



Cheltenham United Methodist Church

THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART

Sunday, November 14, 2021
10am

Cheltenham United Methodist Church

11111 Crain Highway, Cheltenham, MD 20623
Rev. Rachel Livingston, Pastor

You are
Invited

J O I N U S !

Worship with via Zoom

<https://bit.ly/CUMCSundayServices>

Via Facebook

www.facebook.com/CheltenhamUMC

To Call In:

Dial +1 (301) 715-8592

Meeting ID: 861 6676 4909#

Password: 001873

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GATHERING

WELCOME

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

GREETING

Let those who seek to please God with their goodness hear the good news.

Christ will be our goodness!

Let those who are burdened with guilt for their failures hear the good news.

Christ will accomplish all for us and quiet our hearts!

Take up the discipline of grace.

We will embrace the disciplines that empowers us to live as God intends!

Learn the ways of Christ.

The Lord will not condemn us but will fill our souls with peace!

PRAYER

Lord, there is no rock like you! From you, living water flows like a river through the desert of our souls, bringing life to a parched and thirsty land. Lord, there is no food that we can eat like yours. Every word from your mouth is like bread from heaven! You have spread your table before us. Fill our cups with your water of life, and satisfy our hunger with Christ, the living bread, in whose name we pray. Amen.

+HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”

UMH 369

Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873

Music: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

Tune: ASSURANCE

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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.

Refrain

*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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

+HYMN "They'll Know We Are Christian By Our Love"

TFWS 2223

Words: Peter Scholtes, 2001

Music: Peter Scholtes, 2001

Tune: ST. BRENDAN'S

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We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.
And they'll know
we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Esther 4:1-17

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 “Victory in Jesus” UMH 370

Words: Eugene M. Bartlett, 1939

Music: Eugene M. Bartlett, 1939

Tune: HATFORD

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I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,
how he gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;
I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood's atoning,
then I repented of my sins and won the victory

Refrain

O victory in Jesus, my savior forever!

*He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood;
he loved me ere I knew him and all my love is due him;
he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.*

I heard about his healing, of his cleansing power revealing,
how he made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;
and then I cried, “Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,”
and some how Jesus came brought to me the victory

Refrain

I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory,
and I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;
about the angels singing and the old redemption story,
and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.

Refrain

+BENEDICTION

+RECESSIONAL

Upcoming Events

Monday, November 15, 2021

Monday Methodists 9am

Knitting Circle 10am

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Bible Study 7pm

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Prayer on Facebook Live at 12noon

Pastor's Office Hours 2-4pm

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Pastor's Office Hours 10am-12noon

Senior Luncheon at 12noon

**If you need to connect with the pastor for a meeting you can send an email to cumcpastorlivingston@gmail.com or give her a call at 302-230-6141*

Nottingham Myers UMC and Christ United Methodist Church

are inviting us to

their Women's "Taking Back Our Power" Bible Study

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

at 7pm

Zoom Login Info:

Meeting ID: 959 7147 2953

Passcode: 319216

Hanging of the Greens *November 21 (After Service)*

Bring Light refreshments

Cookie Exchange

December 11, 2021

at

11am

Contact Lu Lawrence or Crystal Reed to sign up by Dec. 1, 2021

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Esther 4:1-17 NRSV • When Mordecai learned all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went through the city, wailing with a loud and bitter cry; ² he went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. ³ In every province, wherever the king's command and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and most of them lay in sackcloth and ashes. ⁴ When Esther's maids and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed; she sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth; but he would not accept them. ⁵ Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs, who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what was happening and why. ⁶ Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, ⁷ and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. ⁸ Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther, explain it to her, and charge her to go to the king to make supplication to him and entreat him for her people. ⁹ Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. ¹⁰ Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai, saying, ¹¹ "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—all alike are to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone, may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days." ¹² When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, ¹³ Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. ¹⁴ For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this." ¹⁵ Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, ¹⁶ "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish." ¹⁷ Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.