



Cheltenham United Methodist Church

THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART

Sunday, April 26, 2026

10 am



OUT OF DEATH RESURRECTION INTO NEW LIFE

Worship with via Zoom

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Sunday, April 26, 2026
(4th Sunday of Easter)

GATHERING

WELCOME

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS (May)

- Anniversary
 - 1 Denise and David Millett 7 Meredith Flippen, Michael and Crystal Reed
 - 12 Jeff and Chiara Griffith 19 Sara and Ryan Windsor
 - 30 Daein Park and Juyoun Hong
- Birthday
 - 3 Leslie Hart 7 Rebekah Rawlings 8 Joshua Rawlings
 - 13 Gaon Park 14 Doug House 15 Brenda Bowen
 - 17 Kaela Rawlings 19 Liliana Easter 22 Jimmy Aist
 - 24 Lucy Easter 27 Cheryl Johnson 29 Gay Topper
 - 30 Judy Benton

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 (Psalm 57:1-3)

L: Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge.

P: I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed.

L: I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose for me.

P: He sends from heaven and saves me, rebuking those who hotly pursue me.

A: God sends his love and his faithfulness.

PRAYER (Wesley's Covenant Prayer, UMH 607)

I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

**Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low by thee.**

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

**I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.**

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

**And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven.**

Amen.

+HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord”

UMH 593

Words: Dan Schutte (1981) (Is. 6:8)

Music: Dan Schutte (1981); adapt. By Carlton R. Young, 1988

Tune: HERE I AM, LORD

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I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them,
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

+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

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

UMH 454

Words: Clara H. Scott, 1895

Music: Clara H. Scott, 1895

Tune: OPEN MY EYES

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Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON
GOSPEL MESSAGE

Exodus 33:7-11
James 5:13-20
John 14:15-21

SERMON

“Hello, It is me, Lord”

Jeff Griffith

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

+OFFERTORY "In the Garden" UMH 314
+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 "Sweet Hour of Prayer" UMH 496

*Words: William Walford, 1845
Music: William B. Bradbury, 1861
Tune: SWEET HOUR*

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Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

+CLOSING PRAYER

Upcoming Events

Monday, April 27, 2026

Monday Methodists 9am

Knitting Circle 10am

Pastor's Vacation

April 16-30

**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, May 30, 2026

Spring Fling

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Exodus 33:7-11 NIV • ⁷ Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the “tent of meeting.” Anyone inquiring of the LORD would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp. ⁸ And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the entrances to their tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent. ⁹ As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the LORD spoke with Moses. ¹⁰ Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshiped, each at the entrance to their tent. ¹¹ The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent.

James 5:13-20 NIV • ¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

¹⁷ Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁸ Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, ²⁰ remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

John 14:15-21 NIV • ¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”