Welcome to Cheltenham United Methodist Church

To give online, visit: www.cheltenhamumc.com/give

Announcements

Monday

Monday Methodists at 9am Knitting Circle at 10am

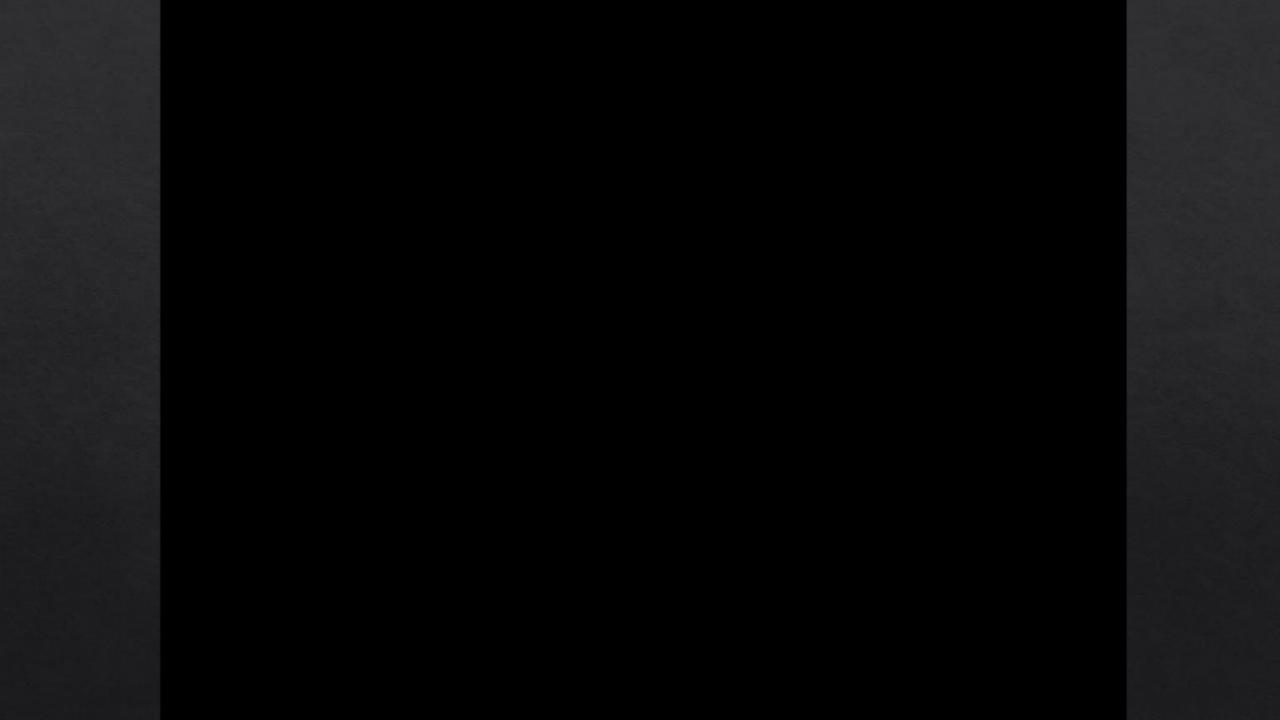
Tuesday Bible Study at 7pm

Wednesday Walk Against Cancer at 9am

Online Prayer at 12noon Pastor's Office Hours 2-4pm **Thursday** Pastors' Office Hours 10am-12noon

Anniversaries and Birthdays

www.cheltenhamumc.com www.facebook.com/CheltenhamUMC



Prayers For Creation Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi for All Created Things Book of Worship 507

O most high, omnipotent, good Lord God, to you belong praise, glory, honor, and all blessing. For our brother the sun, who is our day and who brings us the light, who is fair, and radiant with a very great splendor. Praised be our Lord. For our sister the moon, and for the stars, which you have set clear and lovely in heaven; Praised be our Lord.

Prayers For Creation Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi for All Created Things Book of Worship 507

For our brother the wind, and for air and clouds, calms and all weather; Praised be our Lord. For our sister water, who serves us and is humble and precious and chaste; Praised be our Lord. For our brother fire, by whom you light up the night, and who is fair and merry, and very mighty and strong; Praised be our Lord.

Prayers For Creation Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi for All Created Things Book of Worship 507

For our mother the earth, who sustains us and keeps us, and brings forth various fruits, and flowers of many colors, and grass; **Praised be our Lord.** For all those who pardon one another for your love's sake, and who bear weakness and tribulation; **Praised be our Lord.**

Prayers For Creation Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi for All Created Things Book of Worship 507

Blessed are they who peaceably shall endure, walking by your most holy will; for you, O Most High, shall give them a crown. **Praise and bless the Lord, and give thanks unto God,**

and serve God with great humility. Amen.

The World Methodist Social Affirmation UMH 886

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people; and in Jesus Christ incarnate among us, who died and rose again; and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort. **We believe; God help our unbelief.**

The World Methodist Social Affirmation UMH 886

We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom: in the upholding of human dignity and community; in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation; in each act of self-giving on behalf of others; in abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all may have enough; in all responsible use of the earth's resources. **Glory be to God on high; and on earth, peace.**

The World Methodist Social Affirmation UMH 886

We confess our sin, individual and collective, by silence or action: through the violation of human dignity based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith; through the exploitation of people because of greed and indifference; through the misuse of power in personal, communal, national, and international life; through the search for security by those military and economic forces that threaten human existence; through the abuse of technology which endangers the earth an all life upon it.

The World Methodist Social Affirmation UMH 886

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ: to take up the cross; to seek abundant life for all humanity; to struggle for peace with justice and freedom; to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love, praying that God's kingdom may come. **Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee _{UMH 89}

Words: Henry Van Dyke, 1907; st. 4 alt. 1989 Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; arr.by Edward Hodges, 1864 Tune: HYMN TO JOY © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House. OneLicense #A-733428

Played by Chiara Griffith

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice to thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread And forgive us our trespasses As we forgive those who trespass against us And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn: Blessed Assurance UMH 369

Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873 Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873 Tune: ASSURANCE © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House. OneLicense #A-733428

Played by Chiara Griffith

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my savior all the day long.

PSALTER: Psalm 92:12-15

12 The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.¹³ They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God. ¹⁴ In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap,¹⁵ showing that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Mark 4:26-34

²⁶ He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Mark 4:26-34

²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."
³⁰ He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth;

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Mark 4:26-34

³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." ³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.



The Nature of the Kingdom of God

Pastor Rachel B. Livingston

OFFERTORY: Seek Ye First

UMH 405

© 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House. OneLicense #A-733428

Played By *Chiara Griffith* Music Director

To make a gift of your tithe or offering online, visit: http://www.cheltenhamumc.com/give

or mail a check to:



Cheltenham UMC P.O. Box 146 Cheltenham, MD 20623

DOXOLOGY

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674 Music: attr. to Louis Bourgeois

UMH 95, Tune: OLD 100th OneLicense #A-733428

Played by Chiara Griffith

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. Amen.OFFERTORY PRAYER



Hymn: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light UMH 206

Words: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966 Music: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966 Tune: HOUSTON © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House. OneLicense #A-733428

Played by Chiara Griffith

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus. I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

+BENEDICTION

Go Out in Peace and May the Peace of God Go with You

Have an Amazing Week!

To stay connected via e-mail, subscribe to the Weekly E-pistle: https://www.cheltenhamumc.com/weekly-e-pistle/