



Cheltenham United Methodist Church

THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART

Sunday, January 11, 2026
10am

HOPE SHINES *Through The Winter*

FINDING LIGHT IN EVERY SEASON OF LIFE

Worship with via Zoom

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Via Facebook

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**Sunday, January 11, 2026
(Baptism of the Lord)**

GATHERING

WELCOME

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

The voice of the Lord echoes above the rushing waters.

The Spirit descends like a dove, bringing peace to the earth.

God declares: "You are my beloved; in you I am pleased."

We remember our own baptism and claim our identity in Christ.

Let us worship the One who cleanses and renews our hearts.

We come to the water to be led by the Light.

PRAYER

Gracious God, as the heavens opened at the Jordan, open our hearts today.

You anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power to bring justice to the nations.

By your voice and water, remind us that we are your beloved children.

Clothe us in your light, that we may witness to your peace in all the world. Amen.

+HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

UMH 64

Words: Reginald Heber, 1826 (Rev. 4:8-11)

Music: John B. Dykes, 1861

Tune: NICAEA

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Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

+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

“For the Healing of the Nations”

UMH 428

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

Music: John Hughes, 1907

Tune: CWM RHONDDA

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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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 42:1-9
Acts 10:34-43

SERMON

“Not Going Back”

Rev. Daein Park

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

+OFFERTORY

“There Is None Like You”

+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

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

TFWS 2129

Words: Anon.

Music: Anon.

Tune: ASSAM

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I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus —
no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me —
no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow,
though none go with me, still I will follow,
though none go with me, still I will follow —
no turning back, no turning back.

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus —
no turning back, no turning back.

+BENEDICTION

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 12, 2026

Monday Methodists 9am

Knitting Circle 10am

Planning Meeting & Church Council 12noon

Wednesday, January 14, 2025

Pastor's Office Hours 2-4pm

Thursday, January 15, 2025

Pastor's Office Hours 10am-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*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Isaiah 42:1-9 NIV • ¹ “Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. ² He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. ³ A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; ⁴ he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.” ⁵ This is what God the LORD says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: ⁶ “I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, ⁷ to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. ⁸ “I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. ⁹ See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.”

Acts 10:34-43 NRSV • ³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”