



# Cheltenham United Methodist Church

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THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART

Sunday, July 26, 2020  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
10:00 a.m.



*Photo taken by Pastor Rachel B. Livingston*

Cheltenham United Methodist Church  
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**Sunday, July 19, 2020**

Pentecost VIII

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+GREETING

Inspired by *Prayers for Ordinary Time*

O Lord, our Lord,

**How majestic is your name in all the earth!**

We come before you today

**Seeking freedom from our selfishness and limited views.**

We come before you today

**Acknowledging that the world will try to separate us from you – through tribulation, persecution, and distress**

But what can separate us from the love Christ?

**Nothing, absolutely nothing!**

+HYMN

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

UMH 133

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

AFFIRMATION FROM ROMANS 8:35, 37-39

*UMH 887*

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

**People: No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

+HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

UMH 451

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PSALTER

Psalm 119:129-136

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 8:26-39

SERMON

Who Can Separate Us

Pastor Rachel B. Livingston

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

“Seek Ye First”

UMH 405

+DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Inspired by *Prayers for Ordinary Time*

**In the adventure of life, we have found you. By your powerful grace, you have found us, justified us, and have glorified us. We now give as a testament to what you have given to us. What we give is a result of our thanksgiving to you. If we offered up all we have, our very life, it would not be enough, Lord. Yet we give we have unto you for your great love and mercy. As we proclaim your mighty deeds, we celebrate your justice. Let what we give to you now, go to creating your will in the world. Amen.**

+HYMN

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

UMH 127

## GOING FORTH

+BENEDICTION

+RECESSIONAL

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## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Psalm 119:129-136 NRSV** • <sup>129</sup> Your decrees are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them. <sup>130</sup> The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. <sup>131</sup> With open mouth I pant, because I long for your commandments. <sup>132</sup> Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your custom toward those who love your name. <sup>133</sup> Keep my steps steady according to your promise, and never let iniquity have dominion over me. <sup>134</sup> Redeem me from human oppression, that I may keep your precepts. <sup>135</sup> Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes. <sup>136</sup> My eyes shed streams of tears because your law is not kept.

**Romans 8:12-25 NRSV** • <sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup> We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup> What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.