

*“A servant’s job is to do all he can to make life better for others. A servant’s first interest is not in himself but others. Servanthood is a loving choice we make to minister to others.”* —Gayle Erwin

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

### LAITY SUNDAY

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Rev. John Lutz, Senior Pastor

Jerry Hill, Lay Leader

Tom Romspert (8:00) & Erika Paton (9:30), Worship Assistants

October 16, 2011

8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

\*Opening Hymn “Forward Through the Ages” 555

Welcome & Greeting One Another

*(Please sign the attendance pad and pass it down the aisle. Stand and greet the people around you and welcome them into our circle of faith today.)*

\*Opening Act of Worship [unison]

***Father God, today we pray for all those who serve You. We pray for those who tirelessly work in the name of Jesus Christ, and who do so with no thought of earthly reward or collegial recognition; who do so with no motivation other than to better the lot of other travelers along the way, to hold a hand out for those who need a hand up, to comfort those who sorrow, to befriend the friendless – in short to bring a ray of sunshine into the lives of those who sit in darkness.***

***These are Your servants, gracious God. These are the ministers and mediators of Your love and mercy. These are the true apostles of the Good News, who, perhaps without any formal training, understand better than most that theology is best when walked about, not just talked about. We pray for those whose lives are so lived in fulfilling the great commission, those for whom to ‘live is Christ and to die is gain.’ Bless them and empower them for the ministry to which You have called them, so that someday it may be said of them, “Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter in to the joy of your reward.” Amen.***

\*Gloria Patri “Glory Be To the Father” 70

Life of the Church

✠Prayers of the People ✠The Lord’s Prayer

\*Hymn “O Church of God, United” 547  
*(Children are dismissed at this time for Sunday School.)*

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory The Wesleyan Choir

\*Offertory Response “Doxology” 95

\*Offertory Prayer [unison]

***God of Wisdom, we rejoice that You have provided us with numerous examples of generous giving. We obediently share this offering in full knowledge that all of our resources and assets are ultimately a gift from You. Help us to use them wisely and to share them generously. We pray in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who gave His life, so we may live abundantly. Amen.***

The Scripture Lesson Genesis 9: 8-17 (p. 6 in the pew Bible)

The Message **“LUMC Ministry Covenant”** Jerry Hill, Lay Leader  
Holly Rogerson  
Lynda Pritchard (PowerPoint Presentation)

Special Music The Crusader Choir

\*Closing Hymn “The Church’s One Foundation” 438

\*Affirmation of Faith “The Apostles’ Creed” 881

\*Benediction

Postlude

*\*If able, please stand to worship God*

***We welcome YOU to our worship service this morning. If you are visiting our church for the first time, we extend you a special greeting. (Please inform us of your complete name and address on the Fellowship Pad or in the Guest Book.) We invite you to enter into our worship wholeheartedly. Sing out! Listen intently to God’s Word! Be open to promptings of the Holy Spirit! And after the service, give us a chance to talk with you and invite you back! We look forward to your worshipping with us again.***

## ABOUT THIS WORSHIP SERVICE ...

**Altar Flowers** today are Dedicated to the Glory of God In Honor of Our Lay Leader, Jerry Hill, by The Congregation of LUMC; and also In Loving Memory of Doug Rowlands, by Ginny Rowlands and Family.

**Morning Greeters** this morning are Bob & Charlotte Downs.

**Ushers** this morning are Sam & Joan Phillips.

**Acolyte** this morning is Colin O'Neill.

**Thank you** to George Jenca, Bob Slotterback & Tom Romspert for helping at the 8:00 service.

**Prayer Chain No. 3 is in effect this week.** Please call Tim Eick, (215) 945-8789, for prayer requests and praise for answered prayers.

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### Worship Services

#### **Traditional**

*9:30 a.m.*

#### **Contemporary**

*11:00 a.m.*

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**PLEASE NOTE:** Until further notice, all worship services will be held in Fellowship Hall due to the roof repair work in the sanctuary.

Traditional worship will have two services, at **8:00 & 9:30 a.m.**; Contemporary at **11:00 a.m.**

Please enter the building through the front doors when services are in progress.

Thank you for your cooperation.