

July 30, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of LUMC,

Greetings, beloved church family, in the name of the Savior, Jesus Christ. It's hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of July. Despite the heat and humidity, the summer is moving right along!

Our "at home" worship materials for this Sunday focus on a familiar gospel story – the feeding of the 5,000. Told in each one of the gospel accounts, this story shares a sense of wonder and awe at the goodness and generosity of our God in Christ Jesus our Lord. I hope you enjoy hearing it again. We will also be celebrating a Love Feast during online worship again this week so please have your bread and beverage ready if you worship with us in this manner.

We continue to remember our joys and concerns before our God of healing and wholeness. We have added many names to our prayer list in recent days. Please remember Marie Russell and her family following her stroke as well as Sandra Dingley, Larry Gordon, John Cavender and Freddy Tome. May God's strength and presence bring them comfort and peace. We pray as always for those battling Covid-19 and the families of those who have lost their loved ones to this pandemic. And, maybe this is many of us, we pray for those who are weary from "fighting the good fight" in these challenging times and long for a return to "normal."

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*