

~Page United Methodist Church~

Our Mission: To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World!

Our Vision: Loving, Feeding, Praying, Serving!

August 18, 2019

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

* Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING OF THE HOUR AND LIGHTING OF THE SANCTUARY

OPENING PRAYER: **God of compassion and love, in our weakest moments, through the darkest hours, you walk with us. In our moments of joy, through the brightest celebrations, you walk with us. In our abundance and in our poverty, you walk with us. To the cross and even through death into abundant life, you walk with us. Because we cannot do it alone, you walk with us. Lord, grant us grace to follow. Amen.**

(adapted from Words for Worship 2 #281)

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Bonnie Judd*

LEADER: Come, let us worship God, who laughs and cries with us.

ALL: Let us praise the One whose suffering encompasses the breadth of our pain, and whose delight surpasses our deepest joy.

LEADER: We worship the God who knows our thoughts and feelings even before we name them.

ALL: We honor the One who welcomes our laments as well as our songs of thanksgiving. Let us worship God!

(adapted Words for Worship 2 #278)

*HYMN: *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* *Black Hymnal #2158*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING, OFFERTORY PRAYER, ANTHEM

*DOXOLOGY: *(In Unison)* **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host**

praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(Red Hymnal #95)

CHILDREN'S TIME

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

*HYMN: *Nearer, My God, to Thee* *Red Hymnal #528*

1st SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 40:11-17 *(p.400)* *Bonnie Judd*

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God**

2nd SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4:6-18 *(p.818)*

SERMON: *Prayers of Lament* *Rev. Laura Stratton*

*HYMN: *Faith is Patience in the Night* *Black Hymnal #2211*
You are always welcome to come to the altar and pray during our last hymn.

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL: *Amen* *Red Hymnal #898*

Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God!

We have large-print hymnals available. If you would like one, please let Pastor Laura or an usher know.

Don't let Sunday be the end of your spiritual focus this week. Continue your faith journey with:

PRAYER: This week pray this prayer: *From the depths of our sadness we cry out to you, merciful God: hear us, heal us, strengthen us. Show us how to be your people. Teach us to walk in your ways, without fear. Encourage us to build bridges and not walls, to risk our lives for your reign. Rock our complacency, mighty God. Give us a vision of the New Jerusalem. For you have surely walked with us in the past. You have taught us and carried us to this place. Therefore we sing of your love and mercy, your justice and your shalom. We proclaim your goodness as we wait in hope for your love to cast out fear and change our lives. Then we will sing of your praises by the riverbanks of our city. Then we will acknowledge that you alone are God forever and ever. Amen.* (Words for Worship 2 #282, based on Psalm 130)

STUDY: Reread today's Scripture readings and read the book of Lamentations. Have you have lamented to God? What were the circumstances? How did you feel God respond?

SERVICE: Sit with people in their pain and struggles and pray prayers of lament with them.

Our Stewardship

"We will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and support it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our services and our witness."

Vital Statistics through August 11th

Attendance: 44 **Joined Church:** 0 **People in Mission:** 4 **Small Groups:** 4
General Fund: \$1752.00 **Amount Needed Each Week:** \$2179.00 **Amount to Mission:** \$25

Serving today:

- Pianist: Dale Hamilton
- Organist: Nora Belle Comer
- Choir Director: J.R. Stratton
- Ushers: Daryl Davison, Aron Davison, Jimmy Jenkins, & C.T. Campbell

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PRAYERS OF LAMENT



(<https://brianzahnd.com/2016/07/lament-laughter-human/>)

PAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1062 Springfield Road, Luray, Virginia 22835

www.pageumc.org

Sunday School 9:45am

WORSHIP 11:00am

Pastor.....Rev. Laura Stratton

Parsonage: 743-5556 Office: 743-6446 - Email: pageumpastor@gmail.com

(Office Hours: Tuesday 2:30-4:30 & By Appointment)

Lay Leader.....Nora Belle Comer

District Superintendent.....Rev. Dr. Victor Gómez

Bishop, Virginia Conference.....Rev. Sharma Lewis

~ Our Life Together at Page UMC ~

This Week

Sunday, 8/18	9:45am Sunday School 10:30am Choir Practice 11:00am Sunday Worship Blessing the Backpacks & School Supplies Due
Monday, 8/19	10:00am Nurture Meets 6:00pm Evening Prayer at Page UMC 6:30pm Finance Meeting
Tuesday, 8/20	2:30-4:30pm Pastor Laura Office Hours
Wednesday, 8/21	7:30am Morning Walk & Devotion 12:00pm Wednesday Prayer ***Administrative Council Reports Due to Ruth Burns***
Thursday, 8/22	10:00-12:00pm Pastor Laura at Gathering Grounds
Sunday, 8/25	9:45am Sunday School 10:30am Choir Practice 11:00am Sunday Worship September-October Newsletter Deadline – articles to Steve Judd

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, 8/28	7:00pm Administrative Council Meeting
Saturday, 9/21	12:00-3:30pm Charge Conference @ Manor Memorial UMC
Sunday, 9/22	11:00am Outdoor Worship Service with Rileyville Church and Rileyville Assemblies of God at the Rileyville Recreation Center with Lunch to Follow (please bring a side or dessert) 6:30pm Ecumenical Peace Walk at Luray Singing Tower

Worship With Us

- **Liturgists:** If you are interested in reading Scripture and leading the Call to Worship during worship on Sunday, please tell Pastor Laura.
- **Choir:** Join us Sundays at 10:30am in the sanctuary for practice.
- **Nursery:** Children are welcome during Sunday worship, and we have a moment we spend talking just to them. We have Bibles and crayons and paper in the

pews for children. Nursery services are available for children ages 0-6 years old. Two adults will be in the nursery, located downstairs. If you need help, ask the ushers to help you find the way.

Grow With Us

- **Sunday School:** Take another opportunity to grow in your faith and join us for Sunday School at 9:45am! We have classes for all ages.
- **Wednesday Prayer:** Pastor Laura invites all to join in a time of prayer & devotion Wednesdays at noon. To receive an email reminder, tell Pastor Laura.
- **Prayer List:** If you asked for prayers for someone, please let Pastor Laura know about updates on their condition. We want to be able to celebrate their joys and continue our prayers for those who need it, while keeping our list current.
- **Morning Walk & Devotion:** During July & August, we will meet at the Greenway Riparian for a devotion and then a walk at your own pace. We will meet at 7:30am for a short devotion, and then you can walk for as long or as short as you would like.
- **Evening Prayer:** On Monday evenings during August, we will have a brief evening prayer service at 6:00pm. Come out for this time of reflection and communication with our Lord.

Serve With Us

- **Page One:** During August we will collect **Cereal**. Don't forget to add this to your shopping list.
- **Feeding the Lambs:** Thank you to everyone for helping to pack the bags of food for the children at Springfield Elementary!
- **Cards for Springfield Elementary School:** We have blank notecards for the teachers and staff at Springfield Elementary School. Please take one or two and write a note of encouragement and prayer as they begin a new school year!

Psalm 40:11-17

¹¹ Do not, O Lord, withhold
your mercy from me;
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness
keep me safe for ever.

¹² For evils have encompassed me
without number;
my iniquities have overtaken me,
until I cannot see;
they are more than the hairs of my head,
and my heart fails me.

¹³ Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.

¹⁴ Let all those be put to shame and confusion
who seek to snatch away my life;
let those be turned back and brought to dishonour
who desire my hurt.

¹⁵ Let those be appalled because of their shame
who say to me, 'Aha, Aha!'

¹⁶ But may all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who love your salvation
say continually, 'Great is the Lord!'

¹⁷ As for me, I am poor and needy,

but the Lord takes thought for me.
You are my help and my deliverer;
do not delay, O my God.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God