



Week 4

Monday, September 12, 2022

"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'"

Isaiah 30:21

Father,

We cannot make this journey on our own. We comfort ourselves with thoughts that we are strong enough, smart enough, and good enough to make it in this life without help. That is a lie. We need you. In Your grace, You have become our Father. You walk with us, and through Your Son, our Lord Jesus, we have access to Your strength, wisdom, and perfect will. We also need the fellowship of other believers. You gave us brothers and sisters united by Your Holy Spirit. We all belong to You. Together, let us now find unity in seeking Your direction and wisdom. Let us hear Your voice clearly and without confusion that we may reside unwaveringly at the center of Your will. Amen.

Question to ponder this week: *Where is Jesus at work in my life?*

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.”

Romans 8:26-27

All knowing God,

We praise You Lord for Your omniscience. In fact, we depend on it. There are so many times we have no idea how to pray because we are overwhelmed by what is going on. Presently, we talk with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ and realize how much we have in common. However, because we are human, we also realize how much we differ. Our lines in the sand of what we can ethically, morally and spiritually tolerate are drawn differently, even among Believers. We draw those lines because we truly believe that is where we think the Holy Spirit is leading us. This confuses us, because our differences with other members of our spiritual family can drive wedges between us, sometimes to the point of creating ugly, painful, judgmental words and acts. How can we even hope for any reconciliation when this happens?

We can only do that through You. Thank You, Lord, for knowing that the Holy Spirit hears us in our weakened, confused states, and groans to You...for us. Let us totally comprehend that the Holy Spirit intercedes on our behalf, but that it is for the purpose of accomplishing Your will, not ours. Let us find comfort in realizing that we are not supposed to know it all. Only You are omniscient, not us. Amen

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Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

Lord Jesus,

We follow you...Thank You for Your promise to be our light. We ask that You let Your light shine on LHUMC. Let all darkness flee in the light of Your love and beauty. Reveal truth to us and let us see Your path. We want to see clearly in this time of discernment. Expose all deceit, half-truths and exaggerations as we pass through dark shadows. Allow us to see You clearly and to know You in all Your radiant glory. You have called us out of darkness and into Your marvelous light. We embrace Your light, Your ways, Your Word. Make us lovers of light and carriers of Your presence in every conversation and every encounter wherever we go. May we reflect Your light always and in all things. Let light break in and hope spring up all over LHUMC. You alone are the giver of life and light.

We follow You, Lord Jesus...and it's in Your name that we pray. Amen.

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Thursday, September 15, 2022

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Our loving Lord,

We pray for our leaders at LHUMC. We lift up Pastor Jill and Pastor Andy, our entire church staff, the church council, every teacher and each person in leadership within LHUMC.

Come Holy Spirit... give them wisdom and revelation to lead us during this time. Open their eyes and purify their hearts. Raise them up to speak Your truth in every service and meeting held. Let them move, speak and act in boldness and with complete integrity. Strengthen them in Your love and guide them in Your ways. Remove fear, anxiety and weariness and fill them instead with hope, energy and passion for the work You have called them to. Lord, move mightily in Your church that we might come to the knowledge of Your truth. We watch and wait for You Lord Jesus...In Your name we pray. Amen.

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Friday, September 16, 2022

“You heavens above, rain down my righteousness;
let the clouds shower it down.
Let the earth open wide,
let salvation spring up,
Let righteousness flourish with it;
I, the Lord, have created it.”

Isaiah 45:8

Lord God,

We pray for LHUMC that You would let it rain on us. Our hearts and lives have been hard and dry for too long. We repent of our apathy and insincerity in prayer and study and love. Lord, have mercy on us during these 40 days we are praying, all of us. As we look to You our hearts are open wide. Let them become soft and tender, able to absorb Your righteousness. Release the knowledge of Your glory, beauty and love upon us as rain on dry ground. Bring Your truth front and center. Raise up Your teachers, prophets and leaders to speak Your word to the church during this time of decision. Let Your Word run swiftly among us, awakening us to Jesus and giving us a love for and a deep understanding of the scriptures. Let truth, righteousness and salvation spring up from us and flourish. Your church desperately needs rain... please God... let it rain...In the precious name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

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Saturday, September 17, 2022

"Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, the flock under His care."

Psalm 95:6-7

Almighty God,

You alone are worthy of all praise; we humbly seek Your wisdom and discernment. Keep us on our knees before you Lord, acknowledging that You are our Rock and our refuge, our ever-present help in time of trouble. How comforting to know that as we wander like sheep in confusion, You find us in Your pasture and care for each one of us in Your perfect peace. Lord, keep our hearts and our minds stayed on You. Draw us closer so that we desire to leave the daily distractions of social media, news headlines, fears, our mobile phones, and find the joy of reading Your Word and keeping it in our hearts. We ask all this in the name of the Good Shepherd, Jesus. Amen.

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Sunday, September 18, 2022

We worship and pray together