



Cheltenham United Methodist Church

THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART

Sunday, October 26, 2025
10am

GRACE ABOUNDS

CELEBRATING OUR BLESSINGS

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Sunday, October 26, 2025
(20th Sunday after Pentecost, Reformation Sunday)

GATHERING

WELCOME

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS (November)

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

Rejoice, for the Holy One restores the weary and renews the land.

We come, grateful for rains of mercy and rivers of grace.

The faithful have fought the good fight and kept the faith.

We gather to honor the Spirit who strengthens and saves.

God hears the humble, lifting hearts that turn in truth.

We come to worship with joy and awe before our Creator.

PRAYER

Gracious and renewing God,

we thank you for reforming hearts and communities through your Spirit.

As you restored your people in days past,

renew us today with courage, humility, and faith.

Shape our words and actions to reveal your grace,

that we may live as witnesses of your transforming love. Amen.

+HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

UMH 110

Words: Martin Luther, ca. 1529; trans. By Frederick H. Hedge, 1853 (Ps. 46)

Music: Martin Luther, ca. 1529; harm. From The New Hymnal for American Youth, 1930

Tune: EIN’ FESTE BURG

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A mighty fortress is our God,

a bulwark never failing;

our helper he amid the flood

of mortal ills prevailing.

For still our ancient foe

doth seek to work us woe;

his craft and power are great,

and armed with cruel hate,

on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours,
thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

+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

"We'll Understand It Better By and By"

UMH 525

Words: Charles Albert Tindley, ca. 1906 (1 Cor.13:12)
Music: Charles Albert Tindley, ca. 1906; arr. by F. A. Clark, 1906
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Tune: BY AND BY

We are tossed and driven
on the restless sea of time;
somber skies and howling tempests
oft succeed a bright sunshine;
in that land of perfect day,
when the mists have rolled away,
we will understand it better by and by.

Refrain

*By and by, when the morning comes,
when the saints of God are gathered home,
we'll tell the story how we've overcome,
for we'll understand it better by and by.*

We are tossed and driven
on the restless sea of time;
somber skies and howling tempests
oft succeed a bright sunshine;
in that land of perfect day,
when the mists have rolled away,
we will understand it better by and by.

Refrain

Trials dark on every hand,
and we cannot understand
all the ways that God will lead us
to that blessed promised land;
but he guides us with his eye,
and we'll follow till we die,
for we'll understand it better by and by.

Refrain

Temptations, hidden snare
often take us unawares,
and our hearts are made to bleed
for a thoughtless word or deed;
and we wonder why the test
when we try to do our best,
but we'll understand it better by and by.

Refrain

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Joel 2:23-32
2 Timothy 4:6-8

SERMON

“Spirit-led Race of Grace”

Rev. Daein Park

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

+OFFERTORY

“Open Our Eyes”

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+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

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

UMH 526

Words: Joseph M. Scriven, ca. 1855

Music: Charles C. Converse, 1868

Tune: CONVERSE

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What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

+BENEDICTION

Upcoming Events

Monday, October 27, 2025

Monday Methodists 9am

Knitting Circle 10am

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

Pastor's Office Hour 2pm-4pm

Thursday, October 30, 2025

Pastor's Office Hour 10pm-12noon

Saturday, November 8, 2025

Christmas Shoppe 9am-1pm

**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*

Saturday, November 15, 2025

Celebration of Life for Pastor George 11am

Monday, November 24, 2025

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service 7:30pm

St. Paul Moravian Church

Support for the Food Bank's Thanksgiving Distribution

Our church has pledged to donate 50 cans of turkey gravy
for the Food Bank's Thanksgiving distribution.

Please bring your donations to the church by noon on Sunday, November 9th.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Joel 2:23-32 NRSV • ²³ O children of Zion, be glad, and rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. ²⁴ The threshing floors shall be full of grain; the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. ²⁵ I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army that I sent against you. ²⁶ You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. ²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁸ Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. ²⁹ Even on the male and female slaves, in those days I will pour out my spirit. ³⁰ I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. ³² Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved, for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

2 Timothy 4:6-8 NRSV • ⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.