



**Cheltenham United  
Methodist Church**  
1873-2017

Member of the Baltimore-  
Washington Conference of the  
United Methodist Church;  
Washington East District

**PRELUDE and  
CANDLE LIGHTING**  
"Grace Us, Lord" - Choir

**+CALL TO WORSHIP –**

**Leader:** People of God, look about and see the faces of those we know and love.

**People:** We see neighbors and friends here, sisters and brothers and a community of kindred hearts.

**Leader:** People of God, look about and see the faces of those we hardly know.

**People:** We see strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends and ones who need an outstretched hand.

**Leader:** People of God, look about and see all the images of God assembled here.

**People:** In me, in you, in each of us, God's Spirit shines for all to see.

**Leader:** People of God, come! Let us worship together as we unite our voices in prayer:

**ALL: God of life, in our better moments we are aware that you bless us daily, and that you call each of us to be a blessing to others. May this hour be a time of thanksgiving and renewal. Let us remember that we stand in a long line of inspiring people whose energy and faith have served your kingdom through this church. Let us, like them, live creative and loving lives. Teach us to be grateful for the gifts you offer to us, and may we walk together in the spirit of Christ. Amen.**

*Special Music – "The Band"*

+HYMN – "Come Thou Almighty King"- #61 UMH

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER**

**SUNG RESPONSE: "Lord, Listen to your Children" #2193 TFWS**

**ANTHEM - "I've Got Joy "**

**OFFERING – "Come Ye Sinners, Poor & Needy- Amber Leizear**

**+DOXOLOGY- "Praise God" - #95 UMH**

+HYMN - "God of Grace and God of Glory" #577 UMH

+**SCRIPTURE READING –** Matthew 18:1-4; Mark 10:13-16;  
Luke 22:24-27; John 3:1-3

**THE WORD PROCLAIMED - "Receiving the Kingdom" –**  
Rev.Clark Aist

**CHOIR – "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"**

+HYMN- "God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale" - #122 UMH

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE- "Freely, Freely"- #389 UMH**

**PASSING THE PEACE-**

**Join us for our celebration luncheon immediately  
following the service**

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

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

**We invite everyone attending this morning to please join  
us as we share a meal together, remember our history and  
look forward to our future!**

*Blessings!*

**\*Matthew 18:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

<sup>2</sup>He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. <sup>3</sup>And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

**\*Mark 10: 13-16**

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

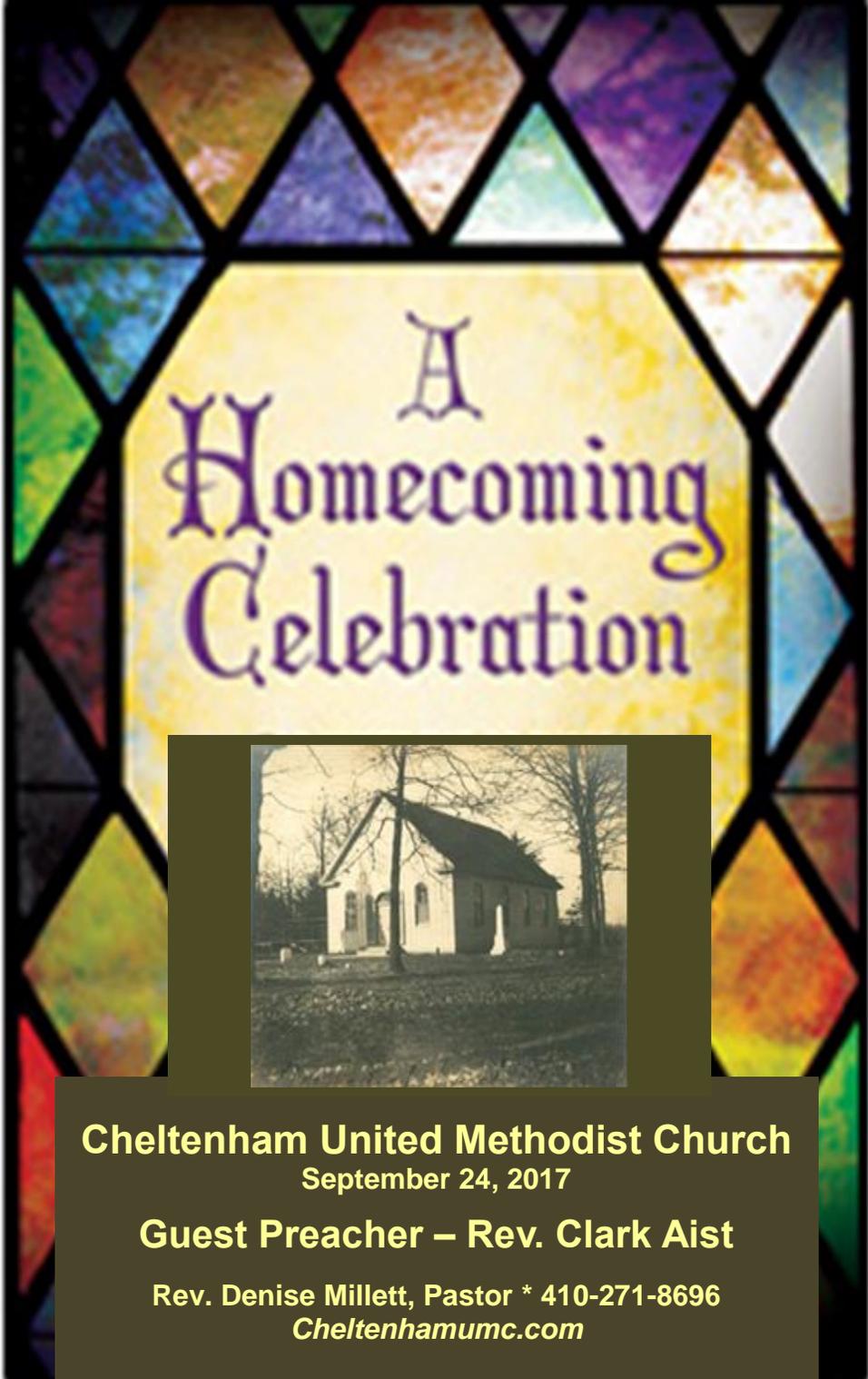
**\*Luke 22:24-27**

<sup>24</sup>A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. <sup>26</sup>But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. <sup>27</sup>For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

**\*John 3: 1-3**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

<sup>3</sup>Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.



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# Homecoming Celebration



**Cheltenham United Methodist Church**

**September 24, 2017**

**Guest Preacher – Rev. Clark Aist**

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