Cheltenham United Methodist Church

THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART



Sunday, March 19, 2023 (The 4th Sunday in Lent – Disability Awareness Sunday)

GATHERING

WELCOME

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

Once you lived in darkness.

Now the light of God has shone upon us.

Find what is pleasing to God and follow God's ways.

The acts of darkness are left behind as we journey to God's light.

Thanks be to God who gives us the light.

Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your light of salvation. AMEN.

PRAYER

Source of Light, God of great mercy and love, we come to you this day seeking restoration of our sight. Clear away our blindness, and give us a new vision of all that we can accomplish in your name. Give us strength and confidence to truly witness to your abiding love and faithfulness. For we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

+HYMN "Stand By Me" UMH 512

Words: Charles Albert Tindley, ca. 1906.

Music: Charles Albert Tindley, ca. 1906; arr. by William Farley Smith, 1989.

Tune: STAND BY ME

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When the storms of life are raging, stand by me (stand by me); when the storms of life are raging, stand by me (stand by me).

When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea, thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me (stand by me).

In the midst of tribulation, stand by me (stand by me); in the midst of tribulation, stand by me (stand by me). When the host of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail, thou who never lost a battle, stand by me (stand by me). In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me (stand by me); in the midst of faults and failures, stand by me (stand by me).

When I do the best I can, and my friends misunderstand, thou who knowest all about me, stand by me (stand by me).

In the midst of persecution, stand by me (stand by me); in the midst of persecution, stand by me (stand by me). When my foes in battle array undertake to stop my way, thou who saved Paul and Silas, stand by me (stand by me).

When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me (stand by me); when I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me (stand by me). When my life becomes a burden, and I'm nearing chilly Jordan, O thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me (stand by me).

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE 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.

Words: George Bennard, 1913 (1 Cor. 1:22-25)

Music: George Bennard, 1913 Tune: THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

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On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame; and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me; for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above to bear it to dark Calvary.

Refrain

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine, a wondrous beauty I see, for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me.

Refrain

To that old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear; then he'll call me some day to my home far away, where his glory forever I'll share.

Refrain

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Samuel 16:6-7 John 9:1-7, 35-41

SERMON

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Rev. Daein Park

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

+OFFERTORY

"We Are the Reason"

+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 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

UMH 454

Words: Clara H. Scott, 1895 Music: Clara H. Scott, 1895 Tune: OPEN MY EYES

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Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

+BENEDICTION

Upcoming Events

Monday, March 20, 2023

Monday Methodists 9am Knitting Circle 10am Council Meeting 7pm

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Prayer 12noon Pastor's Office Hours 2pm-4pm

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Pastor's Office Hours 10am-12Noon Lenten Bible Study (In Person) 7pm

Friday, March 24, 2023

Lenten Bible Study (Online) 7pm http://bit.ly/CUMCSundayServices

*If you need to connect with the pastor for a meeting, you can send an email to cumcpastorpark@gmail.com or give him a call at 202-802-4302

Friday, April 7, 2023

Good Friday Service

Wednesday, April 23, 2023

Ministry for the Homeless

Saturday, May 6, 2023

Yard Sale

Sunday, June 25, 2023

Picnic After Worship Service

https://youtu.be/LuaKQXzaUS8

https://www.bwcumc.org/administration/resources-for-disaffiliation/

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1 Samuel 16:6-7 NRSV • ⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

John 9:1-7, 35-41 NRSV • ¹ As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, 7 saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

35 Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" 36 He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." 37 Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." 38 He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." 40 Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" 41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.