



# Cheltenham United Methodist Church

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THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART

Sunday, September 13, 2020

Proper 19

10:00 a.m.



*by Pastor Rachel B. Livingston*

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**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

+GREETING

*Prayer for a New Heart* UMH 392

Thou who are over us,

**Thou who art one of us,**

Thou who *art*:

**Give me a pure heart, that I may see thee; a humble heart, that I may hear thee; a heart of love, that I may serve thee; a heart of faith, that I may abide in thee. Amen.**

+HYMN

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

UMH 382

PRAYER

*A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition* UMH 607

**I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low by thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

+HYMN

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

UMH 420

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Mark 12:28-34

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

OFFERTORY

“I Know Whom I Have Believed”

UMH 714

+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*

**Gracious and holy God, we give you thanks for your boundless, forgiving love. We are not worthy to come into your presence, but your grace makes us worth. We pour out our hearts to you in our giving. You have giving us all we have, and we offer a portion of what you have given back to you in a spirit of thanksgiving. We bow before you with hearts overflowing with gratitude and love. Open our minds to your spirit of wisdom, that we may know how to live as your people. Amen.**

+HYMN

“Lord, I Want to be a Christian”

UMH 402

**GOING FORTH**

+BENEDICTION

+RECESSIONAL

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## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Mark 12:28-34 NRSV** • <sup>28</sup> One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup> you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ <sup>31</sup> The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” <sup>32</sup> Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; <sup>33</sup> and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” <sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

**Deuteronomy 6:1-9 NRSV** • Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, <sup>2</sup> so that you and your children and your children’s children may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. <sup>3</sup> Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. <sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. <sup>5</sup> You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. <sup>7</sup> Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. <sup>8</sup> Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, <sup>9</sup> and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.