Cheltenham United Methodist Church





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Monday, May 19, 2025
Monday Methodists 9am
Knitting Circle 10am

Wednesday, May 21, 2025
Pastor's Office Hour 2 pm-4 pm

Thursday, May 22, 2025
Pastor's Office Hour 10 pm-12noon

GREETING

Let praise to God resound in the heavens!

Let praise to God fill the earth!

Let all God's angels offer praise and rejoicing!

Let all God's creatures sing praise and joy!

Open your hearts and spirits today.

Let us praise the Lord today and always! AMEN.

PRAYER

Gracious and Loving God, we are grateful that you have called us together this day, drawing us from darkness to the glory of your light.

May our spirits rejoice at the good news you have for us today.

Open our hearts to your healing love, for we ask this in Christ's Name. AMEN.

All Creatures of Our God and King vs. 1,4, and 5

UMH 62

Words: Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225; trans. by William H. Draper, 1925, adapt. 1987 Music: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, O praise ye! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam, O sister moon with silver gleam!
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day unfoldest blessings on our way, Alleluia! Alleluia! The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, let them God's glory also show! O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All ye who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O praise ye! Alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care! O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

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.

For the Healing of the Nations

UMH 428

Words: Fred Kaan, 1965 (Rev. 21:1-22:5)

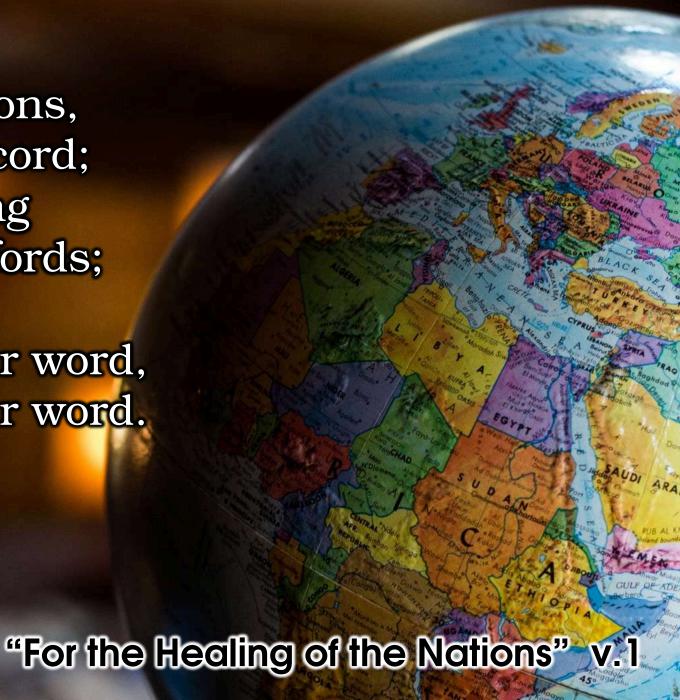
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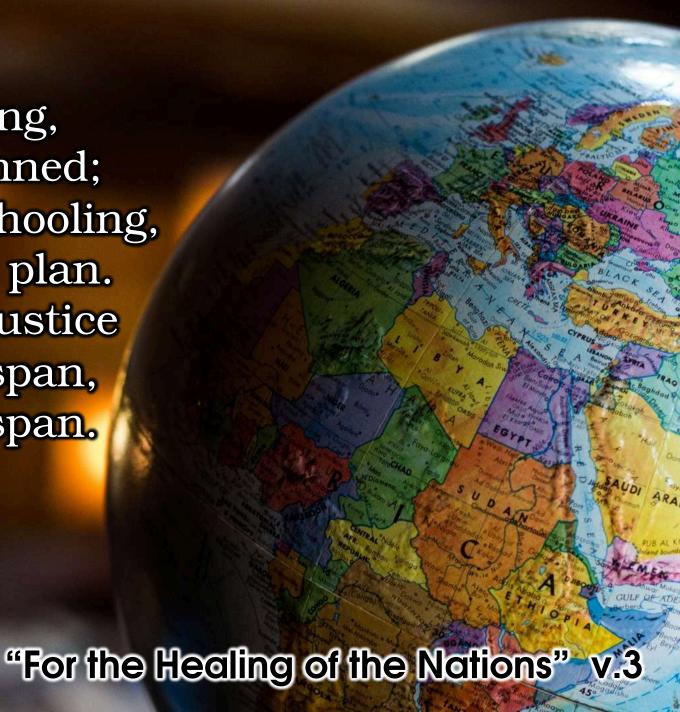
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For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord; for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords; To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word, help us rise and pledge our word.

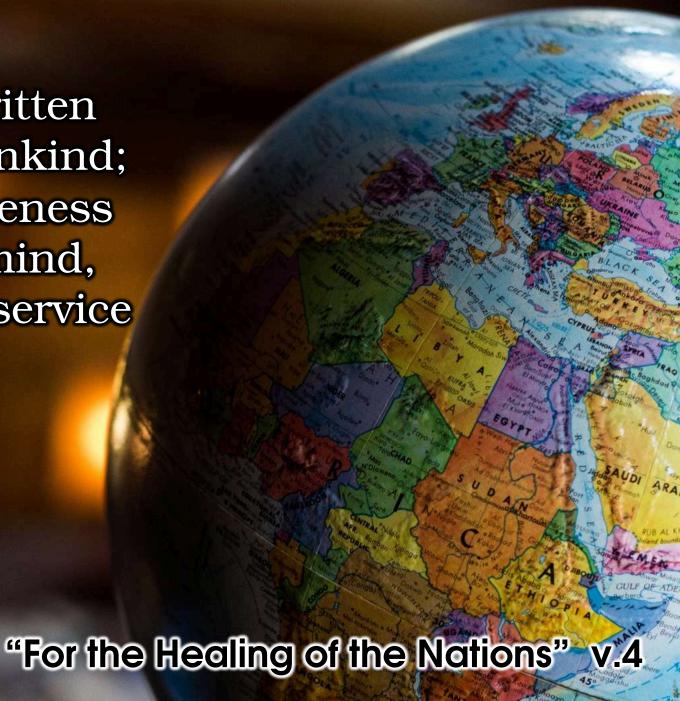


Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase, fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned; pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span, may we hallow life's brief span.



You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our response and service earth its destiny may find, earth its destiny may find.



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 148:1-14 NRSV

¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! ² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! ³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! ⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens! ⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 148:1-14 NRSV

⁶ He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. ⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, ⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! 9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! 10 Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 148:1-14 NRSV

12 Young men and women alike, old and young together! 13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. 14 He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6 NRSV

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Revelation 21:1-6 NRSV

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."



OFFERTORY "The Strife Is O'er" UMH 306

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DOXOLOGY

UMH 95. Words: Thomas Ken, 1674. Music: attr. to Louis Bourgeois. Tune: OLD 100th

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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. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER



We Shall Overcome

UMH 533

Words: Afro-American spiritual

Music: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. By William Farley Smith, 1986

Tune: MARTIN

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We shall overcome,
we shall overcome someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
we shall overcome someday!



We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand someday! Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we'll walk hand in hand someday!



We shall all be free, we shall all be free someday! Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall all be free someday!



We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace, we shall live in peace someday! Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall live in peace someday!



The Lord will see us through, the Lord will see us through, the Lord will see us through someday! Oh, deep in my heart I do believe the Lord will see us through someday!

"We Shall Overcome" v.5

+BENEDICTION



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