



Contemporary Service

Luke 6: 27 - 36 Revised Standard Version

²⁷ "But I say to you that hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ To him who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from him who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and of him who takes away your goods do not ask them again. ³¹ And as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. ³⁶ Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

Romans 5:8 Revised Standard Version

⁸ But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.

Rev. W. Russell Freeman, Sr.

Pastor

Rev. Emily Kirby

Associate Pastor

MARCH 14, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER LENT

PURPLE

9:30 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

OPENING SONGS

"Proof of Your Love"
"Reckless Love"

The River Band

**OPENING/GREETING
ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRAYER**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6: 27 - 36

SCRIPTURE

Romans 5: 8

SERMON

"Proven Love"

Rev. Russell Freeman

**PRAYER
LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Emily Kirby

BENEDICTION

Rev. Emily Kirby

SONG

"My Victory"

The River Band

The River Band: John Bove, Rick Clayton, Susan Clayton, Eric Freeman, Bart Griffin, Erik Stair, Jordan Stair, Barry Sullivan, *Kelly Campman, leader*

Sound System: Andy Harman

Pro Presenter: Jan Weiss & Pat Angelini



In Person Worship Guidelines/Rules

Remember that in order to “safely” conduct “in person” services during these difficult times of COVID-19 and social distancing we have developed guidelines. They may be long and cumbersome to read and remember but we all must be vigilant. So with that in mind, as much as you would LOVE to speak and stop to chat with someone, please:

- Follow the usher to your seat
- Once seated, stay in your seat, unfortunately it is not safe to leave and socialize.
- After the service please follow the exit procedure and walk to the exit when it is your turn to proceed. It is not safe for you or others to stop talk and socialize when exiting.

We all must follow the rules so that we can continue to worship in person. Do you realize that there are some churches that are now back to only streaming services because of virus outbreaks? Let's try not to do that and follow the rules.

Dear Church Family,

My sincere thanks for the beautiful prayer quilt and the many cards and prayers from so many of you during my recent surgery and recuperation. They have encouraged me a great deal. I have felt your love. May God bless you. Love you all, Julia Kenney

The prayer quilt at the front today will go to Wyatt Lewis, son of Wade Lewis and grandson of Deanna Lewis. Please offer your silent prayers as Pastor Russell offers his prayers and blessings over the quilt.

Pledges for 2021

We are asking you to offer a pledge for 2021 or continue to give your regular offering to LRUMC. You may fill out a pledge card available at the donation box, email your pledge amount to Kathie at kmcilroy@sc.rr.com or call her at the church office. If you have not considered giving online and becoming a regular online giver now is the time to do so. If you do not know how to give contact Jim Offutt at 843-427-4395 or Kathie in the church office to see how that can be done. If you do not wish to give online, make a plan to regularly mail in your offerings. Don't forget we have the drop box for donations at each service.

The next **Drop in Communion** will be held on Wednesday, March 17 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM in the sanctuary. Rev. Joanne Lockard-Hawkins will bless and be serving the communion. She and helpers will offer to pray with you if you ask them for the time.

River Kids Worship

GREAT NEWS! We will resume RKW on March 7 as well as digital worship. During the remainder of February, in lieu of in-person River Kids Worship, we will providing digital worship opportunities that include take-home worship kits, to help our digital services be intentional and engaging. These kits will include activities, elements to be used during the worship time, and additional information to put our beliefs into action.

**Calling All Youth (6th thru 12th grade)
Each Sunday morning @ 9 to 10 AM
We begin a new adventure!**

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore the basics of the Christian faith. The Alpha Youth Series is designed to engage youth in conversations about life, faith and meaning. Questions? Contact Ms. Sue at 843-457-1951 or lrumcalphayouth@gmail.com.

UMW Meeting

Tuesday, March 16 at NOON in Life Center

The topic of the meeting is Empowering Women Make a Difference. I want those of you who attend to be the program. Pick a person from your church or life that has played a role in your journey with God. Since we can only meet for thirty minutes just give a brief summary of the woman. COVID rules will be in place. Hope u can attend.... blessings *Ann*

Lenten Challenge - 40 Days 40 Items

Rev. Freeman mentioned this challenge on Sunday morning. Instead of giving up something for Lent – the 40 days and 40 (Wednesday Feb 17 thru Thursday, April 1) items challenge is a way of giving back. Each day of Lent, remove one item from your home, which you don't use or wear anymore and place it in a bag. At the end of Lent, donate these items to a shelter or charity. They'll be shared with those who really need them!

NOTE: Please *DO NOT* drop off at the church as we cannot accept them.

Subscribe to our LRUMC eBlast

Now more than ever we need to keep in contact with each other. If you are not currently on our weekly e-Blast distribution list we encourage you to do so. By signing up you will be able to receive our weekly e-Blast, links to our bulletins for Sunday Services and on those rare occasions when the Pastors need to get a special note out with changes or other information, you will be informed promptly. To sign up go <https://lrumc.net/2021/01/18/sign-up-for-our-lrumc-e-blast/> there is also a link in our Facebook posts area, or there is a link on our website lrumc.net. We promise not to SPAM you!.

Third Grade Bible Distribution

Sunday, April 11 - Must Register by Sunday, March 14

Sunday, April 11 will be our Third Grade Bible Distribution. This event is open to all 3rd and 4th graders who have not received a Bible from LRUMC. If you have a child, grandchild or know of a child in the third grade or fourth grade that meets this requirement, you may register them by Sunday, March 14

Registration Link: [Click Here](#)

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*DHEC will be offering Drive Thru Covid **testing only** in the LRUMC parking lot on Thursday, March 18.*

THIS WEEK AT LRUMC

Sunday, March 14

- 8:30 Traditional Service In Person
- 9:00 Family Devotion Live Streamed on Facebook and in person
- 9:00 Alpha Youth
- 9:30 Contemporary Service In Person
- 10:30 Pairs & Spares Bible Study via Zoom
- 6:00 UMYF

Monday, March 15

- 9:30 Money Counters, Rm 119
- 10:00 Dignity Ministry, Life Center

Tuesday, March 16

- 11:00 Digital Women's Bible Study, Emily Kirby in Life Center & digital
- 12:00 UM Women Meeting, L.C.

Wednesday, March 17

- 12:00 Wednesday Church Service, In Person in Sanctuary
- 1:00 – 3:00 Drop by Communion, Sanctuary
- 6:30 Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Thursday, March 18

- 10:00 Dignity Ministry
- 10:00 – 2:00 Drive Thru Covid Testing

Friday, March 19

- 5:00 Shepherd's Table Dinner, Food Pick up only

Our Presence on March 7, 2021

In Person Worship Returning from Covid-19 Church Closing.

8:30 AM 54
9:30 AM 82
11:00 AM 48
Worship Total: **184**

OUR PRAYERS

Charlie Angelini, Wayne Baker, Carol Bailey, Teresa L. Banner, James Barbato, Hilda Barnes, Roy Betsill & family, Joyce Ann Bolig, Bette Bosworth, Wayne & Jo Booth, Bruce Boulineau, Margaret Brainard, Ray Brick, Helena Burkey, JoAnne Carrison, Rick Clayton, Bonnie Clore, Ron Colyer, Ann & Ed Compton, George Clark, Kathy Devine, Teresa & Bud Cox, Fred Crum, Crystal Damron, Pat Deen, Carroll Edwards, Family & friends of Judy Gasper, Betty Guildo, Josh Hancock, Caroline Hester, June Humphreys, Bonnie & Jake Kanoy, Julia Kenney, Hap LaBonge, Bill & Linda Lesler, Bill Lesnick, Jack Loftis, Judy Mattson, Laraine McCaskill, Jeannette McFee, Frankie Melvin, Don & Joyce Miller, Estelle Minicozzi, Mike Mitchell, Jerry Neuss, Frank Palaia, Gary Perkins, Priscilla Rivera, Calvin Saunders, Kathy Shipman, Tom Starnick, Jane Swanson, Jerry & Barbara Titshaw, Diana Troutt, Jim Weeks, Robert Witt, Bonnie Woods

*** Medical Support personnel, First Responders and ALL Essential Workers that are protecting and serving us during this time of need.*

***All military especially those in harm's way.*

Memorials

*In memory of:
Gerry Lotz*

*Given by:
Mary Jo Trout*

*In memory of:
Judy Gasper*

*Given by:
Mary Jo Trout
Barbara Reddinger*

*In memory of:
Barbie Harter*

*Given by:
Dianne Brady*