

*Lincolnia United Methodist Church*

*6335 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria, Virginia 22312*

*Our Mission is "To Share Christ's Love for All People Everywhere"*

*Sunday, August 3, 2025, Eighth Sunday After Pentecost*

*Service at 11:00 A.M.*



**"WATCH OUT! BE ON YOUR GUARD  
AGAINST ALL KINDS OF GREED!"  
-JESUS**

**1. Prelude :** (Organ Music)

**2. Greetings and Welcome:** (Worship Leader)

**3. Call to Worship:** (By all)

It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp. For you make me glad by your deeds, Lord; I sing for joy at what your hands have done, **Amen.**

**4. Opening Hymn:** "Come, Thou Almighty King" # 61

**5. Opening Prayer:** (By all, please be seated)

Dear Lord, In this sacred space, we come as individuals, each with our unique joys and burdens, but we also come as a family bound by our faith in you. We pray for unity and fellowship as we gather for this church service. Let your love flow through us, binding us together in a spirit of togetherness and support. May our differences enrich our worship, and may we find strength in our shared belief in your divine presence. Lord, help us grow closer as a church family, supporting one another on our journey of faith. **Amen.**

**6. Prayer of Confession:** (By all)

We confess, O God, that we do not live up to the family name: Christian. We are more ready to resent than to forgive, more ready to manipulate than to humble ourselves, and serve, more ready to fear than to love, more ready to keep our distance than to welcome, more ready to compete than to help. Have mercy upon us we humbly beseech thee in Jesus name, **Amen.**

**7. Words of Assurance:** (Pastor)

Pastor: (In the name of Jesus our sins are forgiven)

People: (Amen thanks be to God)

**8. The Collect for the Eighth Sunday After Pentecost:** (Worship Leader)

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**9. The Old Testament Lesson:**

Hosea 11: 1 - 11

**God's Love for Israel**

<sup>1</sup> "When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. <sup>2</sup> But the more they were called, the more they went away from me. They sacrificed to the Baals and they burned incense to images. <sup>3</sup> It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; but they did not realize it was I who healed them. <sup>4</sup> I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love. To them I was like one who lifts a little child to the cheek, and I bent down to feed them. <sup>5</sup> "Will they not return to Egypt and will not Assyria rule over them because they refuse to repent? <sup>6</sup> A sword will flash in their cities; it will devour their false prophets and put an end to their plans. <sup>7</sup> My people are determined to turn from me. Even though they call me God Most High, I will by no means exalt them. <sup>8</sup> "How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel? How can I treat you like Admah? How can I make you like Zeboyim? My heart is changed within me; all my compassion is aroused. <sup>9</sup> I will not carry out my fierce anger, nor will I devastate Ephraim again. For I am God, and not a man the Holy One among you. I will not come against their cities. <sup>10</sup> They will follow the Lord; he will roar like a lion. When he roars, his children will come trembling from the west. <sup>11</sup> They will come from Egypt, trembling like sparrows, from Assyria, fluttering like doves. I will settle them in their homes," declares the Lord.

Reader: (This is the Word of God)

People: (Thanks be to God)

**10. Hymn:** “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” # 101

**11. New Testament Lesson:** Colossians 3: 1- 11

**Living as Those Made Alive in Christ**

1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. 5 Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. 9 Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. 11 Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

**Reader:** (This is the Word of God)

**People:** (Thanks be to God)

**12. Sermonic Hymn:** “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” # 66

**13. Gospel Lesson:** Luke 12: 13- 21

**The Parable of the Rich Fool**

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” <sup>15</sup>Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup>And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup>He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I

have no place to store my crops.’ <sup>18</sup> “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup> And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.” <sup>20</sup> “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ <sup>21</sup> “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Reader: (This is the Gospel of Christ)  
People: **(Praise to Christ our Saviour)**

**14. Sermon:** “Watch Out! Be On Your Guard Against All Kinds of Greed”  
Rev. Raymond Max-Jones

**15. Announcements:** (Worship Leader)

**16. Offering of Our gifts and ourselves:** (Stewards)

**17. The Doxology:** # 94

**18. Blessing of our gifts and ourselves:** (Pastor)

**19. Pastoral Prayer:** The Church, Home, World, Sick and all Conditions of Mankind

**20. The Holy Communion:** Page 13 - 15

**21. Closing Hymn:** “How Great Thou Art” # 77

**22. Closing Prayer and Benediction:** (Pastor)

**23. Postlude:** “Now Thank We All Our God” # 102

**Announcements from the Church Office**  
**Sunday, August 3, 2025**

- 1. Graduation and Eighteenth Birthday Lunch:** The Pastoral Family in honoring their daughter Vanessa Zeanna Max-Jones cordially invites the whole church to Lunch immediately after the close of this church service at the Fellowship Hall. Chief Organizer- Mrs. Neneh Jarrett, Mistress of Ceremonies- Mrs. Mattu Bockarie – Davis, DJ- Mr. Kenneth Williams. To God be all the glory and praise.
- 2. Midweek Devotional:** Midweek Devotional Worship continues every Wednesday Evening at 7:30.p.m. Via Zoom, **ID: 94326293441, Password: 6cbm6p**. A blessed and Refreshing time awaits you all in Jesus name. If you would wish to conduct the service or read the Scripture at the devotional please inform Pastor Ray, thanks.
- 3. Small Groups:** Leaders of Small Groups, Committees leader or their representatives or individuals are welcome to make their announcements as well.
- 4. Offerings:** Offerings can be given via Zelle. The Zelle info to use to contribute is **(703-967-5719)** (the office cell). You can also access the Zelle info via the Church Website.

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*Ministers: All People*

*Lincolnia U M C Worship Services on Sunday is at 11:00. A.M*

*Church Office Hours: 10:00 A.M - 4:00 P.M.*

*Mondays through Fridays*

*Missionary Church of Christ*

*Sunday - 2: 30.P.M - 5: 30.P.M @ the Fellowship Hall*

*Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 6: 30.p.m- 9: 30.P.M.*

*Fellowship Hall*

*Till We Meet Again Stay Blessed and Safe.*

*Corona Virus Is Real!*

*Protect Yourself and Save Others*