



Cheltenham United Methodist Church

THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART

Sunday, June 29, 2025

10am



Strength & Dignity

WISDOM FROM THE PROVERBS

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**Sunday, June 29, 2025
(3rd Sunday after Pentecost)**

GATHERING

WELCOME

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS (July)

- Anniversary
11 Brian and Carole Ann Beckley
- Birthday
6 Joyce Mack 11 Lucia Lawrence 12 Liane Beckley
15 Matthew Lescault 18 Patrick Schneider 20 Samantha Reed, Sean Rawlings
29 Cherry Cummings, Eric Aist

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

Great is our God and greatly to be praised!

The whole earth reflects God's power and might.

When we recall the wonders of God's creation....

We rejoice at the awesome complexity of it all.

Lord, you have brought us up from fear to hope.

Let us worship and praise God for all God's faithfulness. AMEN.

PRAYER

Lord, we want to follow you whoever you lead.

**Reach out to us this day, stirring our souls and spirits with the winds of your power
that we may faithfully be your disciples. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

+HYMN

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

TFWS 2197

Words: Jan Struther

Music: Irish folk melody

Tune: SLANE

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Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

+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

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

UMH 703

Words: Afro-American spiritual (2 Kg. 2:11)

Music: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and arr. by William Farley Smith, 1987

Tune: SWING LOW

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Refrain

*Swing low, sweet chariot,
coming for to carry me home;
swing low, sweet chariot,
coming for to carry me home.*

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see,
coming for to carry me home?
A band of angels coming after me,
coming for to carry me home.

Refrain

If you get there before I do,
coming for to carry me home;
tell all my friends I'm coming too,
coming for to carry me home.

Refrain

I'm sometimes up, I'm sometimes down,
coming for to carry me home;
but still my soul feels heavenly bound,
coming for to carry me home.

Refrain

The brightest day that I can say,
coming for to carry me home;
when Jesus washed my sins away,
coming for to carry me home.

Refrain

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Galatians 5:1, 13-16

SERMON

“Unwrapped by Freedom, Empowered by Mantle”

Rev. Daein Park

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

+OFFERTORY

“Where the Spirit of the Lord Is”

TFWS 2119

+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

“Where He Leads Me” vs. 1,2, and 4

UMH 338

Words: E. W. Blandy, 1890 (Mk. 8:34; Mt. 8:19)

Music: John S. Norris, 1890

Tune: NORRIS

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I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
“Take thy cross and follow, follow me.”

Refrain

*Where he leads me I will follow,
where he leads me I will follow,
where he leads me I will follow;
I'll go with him, with him all the way.*

I'll go with him through the garden,
I'll go with him through the garden,
I'll go with him through the garden,
I'll go with him, with him all the way.

Refrain

He will give me grace and glory,
He will give me grace and glory,
He will give me grace and glory,
and go with me, with me all the way.

Refrain

+BENEDICTION

Upcoming Events

Monday, June 30, 2025

Monday Methodists 9am

Knitting Circle 10am

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

Pastor's Office Hour 2 pm-4 pm

Thursday, July 3, 2025

Pastor's Office Hour 10 pm-12noon

**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-Friday, July 21-25, 2025

Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Union UMC

Registration: <http://tiny.cc/VBS-2025>

Saturday, July 26, 2025

Memorial Service for Pastor Clark Aist 11am at Cheltenham UMC

Support for the Religious Workforce Protection Act

Add your voice here: <https://bit.ly/ReligiousWPAct>

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 NRSV • ¹ Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷ Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰ He responded, “You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

¹³ He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴ He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water. He said, “Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah? Where is he?” He struck the water again, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha crossed over.

Galatians 5:1, 13-16 NRSV • ¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.