Lancaster UMC - Chili Cook-Off / Competition Saturday, February 18 2-4 p.m. in the fellowship hall

Fundraiser for LUMC – to renovate church organ

They hope to have up to 40 pots of chili

How Can COS Participate?

- want one person from our church as 1 judge
- would like at least one person / family to host a chili booth

Contact: Pete Yablonski, the entertainment guy at LUMC 661-946-9374

No entry fee for chili competitors \$5 to get in = 10 tickets to sample chili Another \$5 for 10 more samples

Two Prizes for Chili: 1st prize chili = \$250 \$100 for the people's choice

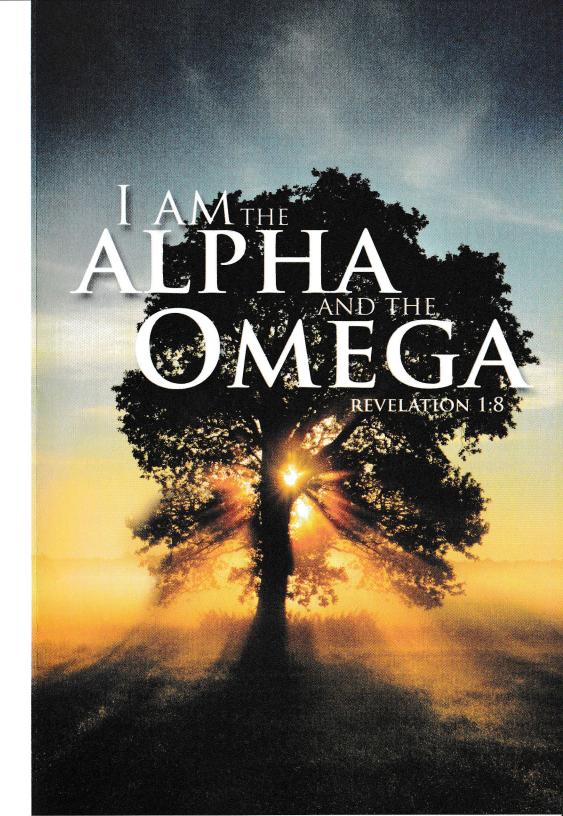
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Our Worship on January 15, 2017 Worship Leader: Susan Abrams

Welcome to our Worship of the Living God! We extend a special welcome to those persons who have come to celebrate God's Love and Power in their lives. Our Lord Jesus is awesome and He cares for each one of us. We invite you to remain after Worship and enjoy some refreshments and friendly conversation.

PRAISING GOD TOGETHER

Announcements – *Please sign and pass the red friendship books*. Opening Devotion and Prayer Singing Praises to Jesus Greeting Each Other and Welcoming Our Guests

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading: Malachi 1:1-14 Pg. 664
Message: "The Greatness of God." Pastor Ken

POWER FOR MINISTRY

Offering Our Gifts to God

Closing Song

Prayer of Blessing on Everyone

Please be looking for a stewardship letter from COSUMC in next week.

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: Prayer Quilt is for Ruth Straiton, the Aunt of Stacie, a former visitor to our Church. Ruth is on hospice. Please pray for Ruth and for her granddaughter, Madison Straiton, for God's peace on this family.

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY:

6:30 PM - Women Bible Study

7:00 PM – Men's Bible Study - This week we will be studying the 5th appearance of Jesus as recorded in the book of John 20:19-25. Learn about the peace that Jesus gives and what it meant when Jesus breathed on his disciples and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit'." We would love for you to join us.

WEDNESDAY: 9:30 AM – Discipleship Class - This week we will study Obadiah, Joel, Malachi, and Zechariah 9-14. These short books of the Bible show those who have ever lost hope when everything and everyone seem to be against them, or have become depressed and believe they have been forgotten - that God has not forgotten you and is actually in the process of restoring you.

7:00 PM – Prayer Group

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 29th – Church on Bikes

Feb. 18th – Lancaster UMC is having a Chili Cook-off.

Feb. $19^{th} - 1:00-4:00$ PM - Pastor and Sandy's Open House. All are invited.

Feb. 23rd-26th – Girls Chrysalis Flight

Mar. 2nd – 5th – Boys Chrysalis Flight

Mar. 13th - American Red Cross Blood Drive, noon to 6:30 PM

Mar. 18th – PUMES Quartz Hill Open House

April 14th – 7:00PM – Good Friday Services @ COSUMC

April 30th – Church on Bikes

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please contact Pastor Ken Gardner for prayer requests. Call the church office (943-2774) or email cosumc@gmail.com.

"MY GOD IS: The Attributes of God" Series Message #1 of 5

"The Greatness of God"

Knowing both the greatness and the graciousness of God leads to a life that honors God and heals us.

Malachi 1:1-14 January 15, 2017

Malachi Main Theme:

Knowledge of the Greatness of God leads to ... "honor," "respect," "reverence," "holy fear." (1:6; 2:2, 5; 3:16; 4:2)

J.I. Packer - The majesty and greatness of God:

"The Christian's instincts of trust and worship are stimulated very powerfully by knowledge of the greatness of God. But this is knowledge which Christians today largely lack: and that is one reason why our faith is so feeble and our worship so flabby. We are modern people, and modern people, though they cherish great thoughts of themselves, have as a rule small thoughts of God.

When the person in the church, let alone the person in the street, uses the word God, the thought is rarely of divine majesty."

1.8 DIALOGUES WITH GOD

"But you ask ..." – GOD
"How have we ...?" – PEOPLE
(1:6, 7; 2:14, 17; 37b, 8b, 13b,14)

2. GREAT IS THE LORD

"My name will be great among the nations, from the rising to the setting of the sun." (1:5, 11a, 11b, 14)

3. BUT YOU ASK ...

- "How have You loved us?" v.2
- "How have we shown contempt for your name?" v.6b
- "How have we defiled you?" v.7

4. GRACIOUS IS THE LORD

• "Now implore God to be gracious to us." – v.9a

"The secret to freedom from enslaving patterns of sin is worship. You need worship. You need great worship. You need weeping worship. You need glorious worship. You need to sense God's greatness and to be moved it — moved to tears and moved to laughter — moved by who God is and what he has done for you." — Timothy Keller

"The greatness of our God lies in the fact that [He] is both tough minded and tender hearted. ... [God] expresses [His] tough mindedness in [His] justice and wrath and [His] tenderheartedness in [His] love and grace. ... On the one hand, God is a God of justice who punished Israel for her wayward deeds, and on the other hand, [He] is a forgiving father whose heart was filled with unutterable joy when the prodigal son returned home." – Martin Luther King Jr.