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Hey Guys,

We had our rehearsal last night and I am feeling confident that we should have a really rewarding time. The kids playing string instruments did a fine job. I am grateful for this opportunity to worship and give thanks together and am very much looking forward to making music with you all Tuesday evening. As the service starts at 7:00, we will gather in the sanctuary at 6:00 to get used to the space and each other.

Those who have never visited our church will find the sanctuary surprisingly small and parking somewhat limited (carpooling would be a good thing). In addition, though we pride ourselves on being a musically active church, we have no dedicated choir space. 30+ singers will be shoehorning themselves onto and around the dais along with our visiting dignitaries, six string players, 4 trombone players, and who-knows-what else. In short, please be patient and understanding. Expect close quarters. We are under no mandatory COVID policy at the UMCLR, but given the unavoidable crowding, many may choose the sensible option of masking.

Light dessert-type fare with coffee, tea, or juice will be served afterward. Everyone is encouraged to stay and chat as long as desired.

Thanks for embracing this yearly gathering. I'll see you Tuesday!

Rex