

### **Hebrews 11:29-12:2**

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Living life the JESUS way  
**LIVING  
STRONG!**

### **CHELTENHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
August 20, 2017

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**PRELUDE  
AND  
CANDLE LIGHTING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

**PEOPLE: Let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely.**

Leader: And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

**PEOPLE: Looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

Leader: Hear our prayer today, Holy One and draw us closer to you and to each other as we pray together:

**ALL: Gather us together, O God, that we may celebrate the witness of our forefathers and foremothers. Teach us how to honor the saints of God in ages past as well as in our present days. May the conviction of your grace written on their hearts be one that forms our own faith. Inspire us as we continue to share your love and grace and be present to us always. Amen**

**\*HYMN:** *“How Firm a Foundation”* #529 UMH

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SUNG RESPONSE:** *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”* #526 vs1

**OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY-** *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings”* #95 UMH

**ANTHEM**

**SCRIPTURE READING-** Hebrews 11:29-12:2

**\*HYMN –** *“Faith Is Patience in the Night”* #2211 TFWS

**SERMON –** *“What Do We Expect from God”*

**\*HYMN –** *“Are Ye Able”* #530 UMH

**PRAYER –** *“For Overcoming Adversity”* #531

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE–** *“Guide My Feet”* #2208 TFWS

**PASSING THE PEACE**



Hymns can be found in the TFWS – *The Faith We Sing* and UMH- *United Methodist Hymnal*

\*Please stand as you are able.

*If you are visiting our church service today, we want you to know that we are glad you are here!*

*We invite everyone to join us down stairs after worship for a time of fellowship.*