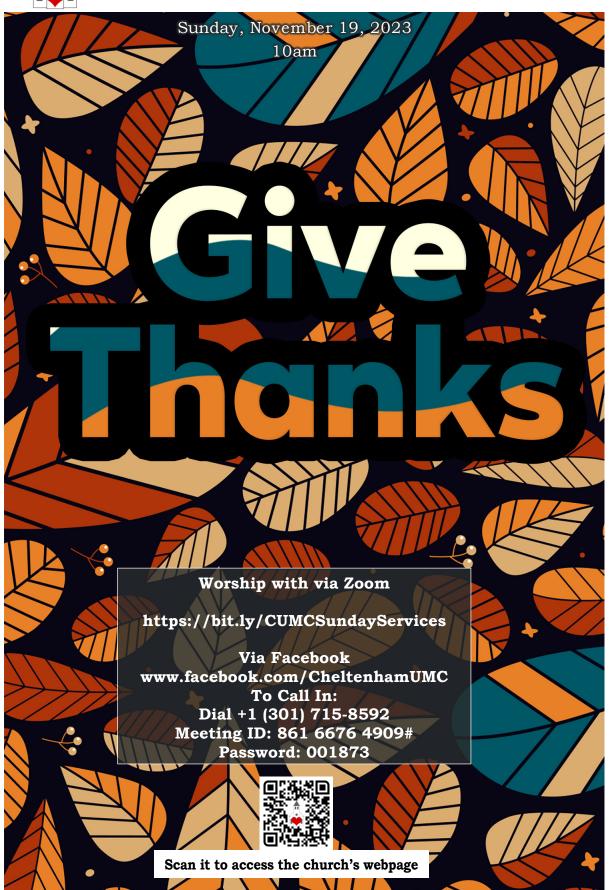
Cheltenham United Methodist Church

THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART



Sunday, November 19, 2023

GATHERING

WELCOME

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

The time for harvest is close at hand. What have you done with the gifts God has given you? **We have brought our gifts to the house of the Lord.**

Praise God for the gifts and for opportunities for service that they represent.

We praise God for all the ways in which our lives have been blessed.

Generous God, accept our gifts and our lives this day.

Loving God, accept our praise and gratitude. AMEN.

PRAYER

Majestic God, you bestowed love upon every aspect of creation.

From the bonds of slavery, you called us to witness and serve.

As we gather for worship, be present.

Clear distractions, open our hearts to your healing love, and empower us.

Ready us to be witnesses of your power and love,

utilizing the gifts you've blessed us with in service. Amen.

+HYMN

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

UMH 301

Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1869 Music: William H. Doan, 1869 Tune: NEAR THE CROSS

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Jesus keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain, free to all, a healing stream, flows from Calvary's mountain.

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever, till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me; there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me.

Refrain

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me; help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.

Refrain

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever, till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.

Refrain

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

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.

+HYMN

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

UMH 206

Words: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966 Music: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966 Tune: HOUSTON

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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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 123:1-4
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

SERMON "Living in Readiness" Rev. Daein Park

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

+OFFERTORY "God Will Make a Way" UMH 618 +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

+ PRAISE & WORSHIP "Give Thanks" TWFS 2036

Words: Henry Smith (Luke 1:49-53)

Music: Henry Smith Tune: GIVE THANKS

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Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (2x)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." (2x)

Give thanks with a grateful heart (with a grateful heart), give thanks to the Holy One (to the Holy One), give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (2x)

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us" (2x)

Give thanks! Give thanks! Give thanks!

+BENEDICTION

Upcoming Events

Monday, November 20, 2023

Monday Methodists 9am Knitting Circle 10am United Thanksgiving Service at Trinity Episcopal Church 7:30pm

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

Pastor's Office Hours 2pm-4pm

*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

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 123:1-4 NRSV • ¹ To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens! ² As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, until he has mercy upon us. ³ Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. ⁴ Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 NRSV • ¹ Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴ But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵ for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶ So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, 7 for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁶ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁶ For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.