

Church Happenings

Sunday, September 17

9:00 a.m. Come and See Worship - *Sanctuary*

9:30 a.m. Fellowship - *Fellowship Hall*

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship - *Sanctuary*

12:15 p.m. Safety Task Force Training & Information Session -
Fellowship Hall

1:00 p.m. Lively Spirits Meeting - *Parlor*

Monday, September 18

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 312*

Tuesday, September 19

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - *Parlor*

12:00 p.m. Nominations Committee Meeting - *Zoom*

Wednesday, September 20

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 312*

10:00 a.m. Property Committee Meeting - *Parlor Room*

5:30 p.m. Discover LHUMC Guest & Visitors Reception -
Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - *Choir Room*

Thursday, September 21

9:00 a.m. Church Mice

6:00 p.m. Tai Chi Class - *Room 312*

Friday, September 22

9:00 a.m. Exercise Class - *Room 312*

Sunday, September 24

9:00 a.m. Come and See Worship - *Sanctuary*

9:30 a.m. Fellowship - *Dining Room*

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship - *Sanctuary*

12:00 p.m. United Women in Faith Fashion Show & Lunch -
Fellowship Hall

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Welcome to Laurel Heights!

If you are a newcomer to this congregation,
you might find some of the following information helpful:

Sunday School Classes for All Ages

Sunday morning groups meet from 10-10:45 a.m.

For more information contact Laura Healy at

lhealy@mylhumc.org.

More about Laurel Heights

For other questions you might have about Laurel Heights,
ask around! You can also visit our website at
www.laurelheights.org.

Our pastoral staff would welcome a visit with you as well.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Healing:

Lucien Manchester

Sonny Landers

Richard Parrigan

Natasha Garza

Barbara Miller

Kaylyn LeFevre

Benny Souder

Donna Semmes

God's Presence:

For those affected by the COVID-19 virus
and homebound members; the incarcerated;
and women and men in our military.

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LAUREL HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 17, 2023 ▪ 11:00 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

GIFTED



Welcome to Sunday Worship

As we gather, we celebrate the unique gifts God has given to all,
believing that our many backgrounds and identities are essential
to the shared offering we bring to God through
worship, study, friendship, and serving.



Gather to Worship

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Brother James' Air* arr. Dale Wood

*CALL TO WORSHIP Steve Haney

We have come to worship God, the Living God,
who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.
We have come to praise God, the Almighty God,
who answers the forces of hatred with the power of grace.
We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,
who chooses you and me, to hear the Word of life and hope.

*OPENING PRAYER Steve Haney

Most Loving God-whose purposes are often accomplished in unexpected ways, release in us the gifts you have entrusted to us, that we may generate the power, love, and self-discipline that make for meaningful service in Christ's name. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN *God Is Here* UMH #660

Proclamation of the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Steve Haney

PSALTER Psalm 138 UMH #853-4

CHILDREN'S SERMON Rev. Laura Healy

SCRIPTURE Romans 12:1-8 Steve Haney

SERMON Batteries Not Included Rev. Lisa Straus

Response to the Word

MUSICAL RESPONSE *This Is a Day of New Beginnings, vv. 1-4*
UMH #383

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING *This Little Light of Mine*
arr. Horace Clarence Boyer

*DOXOLOGY UMH #94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Laura Healy

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH #895

**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;
and 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.**

Sending Forth

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Dr. Melinda Hartson

*CLOSING HYMN *Take My Life, and Let It Be* UMH #399

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fugue in G Minor* JS Bach

ALTAR FLOWERS

For the grace of God,
given by Robbie Farmer

LITURGIST

Steve Haney

USHERS

Richard Duggar
Jane Manning
Jim Straus
John Tenison



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Bold print invites the congregation to read along.

*Asterisk means we're invited to stand in body or spirit.