## Cheltenham United Methodist Church

THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART



## Sunday, October 24, 2021

#### **GATHERING**

**WELCOME** 

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

GREETING

Blessed are you who hunger. Come and be filled.

We come, hungering for justice and righteousness.

Blessed are you who weep. Come and be comforted.

We come, seeking joy and laughter.

Blessed are you who suffer for Christ. Come and be Christ's chosen ones.

We come, yearning for strength to persevere. Come, the worship of God is our joy and our strength. Amen.

**PRAYER** 

Wondrous Spirit, we come into your holy presence knowing that you receive us gladly and eagerly. Morning by morning, you listen for us, and morning by morning our hearts leap up to you. Grace our live with your presence this day. Hold us in your hands, lead us in your ways, and keep us in your love. Amen.

+HYMN "Amazing Grace" UMH 378 (vs 1, 2, and 3)

Words: John Newton, 1779

Music: 19th cent. USA melody; harm. by Edwin O Excell, 1900

Tune: Amazing Grace

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Amazing grace!
How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost,
but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

### +PASSING OF THE PEACE

### SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

+HYMN "God of Grace and God of Glory"

**UMH 577** 

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930

Music: John Hughes, 1907 Tune: CWM RHONDDA

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God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ assail his ways!

Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,

for the living of these days,

for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

#### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 16:3-16

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 21:8-21

SERMON God Heard Pastor Rachel B. Livingston

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

+OFFERTORY "Spirit of the Living God" UMH 393

+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

### **GOING FORTH**

+HYMN "I Am Thine, O Lord" UMH 419

Words: Fanny J Crosby, 1875 (Heb. 10:22)

Music: William H. Doane, 1875

Tune: I AM THINE

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I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee

## Refrain

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine; let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine.

## Refrain

O the pure delight of a single hour that before the throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend!

## Refrain

There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea; there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee.

## Refrain

- +BENEDICTION
- +RECESSIONAL

## **Upcoming Events**

## Monday, October 25, 2021

Monday Methodists 9am Knitting Circle 10am

## Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Prayer on Facebook Live at 12noon Pastor's Office Hours 2-4pm

## Thursday, October 28, 2021

Senior Luncheon 12noon

\*If you need to connect with the pastor for a meeting you can send and email to <a href="mailto:cumcpastorlivingston@gmail.com">cumcpastorlivingston@gmail.com</a> or give her a call at 302-230-6141

# November 7 All Saints Day at 10 am service

Send in information on those we have lost in the past year that we should honor

Church Conference
November 13
at
1pm

All church conferences have been pushed to online All participants must register at:

https://bwcumc.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwuc-mpqTIjE9SOGkDvmtjljw8qmNbebNNG

### **SCRIPTURE LESSONS**

Genesis 16:3-16 NRSV • <sup>3</sup> So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her slave-girl, and gave her to her husband Abram as a wife. 4 He went in to Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. <sup>5</sup> Then Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my slave-girl to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the LORD judge between you and me!" 6 But Abram said to Sarai, "Your slave-girl is in your power; do to her as you please." Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she ran away from her. <sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. 8 And he said, "Hagar, slave-girl of Sarai, where have you come from and where are vou going?" She said, "I am running away from my mistress Sarai." 9 The angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit to her." 10 The angel of the LORD also said to her, "I will so greatly multiply your offspring that they cannot be counted for multitude." 11 And the angel of the LORD said to her, "Now you have conceived and shall bear a son; you shall call him Ishmael, for the LORD has given heed to your affliction. 12 He shall be a wild ass of a man, with his hand against everyone, and everyone's hand against him; and he shall live at odds with all his kin." 13 So she named the LORD who spoke to her, "You are El-roi"; for she said, "Have I really seen God and remained alive after seeing him?" 14 Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered. 15 Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. 16 Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael.

Genesis 21:8-21 NRSV• 8 The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. 9 But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. 10 So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." 11 The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. 12 But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. 13 As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." 14 So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. 15 When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. 16 Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. 17 And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. 18 Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." 19 Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. 20 God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. 21 He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.