

Blended Worship Service

Sunday, March 19, 2023

8:30 a.m.

**People Standing*

***Gathering and Singing**

*The Lion and the Lamb
In Christ Alone*

***Welcome and Announcements**

Please sign the attendance register in your pew.

Prayer Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

Not in a Hurry

Morning Prayer

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 5:8-20

Message

Wise Living

Rev. David Jacobson

Communion

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

***Response**

*Cornerstone
Build My Life*

***Benediction**

*Offering plates are available as you leave,
including one for the Benevolence Offering.*

Celebration of Worship

Sunday, March 19, 2023

10:00 a.m.

**Indicates the Congregation is asked to stand*

Fourth Sunday in Lent

*Welcome to worship! The 10 a.m. service is recorded and streamed live online.
The first nine rows of seats may occasionally appear in the recording.*

*Each week during Lent, we add a symbol to the cross to remember the story of
Christ's passion. This week, the symbol is the Whip.*

Prelude

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Johann Sebastian Bach

Choral Introit

O Come Let Us Worship

Richard Shepherd

*O come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!
For he is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of
God's hand.*

(from Psalm 95)

***Opening Hymn – No. 551**

Awake, O Sleeper

***Call to Worship**

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I lack.

People: **God guides me in proper paths for the sake of God's
good name.**

Leader: God bathes my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over!

People: **Yes, God's goodness and faithful love will pursue me all
the days of my life. I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.**

***Opening Prayer**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from
you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Gloria Patri – No. 70

Words of Welcome and Announcements

(Please sign the attendance register in your pew.)

Prayer for Babies

Gracious God, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named: Out of the treasures of your glory, strengthen us through your Spirit. Help us joyfully to nurture these children within your Church. Bring them by your grace to Christian maturity that Christ may dwell in their hearts through faith. Give power to these children and to us that with all your people we may grasp the breadth and length, the height and depth, of Christ's love. Enable us to know this love, that we may be filled with all the fullness of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn – No. 191 (v. 1)

Jesus Loves Me

Presentation of the Third Grade Bibles

Leader: Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all. They tell us who we are. They tell us good news about God's plan to save us.

Congregation to children: **We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your Sunday school classes, and in our worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.**

Leader: Let us pray. Thank you, God, for the gift of your Word. Open our hearts to hear your voice through the pages of Scripture. Speak your Word especially into the hearts of these children, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Hymn - No. 601 (v. 1)

Thy Word Is a Lamp

Morning Prayer

God of the living, through baptism we pass from the shadow of death to the light of the resurrection. Remain with us and give us hope that, rejoicing in the gift of the Spirit who gives life to our mortal flesh, we may be clothed with the garment of immortality, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Quiet Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Giving and Receiving of Our Tithes and Offerings

On the third Sunday of the month, we receive two offerings. The first time the plates come by is the general church offering. The second time is the Benevolence offering to assist persons in need locally.

Offertory Anthem *I Believe* Mark A. Miller
I believe in the sun even when it's not shining. I believe in love even when I don't feel it. I believe in God even when God is silent. (Anonymous Jewish Poem)

***Presentation of the Offering – No. 95** *Praise God*

Epistle Reading *Ephesians 5:8-20* Pew Bible p. 949

***Hymn of Preparation – No. 140** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Sermon *Wise Living* Rev. David Jacobson

Hymn of Response – No. 206 (v. 1-2)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Invitation to Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader: **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

All: **Glory to God. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving – No. 13

Prayer Following Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Closing Hymn – No. 614** *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Choral Response

Bless Us, O Lord

Mark Schweizer

Bless us, O Lord as we leave this place, for here we have found your mercy and grace. Keep us always in your care, our hearts in love, our lives in prayer. Amen.

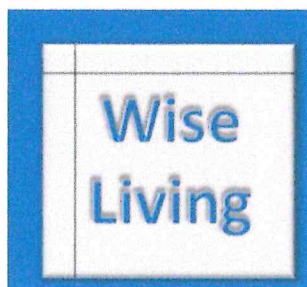
(Mary Gore)

Postlude

Fugue

J. S. Bach

Sunday, March 19, 2023 ~ 7:00 p.m.



***Contemporary
Worship
Celebration***

Opening Song: *"Your Great Name"*

Welcome & Birthdays
Karen Higby

Words of Praise: Psalm 107: 1 (NLT)
Mary Coates

Praise & Worship:
"Build My Life"
"Mighty to Save"

Greeting & Passing of the Peace

Offering & Music Video:
"Count Them All" - JJ Weeks Band

Announcements, Joys & Concerns
Prayer and Reflection

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5: 8-20

Response: *"Give Thanks"*

Message:
"Wise Living" - David Jacobson

Closing Song: *"How Deep our Father's Love for Us"*

Intercessory Prayer Concerns

For the week of March 19th:

Georgia Baschenis	Janice Arcieri	Brenda Sutton
Max Wiener	Jane	Jeff Farley
Barbara	Bill Mercier	Dave Bailey

Our Confirmands: Allana, Austen, Ava, Ben, Luke, Jeremiah

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Bill Sneeringer who went to be with the Lord on March 12, 2023.

Sympathies are extended to the family and friends of Lula Yingling who went to be with the Lord on March 12, 2023.

This week we will pray for: *Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania*

We are thankful for:

- preservation of the distinct cultural practices, literature, music and natural resources in these countries.
- the faithful witness of Christians during times of persecution and for those who survived times of occupation.
- how these countries peacefully became independent after 1918 and 1991.
- new-found freedoms that the people here have experienced, that they might be used for the good of all.

We pray for:

- peaceful relations with Russia and among all the ethnic groups in these lands.
- the healing of old wounds remaining from 20th century struggles.
- just economic development that benefits all citizens in these countries, and for those who live and work abroad.
- governmental leaders and all people, that they might together strive for justice, peace and the well-being of all.

In response to what I have learned, experienced and heard from God, this week I will _____

Week of March 19 - 25, 2023

Sunday

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| 8:30 a.m. Blended Service | 11:15 a.m. Jr. Choir, 206 |
| 9:45 a.m. Study of Romans, 211 | 1:30 p.m. A.A., 206 |
| 10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship | 2:00 p.m. Girl Scout Chorus, SR |
| 10:00 a.m. Sunday School | 3:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 2499, 204-5 |
| 11:00 a.m. Swahili Worship | 7:00 p.m. Praise Service |

Monday – Pastor David’s Sabbath

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| 7:00 p.m. Round Dance, SH | 7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Library |
| 7:00 p.m. BSA 307G, SR | |

Tuesday

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| 10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Library | 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 2188, 204 |
| 11:00 a.m. Prayer Time | 7:00 p.m. BSA 307B, SR |
| 1:30 p.m. Grief Group, Library | 8:00 p.m. A.A., 305 |
| 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 884, SR | |

Wednesday

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| 11:30 a.m. Warm Welcome Lunch | 6:00 p.m. Cubs 307, 202-5, SR, SH |
| 12:00 p.m. Men’s Bible Study | 7:00 p.m. Bible Study, 211 |
| 1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawls, Library | 7:00 p.m. Toastmasters, 206 |

Thursday

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| 4:15 p.m. Girl Scouts 178, SR | 6:30 p.m. Bible Study, 206 |
| 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 2499, 305 | 7:00 p.m. Grief Group, Library |
| 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 1640, SR, Kit. | 7:00 p.m. Square Dance, SH |
| 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class | 7:30 p.m. Choir, 209 |

Friday

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| 11:00 a.m. Tom Flinn, Jr. Memorial | 7:30 p.m. MS Youth, SH |
| 3:00 p.m. Pendleton Dinner, SH | 9:00 p.m. HS Youth, SC |

Saturday

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| 8:00 a.m. Methodist Girls | 10:00 a.m. Girl Scouts, SR |
| 9:00 a.m. Ballroom Dance, SH | 12:00 p.m. AA, 208 |

The altar flowers are given in memory of Loved Ones by Shannon & Al Chapline.

The arrangement on the altar is given in loving memory of my wife Norn for our 70th anniversary. Love, Mel Blontz.

The bulletins are given in loving memory of Alta & Walter Taylor, Sharon Taylor Denton and Bruce Byron by Barbara Byron.

Serving today:	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>
Greeters:	Pat & Ed Johnson	Jan Strevig
Interpreter		Cheryl Haskins
Lector:		Glenda Henkel
Steward:	Chris Kennedy	

Large-print bulletins are available from the greeters & ushers. Please let them know if you would like one.

The Nursery (Room 210) is not currently staffed, but it is open for parents and their young children to use. The 10 a.m. worship live stream is available on TV.

A Memorial Service for Tom Flinn, Jr. will be held on Friday, March 24th at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

A Memorial Service for Joan McFarland will be held on Friday, March 31st at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Warm Welcome Lunch is served every Wednesday, 11:30-1:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Good food and warm fellowship! Bring a friend!

Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, April 18th 2:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Please sign up through the Red Cross website or contact Janice Barber at jbarber@umd.edu or (410)747-3797.

United Methodist Men's Annual Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, April 15th from 4 till 7 p.m. Please mark your calendars. Tickets are now on sale between morning services and after the 10 AM service. We will need helpers to prepare and serve food, as well as wait tables and clean up. If you'd like to help, please call or text Tom at 443-519-3056.

Spring Fest featuring a Golden Ticket Tour (for everyone) will be held on Sunday, April 2nd, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Join us after Sunday School or church for a light lunch, Easter craft, activities, games, prizes, candy and help with a service project.

The church office operates remotely Monday and Wednesday, and in person on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Emails and phone messages are checked regularly.

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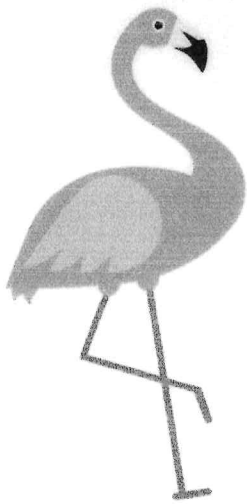
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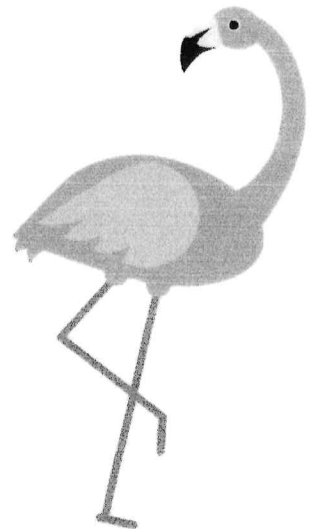
Rev. David Jacobson - Lead Pastor (443-840-9840 or david@catonsvilleumc.org)



You've Been Flocked!

FLAMINGO FUNDRAISING
SEASON IS HERE!

April 1 -30



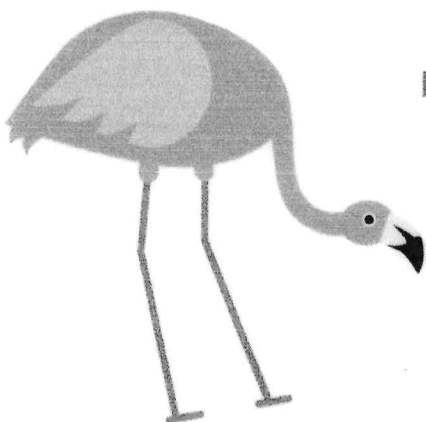
HOW IT WORKS

Help support Catonsville UMC youth this year while having a little pink flamingo fun! Make a \$25+ donation and use the attached form to send a flock of pink flamingos to your friends', family members', or neighbors' front yard! The recipient will then have the opportunity to choose the next house or the flamingos will fly away on their own. The recipient is not required to make a donation. The flock will be moved to the next house after 4 days regardless of a donation.

FLOCKING INSURANCE

Protect your lawn from the flocks! We now offer flocking insurance for a donation fee of \$30 Fill out the attached form to protect your home.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT LORIANN HUGHES AT
CUMCYOUTH@VERIZON.NET
OR PHONE 443-794-0805.



Awake, O Sleeper

- 1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
and Christ shall give you light;
to learn his love, its length and breadth,
its fullness, depth, and height.
- 2 To us on earth he came to bring
from sin and fear release,
to give the Spirit's unity,
the very bond of peace.
- 3 There is one body and one hope,
one Spirit and one call,
one Lord, one faith and one baptism,
one Father of us all.
- 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved,
who died that he might save;
with kind and gentle hearts forgive
as God in Christ forgave.
- 5 For us Christ lived, for us he died,
and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
and Christ shall give you life.

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Thy Word Is a Lamp

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me, and nothing will I fear
as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

- 1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

- 2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. [Refrain]
- 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. [Refrain]

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

- 1 For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.
- 2 By this pledge that you do love us,
by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us,
hallow all our lives, O Lord.
- 3 With our sainted ones in glory
seated at the heavenly board,
may the church that's waiting for you
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.
- 4 In your service, Lord, defend us;
in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world where you have sent us
let your kingdom come, O Lord.