

Guest Information: We are glad that you are here today in worship with us. We have information cards located at the check-in station in the church entry. Please take a moment and fill out as much information as you fill comfortable. We will take this information and add it to our database. If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter please check the box and we will add you to our distribution list.

Our Young Disciples Zone, at the back of the sanctuary, is open for families with young children and children's bulletins are available on the bookshelf. A nursery is available for children 0-5 years old. It is located down the main hallway and the second hallway to the right in the Bear classroom.

Bathrooms are located at the back of the sanctuary through the double doors. Family restrooms with changing tables are available in the main hallway.

Hearing Aid Loop: Our sanctuary has a Hearing Loop System which allows anyone with a T setting or T-coil to "tune in" to the frequency for a better-quality audio experience. There are also other sets available for those who do not have hearing aids that adapt.



Today's full service may be watched on lafumc.churchcenter.com, our website and Facebook. Recordings of the full service and just the message are posted on our YouTube channel on Monday

Calendar this Week

- July 21:** 9 a.m. Bible History Class Hybrid on Zoom/In-person in Friendship Center (A16)
10 a.m. Traditional Worship
11:30 a.m. Inquirer's Class Hybrid on Zoom/In-person in Teacher's Lounge (B12)
- July 22:** 1:30 p.m. Clubhouse Knitters, Ridge Park Clubhouse, 505 Oppenheimer Dr.
- July 23:** 6 p.m. Ark Board
- July 24:** 6:30 p.m. *Coco* in Friendship Center (A16)
7 p.m. STAR NA support group in Library (C1)
7 p.m. Troop 2 in Fellowship Hall (C5)
- July 25:** 6 p.m. First Light Practice in Sanctuary (A16)
7 p.m. Troop 122 in Fellowship Hall (C5)
- July 28:** 9 a.m. Bible History Class Hybrid on Zoom/In-person in Friendship Center (A16)
10 a.m. Contemporary Worship – Mother's Day
11:30 a.m. Inquirer's Class Hybrid on Zoom/In-person in Teacher's Lounge (B12)
Activities with Aspen Ridge time TBA



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July 21, 2024
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
10 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

WE PREPARE

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

Gathering Music

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: The people shall cry:

People: "You are my God, the rock of my salvation."

Leader: God's faithfulness is constant.

People: God's steadfast love is forever.

Leader: We come this day to be in the presence of God.

People: We worship as the body of Christ.

***Opening Prayer**

Leader: Together let us pray:

**O Christ, in you there is no darkness at all,
for you are the light of the world.**

**It is your light that brings forth forgiveness
by showing us where we have fallen short
and need to repent,**

and leads us to also forgive as we have been forgiven.

Help us to model our lives on you,

**our author and example,
so that we will live in love**

and be known as a forgiving and grace filled people.

Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** UMH #140 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

WE HEAR

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God,
as we turn to your word for us,
may the Spirit rest upon us.
Help us to be steadfast in our hearing,
in our speaking,
in our believing,
and in our living. Amen.

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:21-24

***Hymn of Preparation:** UMH #121 *There's A Wideness in God's Mercy*

Message: "Fate Be Changed, Look Inside, Mend the Bond Torn by Pride"

WE RESPOND

***Hymn of Response:** UMH #560 *Help Us Accept Each Other*

Work of the Church

Prayer

Leader: Loving God,
People: help us to turn our hearts toward you.

*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
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.

Offering

Special Music

***Doxology:** UMH #95 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Offertory Prayer

***Disciples Hymn:** UMH# 389 *Freely Freely*

*Blessing and Sending Forth

Postlude





Faith Development Opportunities

Bible History: We meet at 9 a.m. Hybrid. In-person in the Friendship Center (A16) and on Zoom. Our current study is *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcast, and Outlaws*, by Adam Hamilton. You can find a Zoom invitation in the Friday worship email.

Inquirer's Class: Sundays at 11:30 a.m. Hybrid. In-person in the Teacher's Lounge (B15) and on Zoom. This class is fragrance free. We are currently doing a video study on Religion and Violence. You can find a Zoom invitation in the Friday worship email.

Program Night: Programming Night will resume in the fall. Plan to join us for our Midsummer's Night Fellowship. One of our goals is to equip and grow the faith of all people, not just our children and leaders but, parents and adults too. We invite you to join us for an evening of worship and learning in small groups then we will come together for a potluck dinner.

Youth Group: If you have a teenager from grades 7th-12th grade, they are welcome to join us. Our Mid-High Study (5th – 8th) meets at 4 p.m. during our Programming Night, then after dinner at 5:30, the mid-high and sr. high come together for Youth Group (7th – 12th) at 6:30 p.m. Our Sr. High Study (9th – 12th) meets on Wednesday afternoons from 3 – 4:30. For more information, please email Phillip Ortega at faith@lafumc.org

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