

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper.

You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today.

When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth."

But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.



CHELTENHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

24th Sunday after Pentecost
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**PRELUDE
AND
CANDLE LIGHTING**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Loving God, Creator of all that has been, all that is, and all that is to come; You made us human and gave us hearts to love you and follow you.

PEOPLE: We thank you for the many blessings you have given us over this past year.

Leader: God, we thank you for all the blessings you have given us throughout our lives: food to eat, clothes to wear, shelter from the storm and people who love us unconditionally. We thank you for their love because we recognize it reflects your love. Give us the grace to love others, even when they are difficult.

PEOPLE: We trust in your love to walk with us through the difficulties of our days. We trust in your promise of life everlasting and put all our hope in you.

Leader: We thank you for Jesus. We thank you that he died so that we might have eternal life.

PEOPLE: Forgive us for our sins: The things you asked us to do and we failed to do as well as the things you told us not to do but we did anyway.

Leader: We ask that you strengthen us so we will always follow you.

PEOPLE: Bless our church family. Bless our community. Bless our nation. Bless our world.

Leader: We ask all these things in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior who taught us to pray as he taught his disciples...

ALL: (pray the Lord's Prayer together)

***HYMN - "Come Ye Thankful People, Come" #694 UMH**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
JOYS, CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER
SUNG RESPONSE: "In His Time" #2203 TFWS**

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY- "Praise God from Whom All Blessings" #95 UMH**

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

***HYMN - "For the Beauty of the Earth" #92 UMH**

SERMON - "The Key to Happiness"

***HYMN - "What Gift Can We Bring" #87 UMH**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - "The Lord Bless and Keep You" #2280 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.

