

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Wild Creatures

SHEEP

The Voice that Leads You Home



Walking Together the
Words and Ways of Jesus

Inclusive, Intergenerational, and In Community

Walking together the words and ways of Jesus. We welcome all God's children whatever their race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or mental ability. Following Christ's example, we open our hearts, minds, and doors to welcome all.

If you are young or old, *you are welcome.*

If you have brown skin, black skin, white skin, or any color of skin, *you are welcome.*

If you are married or single, *you are welcome.*

If you are gay, straight, transgender-whatever pronouns you use, *you are welcome.*

If you are sick or well, *you are welcome.*

If you are a perfect person, then you probably don't need a church, but if you are like us and are imperfect, mistake-making, still-trying, need all the encouragement I can get kind of person, then this is a community for you and *you are welcome.*

If you sing like a rock star or an opera singer, or you can not sing at all, *you are welcome.*

Whenever you arrived and however you came here, *you are welcome.*

If you believe in God some of the time or all of the time, or you're just beginning to explore who God is, *you are welcome.*

Come with your gifts, your pain, your hope, your fears.
Come with traditions that have helped you and hurt you.
Come with your experiences that have made you and broken you.
Come with a mind, ready to engage, and a heart, open to discern.
Come and listen for the Holy Spirit that calls you to love your neighbor wholeheartedly, seek justice, create peace and practice compassion.

You are welcome here!

Adapted from a welcome by Gordon Brown, published in Shaping Sanctuary

No matter
who you are
or where you
are on
life's journey,
you are
welcome here.



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Prayer Requests

Let our staff pray for you and others in your life (prayers are confidential).



Share your talents

The opportunities abound to help your community, find where you fit.



WiFi

Access the church's WiFi with the password: LHUMCGuest.



Hearing Enhancement Aids

T-coil hearing assistance is available throughout the Sanctuary. Turn your hearing aid to the T (telephone) position or see a sound team member at the back of the sanctuary for wireless headphones.

welcome to worship!

Please note the following, the congregation reads/sings/prays the words in bold-faceprint and the ↑ symbol invites you to rise in body and/or spirit.

WILD GEESE BY MARY OLIVER

You do not have to be good.

You do not have to walk on your knees

for a hundred miles through the desert repenting.

You only have to let the soft animal of your body
love what it loves.

Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.

Meanwhile the world goes on.

Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain
are moving across the landscapes,
over the prairies and the deep trees,
the mountains and the rivers.

Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,
are heading home again.

Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
the world offers itself to your imagination,
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting -
over and over announcing your place
in the family of things.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

↑ CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 15:1-7

One: God seeks us when we wander.

All: God finds us and brings us home.

One: God gathers the lost, the lonely, and those who have lost their way.

All: No one is forgotten. No one is beyond God's care.

One: And when even one is found, heaven rejoices!

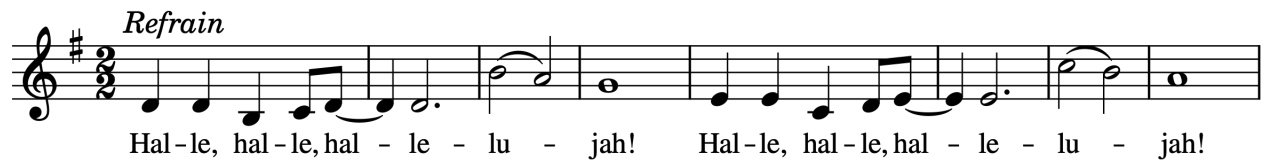
All: So let us rejoice together!

Together: Come, let us worship the God who seeks us, finds us, and welcomes us home.

Amen.

↑ SONG

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah



SHARE A GREETING

RAINBOW CHAT

Amanda Niskode-Dossett

SONG

I Can Pray



SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23

King James Version

(Unison) The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Luke 15:1-7

New Revised Standard
Version Updated Edition

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER BEFORE THE MESSAGE

Pastor: May the words of my mouth,

All: and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight O Lord, our Rock, and our Redeemer.

MESSAGE

The Voice that Leads You Home

Rev. Karen Bruins

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY



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is found in the back
of the sanctuary



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by visiting our website
at lakeharrietumc.org



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OFFERTORY

Shepherd

Shout Band

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PREFACE

One: The Lord be with you. *All:* And al - so with you.

One: Lift up your hearts. *All:* We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
God of mercy and steadfast love.

You created us in love
and called us into relationship with you and with one another.

When we wander, you do not abandon us.
When we lose our way, you do not forget us.

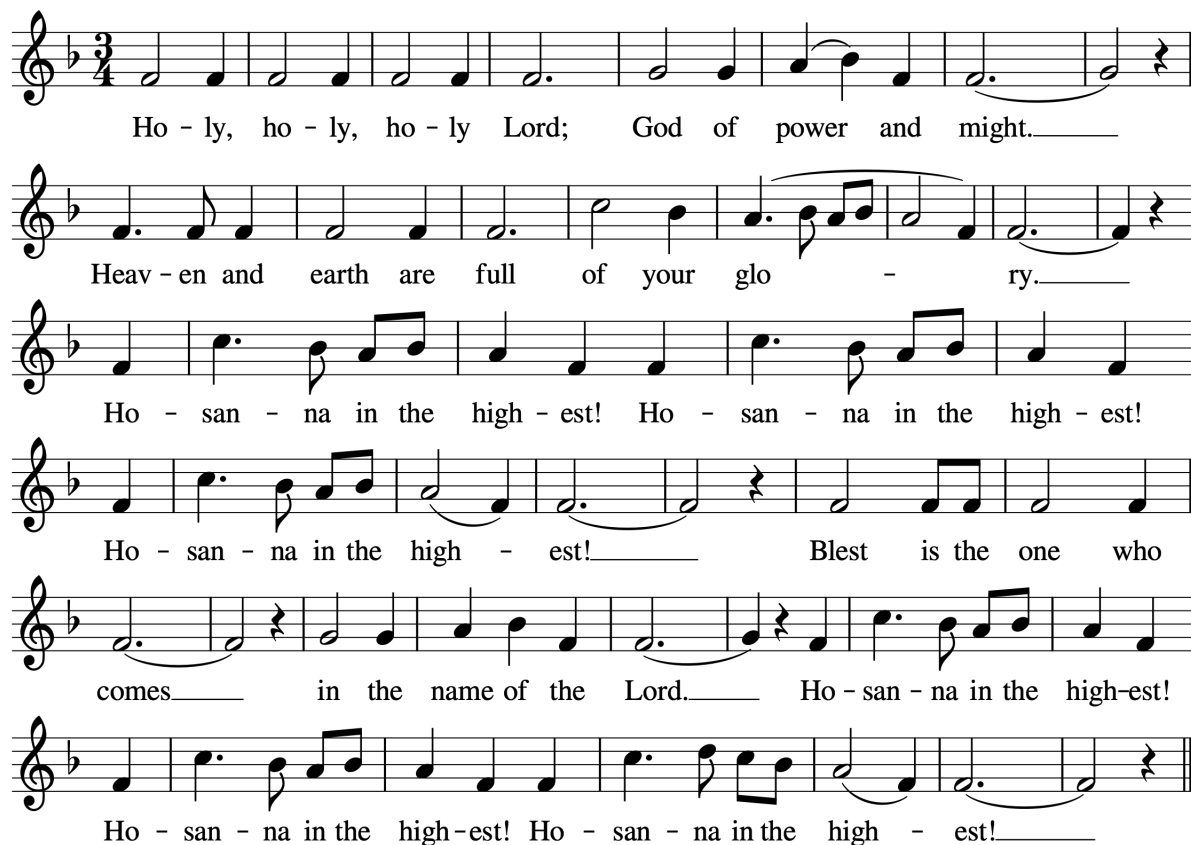
Like a shepherd who leaves the ninety-nine
and searches for the one who is lost,
you come looking for us.

You seek us in the wilderness.
You meet us in our loneliness.
You find us in the places where we thought we were beyond finding.

And when we are found,
you do not scold or shame us.
You gather us close, carry us home, and rejoice.

And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of power and might._____

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry._____

Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Ho - san - na in the high - est!_____ Blest is the one who

comes_____ in the name of the Lord._____ Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!_____

One: Holy are you, and blessed is Jesus Christ,
who showed us just how far your love will go to find us.

Jesus welcomed those others pushed aside.
He ate with people others refused to welcome.
He touched the untouchable,
noticed the forgotten,
and told stories of a God who never stops searching.

At tables like this one,
Jesus showed us what the kingdom of God looks like:

There is room for the lost and the found,
the certain and the questioning,
the faithful and the wandering.

There is room for all of us.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
Jesus took bread,
gave thanks to you,
broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:

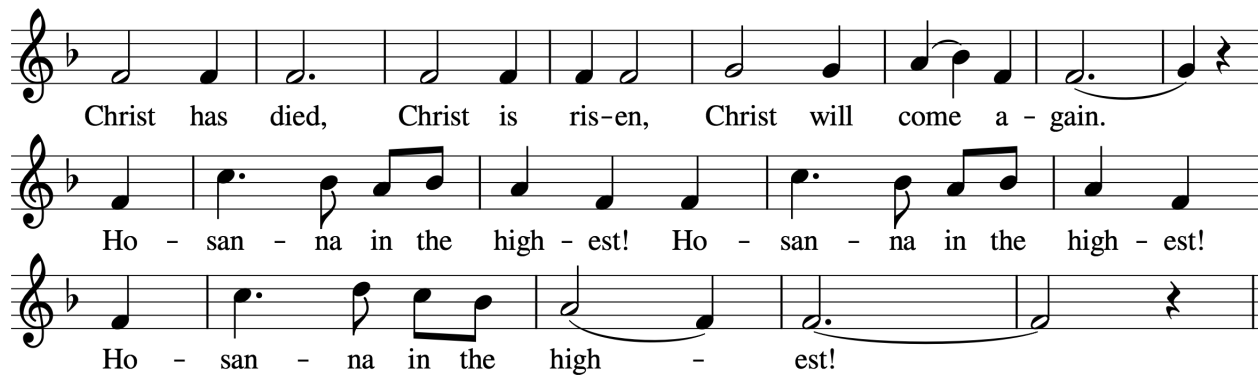
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over,
Jesus took the cup,
gave thanks to you,
gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ’s offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



One: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and cup.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world.

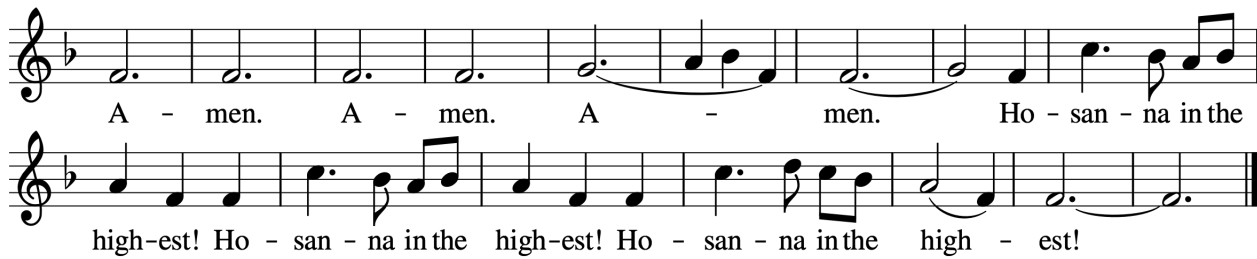
Send us from this table
with the heart of the shepherd:

to notice those who are missing,
to seek those who have been forgotten,
to welcome those who have been pushed aside,
and to rejoice whenever someone discovers
that they are loved, valued, and not alone.

Until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast together at the heavenly banquet.

Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

THE GREAT AMEN



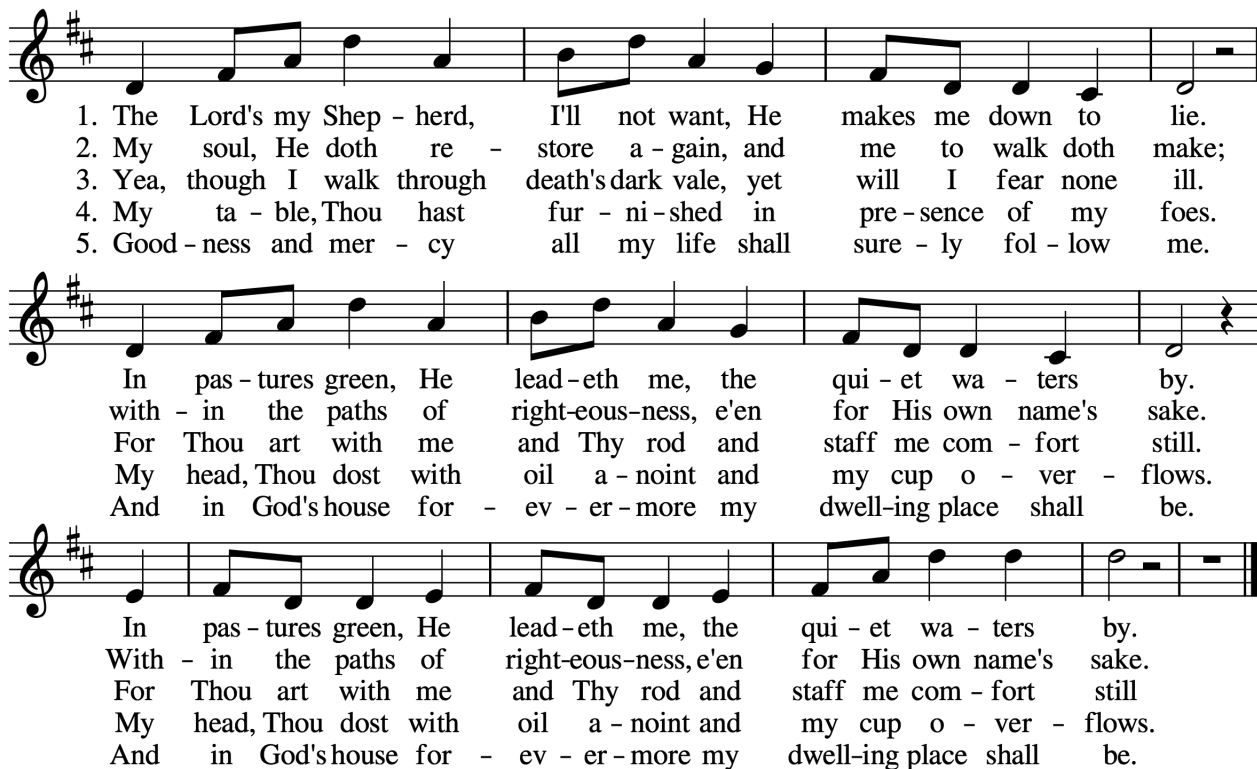
A - men. A - men. A - men. Ho - san - na in the
high-est! Ho - san - na in the high-est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

THE 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

COMMUNION SONG

Psalm 23



1. The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want, He makes me down to lie.
2. My soul, He doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make;
3. Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill.
4. My ta - ble, Thou hast fur - ni - shed in pre - sence of my foes.
5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me.

In pas - tures green, He lead - eth me, the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of right - eous - ness, e'en for His own name's sake.
For Thou art with me and Thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
My head, Thou dost with oil a - noint and my cup o - ver - flows.
And in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

1. There were a hun - dred sheep in fields of green,
 2. There were ten pre - cious coins a la - dy kept,
 3. There was a boy who left his fa - ther's home,

* and their shep - herd loved them so.
 * un - til one day there were nine.
 but found him - self with pigs and mud.

But one got lost in - side a deep ra - vine
 She ran a - round that house and care - fully swept
 He came back sure that he had been dis-owned,

and did - n't know how to get home.
 to seek the one she could - n't find.
 though he was sad for what he'd done.

The shep - herd sought the one who strayed
 And when at last her coin ap - peared,
 But as in shame he hung his head,

and would - n't rest till he could say:
 she want - ed ev - 'ry - one to hear: } What once was
 his fa - ther ran to him and said:

chorus
 lost is found; raise up a joy - ful sound! Come now and cel - e-brate: this one is
 home and safe! What once was lost is found; it's time to jump a-round! Let hap - pi -
 ness a-bound for the lost is found.

1. (back to v. 2)

found. Oh, oh, yes, the lost is

found. Oh, oh, yes, the lost is found. *Last time, end. (back to v. 3)*

found. Ev-ry day it's hap-pen-ing:

the lost are found by their lov-ing shep-herd as they turn from all their sin,

lis-ten, you can hear the an-gels sing: *(back to chorus) D.S. al Fine* What once was

↑ BLESSING

One: Go forth and share the love of our shepherd
wherever you go.

All: We go to share the love of God.

One: Go forth and share the blessings of our shepherd
with everyone you meet.

All: We go to share the blessings of Christ.

One: Go forth and share the promise of our shepherd
with those who feel unworthy of God's love.

All: We go to share the hope of the Holy Spirit.

One: Go forth and share the grace we have found in the love of our shepherd.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Karen Bruins

Director of Music Ministries: Jungjoo Park

Musicians: Shout Band

Scripture Reader: Katie Schneider-Bryan

Communion Prep and Servers: Mary Yee, Lorrie Sandelin, Kim & Mitch Grant, Katie Schneider-Bryan, Jenny Brelje, Kay Halverson

Sound Technician: Chad Johnson

Streaming: Zoe Johnson

Slides: Kim Boisvert

Greeters: Sue Golder

Hospitality: Erika & Curt Soderberg, Verne Niemeier

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This Week at Lake Harriet

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6

9:30am Worship In-Person and Online - Communion Sunday
10:30am Sandwich Making - Fellowship Hall
11:00am Worship at the Waters

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8

10:00am Crafters (Knitting) Group - Commons
6:00pm Monarca Democracy Defense Training (for trainers) - Fireside Room
7:00pm Men's Forum - Wesley Room

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9

6:00pm Festival Bells - Bell Room
6:30pm Shout Band Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 10

6:00pm Mahjong - Fireside Room

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13

9:30am In-person and Online Worship - **Welcome Sunday!**
10:45am We Cry Justice Study Group - Wesley Room
10:45am Care Team Informational Meeting - Reception Room

Please join us for
**KICK-OFF
SUNDAY**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Join us for Kick-Off Sunday!

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 13, as we kick off a new program year at LHUMC and we will also do **Blessing of the Backpacks!**

This year, Kick-Off Sunday will shine a spotlight on:

- **Children & Youth Ministries**
- **Adult Education (ALSET)**
- **Introducing our Care Team**

Come learn more about these ministries, meet some of the wonderful people involved, and discover ways to connect and grow together as a church community.

And there will be **plenty of fun** for everyone! Our Children's Ministry will have fun activities, a **bounce house**, and a challenge to see who can **make the biggest bubble!**

The **Youth Ministry team will bring back Gaga Ball!**
Come play, have fun, and show off your skills!

There will also be an opportunity to learn more about the **Care Team**, how it is developing here at LHUMC, and how it will help us care for and support one another.

Come learn more about these ministries, meet some of the wonderful people involved, and discover ways to connect and grow together as a church community.

We'll also be hosting a **Ministry Fair later this fall** to highlight the many ways you can get involved and share your gifts in ministry here at LHUMC.

We hope you'll join us on September 13!

The logo for Children, Youth and Family ministries. The text "Children, Youth and Family" is in a blue script font, and "ministries" is in a teal sans-serif font. The background is a blurred image of colorful confetti.

Children, Youth and Family ministries

SEPTEMBER 16TH 5-7PM IN THE RECEPTION ROOM

CHILDREN/YOUTH MUSIC PROGRAM KICK-OFF & MEET WITH JENNY

All families with children and youth are invited to learn more about the music program for the new season. This year it's going to be more than a music kick-off event.

Our new CYF Director Jenny Brelje will be there and we will have a meet and greet at 6:15pm for youth in grades 4th-12th and parents.

We will talk about fall and the upcoming year! Hope you can join us so I can hear what your thoughts are. There will be root beer floats at 6:15pm! We are excited to kick this new year off with all of you! The free meal is offered at 5pm followed by singing, games, and an info session. So, don't miss it!

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

I Stand with Immigrants

Sept 20 - 10:45am, Join the Conversation

All are invited to stand with our Immigrant community and hear more about what's going on in Minnesota.

We meet in the Fireside room at Lake Harriet UMC, feel free to drop in.





MUSIC MINISTRIES

Join the Music Groups this Fall

Prime Chimers: Wednesdays @ 5:30-6 pm in the Bell Room, starting on Sep. 23rd.

New This Fall! This beginner bell choir is now open to everyone from age 10 to 100. No musical experience required!

Festival Bells: Wednesdays @ 6-7 pm in the Bell Room, starting on Sep. 9th.

An intergenerational bell choir for advanced ringers

Shout Band: Wednesdays @ 6:30-7:30 pm in the sanctuary, starting on Sep. 9th.

A worship band of singers and musicians.

Sanctuary Choir: Wednesdays @ 7:30-8:30 pm in the sanctuary, starting on Sep. 9th.

We need more singers, especially tenors and basses.

Child care is provided. If you're interested, talk to Jungjoo, the Director of Music Ministries or Thomas, the Bell Choirs Director. jungjoo.park@lakeharrietumc.org and thomas.johanson@lakeharrietumc.org.



2026-2027 CLASSES

CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICES

Looking for a little more quiet, depth, or connection with God?

This year, Lake Harriet invites you to slow down, pay attention, and explore some of the rich practices Christians have used for centuries to deepen their spiritual lives.

In partnership with Saint Catherine University, we are offering Contemplative Practices, a nine-session series exploring different ways of connecting with God—individually and in community. Together we'll learn about and experience practices including centering prayer, Lectio Divina, the Labyrinth, and more.

Come when you can. Each session stands on its own, so you are welcome to drop in for individual sessions—or join us for all nine and experience the full journey. Child care for infants through age 5 is available. Please let us know when you register if you will need child care.



REGISTER and view schedule by scanning the QR code or going to REALM Events.



Contact Julie or Bill Konrardy if interested or for more information

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5-SESSION TRAINING SERIES

Sacred Reckonings

Sacred Reckonings is designed specifically to help faith communities move beyond symbolic gestures of solidarity into the deep work of structural repair, racial justice, and historical truth-telling. Through guided reflection, communal study, and practical action, our cohort will engage directly with the history of land, labor, and wealth, exploring how our faith calls us to active repair.

Members of LHUMC have been invited to join Sacred Reckonings Training this fall at Lake Nokomis Lutheran Church, 5011 31st Ave S in Minneapolis.

Meetings:

Fri., September 18: 5-8:30 pm CT

Sat., September 19: 9:30 am-4:30 pm CT

Friday evening will include a pilgrimage from Bdote to George Floyd Square to Renee Good Memorial to Alex Pretty Memorial with some storytelling and history weaving around the Doctrine of Discovery. This will be in partnership with Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs. Saturday will include more in depth work around the Sacred Reckonings process and the Reparatory EcoMap.

Then continue learning ONLINE for Sessions 3-5:

- Monday, October 26, 2026: 6:30-8:00 CT
- Monday, November 9, 2026: 6:30-8:00 CT
- Monday, November 23, 2026: 6:30-8:00 CT

We would love to have a small team from LHUMC attend the training.

Connect for Climate

NEIGHBORING FOR PEOPLE AND PLANET



Together,
we can build
a clean,
healthy,
just future



Time:
1:00-2:30 pm



Where:
Lake Harriet United Methodist



When:
September 13

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