

## Gathering & Welcoming God's Presence

### Prelude

### GREETINGS

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Adult Bible Studies -- Sundays @ @9:30am
2. The Livingston Lions Club Annual Omelet Breakfast is today from Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 am – 11:30 am at the VFW Hall.
3. There will be a special Church Charge Conference on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in the Fireside Room to elect a new Trustee member. Elder, Pastor Linda Ford, will be presiding as assigned by D. S. Mary Maaga.

### Opening Prayer

Come to this sanctuary, this house, this home, Holy Christ, and let us receive you with lavish welcome. You are the Restorer of our fortunes, The Promise of new life – We pour out our praise to you. Fill this room with your Spirit: The sound of wind, the warmth of flame, the scent of perfume and fill our hearts with your compassion, not just in this time and place, but in all times and in all places, so that as we celebrate the great things you have done for us, we may also embody the love you give to all. Amen.

### Lords Prayer

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader: We come to worship, remembering God's goodness that has carried us and sustained us to this present moment.*

**People: We remember the days when God covered us in love and filled us with joy.**

*Leader: We come to worship, weary from stress, heavy with grief, and wondering when relief will come.*

### LUMC's Vision Statement:

**"Show God's love by accepting, supporting, and serving all people."**

**People: We long for the days God covered us in love and filled us with joy.**

*Leader: We come to worship to remember and remind one another that God's love has never left us, and God's joy cannot be extinguished.*

**People: God, restore us that we know your love and your joy once again.**

*Leader: We come to worship to remember and become the Body of Christ, a community called to restore the world around us.*

**People: God, empower us to be your restoration people who fill the world with love, laughter, and abundant life. Amen.**

**Hymn: "Hail To The Lord's Anointed" UMH#203**

**SCRIPTURE: Psalm 126**

**HYMN: "Joy Comes With the Dawn" FWS #2210**

**Message: "Joy" Lay Speaker Amanda Bulls**

**\*HOLY COMMUNION**

**Song Dedication #95**

**Offertory Prayer (unison)**

Loving God, source of all joy, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude. As Mary poured out her love for Jesus with costly perfume, so we pour out our gifts before you, seeking to honor you with all that we have. During this reflective Lenten period, may our offerings remind us of the abundance you've poured into our lives. Help us to give extravagantly, not out of duty, but from hearts filled with joy and gratitude. Bless these gifts and use them to bring your hope to the world. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen. ([Psalm 126, John 12:1-8](#))

**Hymn: "O Spirit of The Living God" UMH #539**

**\*BENEDICTION:**

\*POSTLUDE

## Scripture Reading: Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dreamed.  
Our mouths were filled with laughter,  
our tongues with songs of joy.  
Then it was said among the nations,  
“The Lord has done great things for them.”  
The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we are filled with joy.  
Restore our fortunes, Lord,  
like streams in the Negev.  
Those who sow with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.  
Those who go out weeping,  
carrying seed to sow,  
will return with songs of joy,  
carrying sheaves with them.

Reader: This is the Word of God

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

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**April 6 , 2025**

**5th Sunday in Lent**

Adult Bible Study 9:30 am

Sunday Worship 10:30 am

Office Hours M – F 8am-10am