

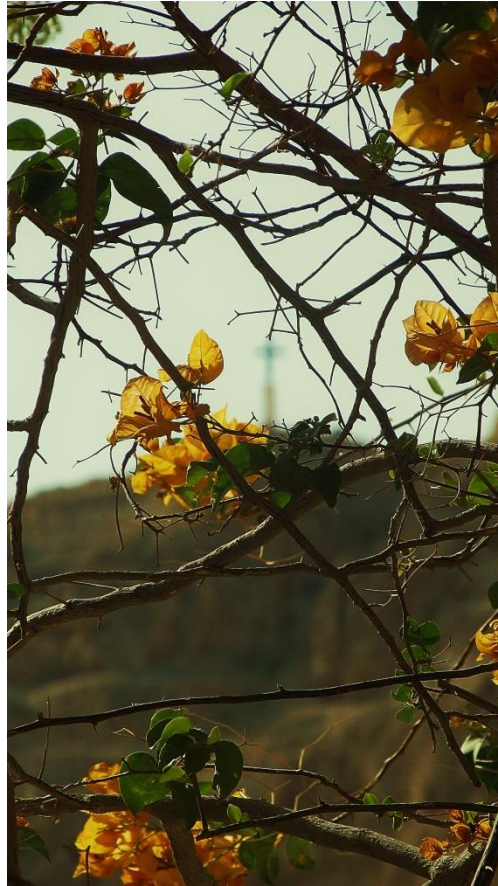


# Cheltenham United Methodist Church

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THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART

Sunday, July 5, 2020  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
10:00 a.m.



*Beauty in the Wadi Qelt in Israel Photo taken by Pastor Rachel B. Livingston.*

Cheltenham United Methodist Church  
11111 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623  
Rev. Mark Schaefer, Pastor

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**Sunday, July 5, 2020**

Pentecost V

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+GREETING

O God, we look upon our world and are standing and waiting on you, waiting for your presence to shower upon us.

**Your love showers us with a refreshing newness and rests upon us like the gentleness of dew.**

Even when we don't fully understand bring us back to the place where we can witness you and be grateful.

**Grateful for the presence of your hope, the sustenance of life, and the gift of your grace.**

And as we think on you, Lord, let us be reminded of your presence in our lives and community and be thankful.

**We lift up praise, glad to be surrounded by God who is so mindful of us. Amen.**

+HYMN

"To God Be the Glory"

UM Hymnal 98

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O, Holy God, we come before you recognizing that there are many times that we have failed to acknowledge your presence in our lives. We often times are expecting our own plans rather than relying on your direction and provision. We hide our true feelings, we are afraid, we are filled with doubt, and we try to do things on our own. Holy God, as we wake with each morning and are reminded of your presence, remind us of your Spirit. Free us from the things that separate us from you. Fill us with your grace in our hearts, minds, and souls. Amen.**

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

+HYMN

"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

UMH 196

## CELEBRATION OF AN APPOINTMENT OF A NEW PASTOR

Leader: Dear friends, today we welcome *Pastor Rachel Livingston*, who has been appointed to serve as our pastor. We believe that she is well qualified and has been prayerfully appointed by our bishop, LaTrelle Easterling.

Rachel Livingston, you have been sent to live among us as *a bearer* of the Word of God; *a minister* of the Sacraments; and *a sustainer* of the love, order, service and discipleship of the people of God.

*Pastor:* **Today I reaffirm this commitment in the presence of this congregation.**

*Leader to congregation:* Brothers and sisters in Christ,  
as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church  
by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service,  
will you who celebrate this new beginning support and uphold Rachel Livingston in these ministries?

*Congregation:* **We reaffirm our commitment to support you with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.**

*Leader:* How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger

*Congregation:* **who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation.**

+GLORIA PATRI

“Glory Be to the Father”

UMH 70

Let us pray.

Eternal God, strengthen and sustain us in our ministries together,  
with Rachel Livingston as our pastor. Give her and us patience, courage, and wisdom  
so to care for one another and challenge one another that together we may follow Jesus  
Christ. Grant us all to partake in your strength and joy,  
so that we can enter into the anxiety and suffering of the world,  
to be a light unto others and make alive that hope which Christ gives.  
We come to you today celebrating a new beginning, living together in love. and offering our  
gifts and talents in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PSALTER

Psalms 145:8-14

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Zechariah 9:9-12

SERMON

Rejoice in the Midst of the Unexpected

Pastor Rachel B. Livingston

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY  
+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

**Lord we offer our gifts to you. They are but a small token of what you have given to us, but what we have received Lord we give back a portion to you. Your steadfast love has never failed us. So we look to you God, offering ourselves to you. Help us to grow in our trust in you. Even in the midst of confusion we know that you bring your grace and provision, even if it doesn't look the way we expect it. Bless us now, in this time of new beginnings. Amen.**

COMMEMORATION OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. ... And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

... And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+HYMN

"O How I Love Jesus"

UMH 170

## GOING FORTH

+BENEDICTION

+RECESSIONAL

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## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Psalms 145:8-14 NRSV** • <sup>8</sup> The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. <sup>9</sup> The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. <sup>10</sup> All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you. <sup>11</sup> They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, <sup>12</sup> to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. <sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. <sup>14</sup> The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

**Zechariah 9:9-12 NRSV** • <sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup> He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.