Race Relations in the US*



Prayers of the People

Holy God, lover of justice, you have promised that your presence will go with us to guide and protect us, your people. May we proclaim the greatness of our God.....

for our God is the Holy One (R)

Creator God, you have chosen your Church for your work of faith. May this be our labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. May we proclaim the greatness of our God..... (R)

Mighty God, you urge this nation and all in authority into your ways of peace and equality. Grant our leaders vision and courage to give only that which is appropriate to the claims of state and to you, O God, the things that are yours. May we proclaim the greatness of our God..... (R)

Immanent God, your presence is everywhere and your glory touches all the earth. Show your gracious goodness to people throughout the earth, so that all may know you and find favor in your sight. May we proclaim the greatness of our God.....(R)

Merciful God, your grace and peace fill our community and connect us with one another. Hear our prayers for those we remember with concern: _____. Accept our grateful thanksgiving for the goodness of life, especially for the joys we name before you: _____. May we proclaim the greatness of our God..... (R)

Living God, keep us ever faithful to your will, we pray. May we work to bring about the peace that you offer us in Jesus, our brother and friend. We proclaim your greatness, O God, in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray together, saying.....