



Cheltenham United Methodist Church

THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART

Sunday, October 27, 2024
10am

guidance & dedication

Worship with via Zoom

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**Sunday, October 27, 2024
(23rd Sunday after Pentecost)**

GATHERING

WELCOME

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS (November)

- Anniversary
15 Howard and Cheryl Johnson
- Birthday

1 Howard Johnson	2 Barbara Windsor	6 Meredith Flippen
7 Perry Ellis	10 Brian Beckley	13 Diane Daniels
30 Rebecca Boyd		

A happy birthday to you, a happy birthday to you;
May you feel Jesus near every day of the year.

A happy birthday to you, a happy birthday to you; The best you have ever known!

GREETING

Come, take refuge in the Lord, for God is good.

From the storms and struggles of life we come.

Come, rejoice in the Lord, for God will provide peace for you.

From fear and anxiety, we come to find peace.

Come, open your hearts to the Lord and you will be given blessing.

Thanks be to God for the many ways in which we are blessed. AMEN.

PRAYER

Open our eyes, Lord.

Help us to see Jesus as he reaches out to heal our blindness.

Help us to let go of all those things that keep us in darkness.

This day, as your word is proclaimed, let our hearts and souls respond with joy.

Transform our lives to do your will.

In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

+HYMN

Words: Robert Lowey, 1876

Music: Robert Lowey, 1876

Tune: PLAINFIELD

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“Nothing but the Blood”

UMH 362

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

*O precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know;
nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my pardon this I see:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

Nothing can for sin atone:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

This is all my hope and peace:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS FOR ELECTION SEASON 1

A prayer against apathy

God of empathy and compassion, we are grateful you do not sit idly by without concern for your people. In your deep love for us, you sent your only Son to walk among us, to know what it is to be human, and to suffer on our behalf. O Lord, as your humble servants, give us the ability to look upon others with the same empathy and compassion. Protect us from being so consumed with our own lives that we fail to notice what is happening in the lives of others and the world around us. Move in our hearts, O Lord, giving us eyes to see, ears to hear, and courage to act. We pray in your Son's name.

A prayer for a Christlike spirit

Holy Spirit, you are the Comforter and Advocate, who was present with disciples even after Jesus ascended to heaven. We pray for an openness to your work in and through us. May we resist the temptation to get caught up in fruitless arguments and defensiveness. Strengthen us to serve and uphold one another and to put the needs and suffering of others ahead of our own. Especially during this divisive election season, we pray for a gentle, loving, and kind spirit—like that of Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit as one God eternally.

A prayer for nonviolence in our country

O Good Shepherd, you who gather us as lambs in your arms, carrying us close to your heart, we long for peace on earth as it is in heaven. In this election season, we ask that you carry our nation close to your heart. Protect us and guide us into the ways of peace. We pray specifically against violence at political rallies, polling places, debates, and other spaces where many are gathered. May we become a nation that turns our weapons into plowshares, taking on your posture of nonviolence. By the power of your Spirit, we ask for safety to prevail and that you would lead us into the ways of your peaceful kingdom. We submit ourselves and this prayer to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

A prayer for the opposing candidates

King of the universe, you who reign over all things, we submit to you our thoughts, feelings, and frustrations about the candidate we disagree with. May we not look at them with contempt, and may we be reminded that they, too, are created in your image. We pray for protection over all political candidates and their families. We humbly ask, O Lord, that you act in mighty ways in our own hearts. Give us the humility that is needed to pray for all people, not just those who think or look like us. Direct, we pray, the next president of the United States with a heart for justice and truth. Deliver us from poverty, prejudice, and oppression. Regardless of who is elected, may your will prevail by the power of your Spirit. We ask all these things in your holy name.

A prayer for a posture of humility and against defensiveness

God of humility, you humbled yourself to the point of death on the cross. You show us the way of the servant. Rather than being motivated by pride and self-righteousness, may we, as your people, clothe ourselves with kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Manifest in us the ability to hold in tension the disagreement of others and our own convictions with grace. Enlighten us, guide us, and strengthen us so that we may submit to your will through Jesus Christ, our High Priest.

Kimberly Deckel, "10 Prayers for a Volatile Election Season," Christian Today,
<https://www.christianitytoday.com/2024/09/10-prayers-for-a-volatile-election-season/>

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

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" vs. 1,2,5, and 6

UMH 117

Words: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Dt. 32:11)

Music: Attr. To William Croft, 1708; harm. by W. H. Monk, 1861

Tune: ST. ANNE

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O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne,
still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all who breathe away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.
O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Job 42:1-6
Hebrews 7:23-28

SERMON

“My Eye Sees Jesus”

Rev. Daein Park

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

+OFFERTORY

“Goodness of God”

+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

“O How I Love Jesus”

UMH 170

Words: Frederick Whitfield, 1855

Music: 19th cent. USA melody

Tune: O HOW I LOVE JESUS

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There is a name I love to hear,
I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear,
the sweetest name on earth.

Refrain

*O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
because he first loved me!*

It tells me of a Savior's love,
who died to set me free;
it tells me of his precious blood,
the sinner's perfect plea.

Refrain

It tells of one whose loving heart
can feel my deepest woe;
who in each sorrow bears a part
that none can bear below.

Refrain

+BENEDICTION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Job 42:1-6 NRSV • ¹ Then Job answered the LORD: ² “I know that you can do all things and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. ³ ‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’ Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me that I did not know. ⁴ ‘Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.’ ⁵ I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; ⁶ therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.”

Hebrews 7:23-28 NRSV • ²³ Furthermore, the former priests were many in number because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently because he continues forever. ²⁵ Consequently, he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶ For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints as high priests humans, who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Upcoming Events

Monday, October 28, 2024

Monday Methodists 9am
Knitting Circle 10am

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

Pastor's Office Hour 2pm-4pm

Thursday, October 31, 2024

Pastor's Office Hour 10 pm-12noon
Senior Luncheon 12noon

By Wednesday, November 6, 2024

We need your donation for 50 5-pound bags of potatoes to support the Marlboro Churches Food Bank for their Thanksgiving Food Drive.

**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*

Monday, November 25, 2024

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service 7:30pm
At St. Mary's of the Assumption
(14908 Main St, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772)

Request for Home Visitation

To request a home visitation, please contact the Pastor or Crystal, our Lay Leader.