

# *Blended Worship Service*

*Sunday, May 21, 2023*

*8:30 a.m.*

*\*People Standing*

## **\*Gathering and Singing**

*Before the Throne of God  
Holy Holy Holy*

## **\*Welcome and Announcements**

*Please sign the attendance register in your pew.*

## **Prayer Joys and Concerns**

**Call to Prayer**                      *Lord I Need You*

## **Morning Prayer**

## **Lord's Prayer**

## **\*Gospel Reading**

Acts 1:1-11

**Message**                      *Going Viral*                      Rev. David Deans

**\*Response**                      *I Surrender All  
Take My Life and Let It Be*

## **\*Benediction**

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

# *Celebration of Worship*

*Sunday, May 21, 2023*

*10:00 a.m.*

*\*Indicates the Congregation is asked to stand*

## *Ascension Sunday*

*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.*

**Reflection:** *"But why did the Holy Spirit not come to them while Christ was present, rather than immediately after his departure? Instead, although Christ ascended on the fortieth day, the Spirit came to them when the day of Pentecost had come. It was necessary for them to have a longing for the event, and so receive the grace."* (John Chrysostom, A.D. 347-407)

**Prelude** *Voluntary* William Boyce

**Choral Introit** *Alleluia* K. Lee Scott

**\*Opening Hymn – No. 715** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

### **\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Shout to God with songs of great joy!

People: **Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!**

Leader: God has made us whole.

People: **God has called us to be witnesses to the good news of Christ.**

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the love of God!

People: **Let us praise God's name and serve God joyfully.**

### **\*Opening Prayer**

**Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day. Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity, and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## \*Gloria Patri – No. 71

### Welcome and Announcements

*(Please sign the attendance register in your pew.)*

### Anthems

*Through the Eyes of a Child*  
(Junior Choir & CUMCWhats)

Patti Drennan

*Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong. They are weak, but He is strong.*

*The voice of a child, a tender gift of love; their innocence confirming their song to God above. Oh, to have a childlike faith that sees all life brand-new.*

*Lord, give me a simple heart to let Your light shine through. Praise Him.*

*Praise Him. Praise Him in the morning. Praise Him in noontime. Praise Him.*

*Praise. Praise Him when the sun goes down!*

*“Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these.” God loves His family. He looks at them and smiles, seeing their faithful love, through the eyes of a child.*

*Love Him. Love Him. Love Him I the morning. Love Him in the noontime.*

*Love Him when the sun goes down.*

*Thuma Mina*

Traditional Zulu (Isaiah 6:8)

(Jr. Choir & Sunday School, with soloist, Aubrey Bannon) arr. Clara Kelly

*Thuma mina, Somandla. (Send me, Almighty.)*

*Send me, Jesus. Send me, Lord. Lead me, Jesus. Lead me, Lord.*

### Giving Thanks for Scouting Ministries

#### Morning Prayer

**O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

#### Quiet Prayer



## *Intercessory Prayer Concerns*

### **For the week of May 21<sup>st</sup>:**

Janice Arcieri

Brenda Sutton

Lance

Max Wiener

Jane

Jeff Farley

Barbara

Bill Mercier

Dave Bailey

Jim Blackwell

Betty Taylor

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

This week we pray for: *Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles*

### **We are thankful for:**

- the spectacular scenery, exotic plants, rare animals and abundant sea life that flourish in the region
- how people who are ethnically and religiously diverse have long lived together
- the economic developments that have lifted some out of poverty
- the vital evangelism, social and public witness of churches, and how the churches relate to people of other faiths.

### **We pray for:**

- the fragile environment and the unique plants, animals and lands, that they will be protected, especially as the sea rises
- tourism and other economic developments, that they will not threaten, but enhance life for all the people in these countries
- churches, that they will grow through evangelistic efforts and in their work with those of other faiths
- Christians to be bolder in their public witness for justice and reconciliation, especially in times of political turmoil.

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

Sunday, May 21, 2023 ~ 7:00 p.m.



***Contemporary***

***Praise***

***Celebration***

**Opening Song: *"This is Amazing Grace"***

**Welcome & Birthdays**

*Karen Higby*

**Words of Praise: Psalm 91: 15**

*Mary Coates*

**Praise & Worship:**

*"Hosanna, Praise Is Rising"*

*"Overcome"*

**Greeting & Passing of the Peace**

**Offering & Music Video:**

*"Beloved" - Jordan Feliz*

**Announcements, Joys & Concerns**

**Prayer and Reflection**

**Scripture Reading: Acts 1: 1-11**

**Message: *Karen Higby***

**Closing Song: *"I Will Follow"***

## **Week of May 21 - 27, 2023**

### **Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Blended Service	1:30 p.m. A.A., 206
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	3:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 385, 202
10:00 a.m. Sunday School	3:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 2499, 204
11:00 a.m. Swahili Worship	3:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 126/1380
11:15 a.m. Jr. Choir, 206	7:00 p.m. Praise Service

### **Monday – Pastor David’s Sabbath**

6:30 p.m. PEO, 211	7:00 p.m. BSA 307G, SR
7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Library	7:00 p.m. Round Dance, SH

### **Tuesday**

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Library	7:00 p.m. Finance, 211
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., 206
4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 884, SR	

### **Wednesday**

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

### **Thursday**

4:15 p.m. Girl Scouts 178, SR	7:00 p.m. Grief Group, Library
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 2499, 204	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, 209
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 1640, SR	

### **Friday**

11:00 a.m. MS Support, 211	9:00 p.m. HS Youth, SH
7:30 p.m. MS Youth, SH	

### **Saturday**

8:00 a.m. Methodist Girls	12:00 p.m. AA, 208
9:00 a.m. Ballroom Dance, SH	1:30 p.m. Round Dance, SH

**The altar flowers** are given in loving memory of Dolores “Norn” Blontz. We love and miss you! Melvin Blontz and family.

**The bulletins** are given in memory of Lt. Todd Bryant and Lt. Tim Moshier.

<b>Serving today:</b>	<b><u>8:30 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>10:00 a.m.</u></b>
<b>Greeters:</b>	Pat & Ed Johnson	Janice & Jack Barber
<b>Interpreter:</b>		Sandy Brown
<b>Lector:</b>		Jan Strevig
<b>Steward:</b>	Samantha Shepherd	

**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.

**2023 Offering Envelopes are here!** If you asked for envelopes, please pick them up in the back of the parlor. If you would like envelopes and there aren't any there for you, please call the church office.

**Has God put it on your heart to join a Bible Study?** Heed the call and join in this week to learn about Spiritual Gifts. Meeting times are:

- Monday 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Church Library
- Tuesday for Women 10:30 a.m. -noon in the church Library
- Wednesday for Men 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in Room 211

There are other Bible Study groups available, studying additional Scripture and topics, email [mistytroll@catonsvilleumc.org](mailto:mistytroll@catonsvilleumc.org) to find out more.

**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!

**Give A Helping Hand** - Night of Peace is a homeless shelter in the Windsor Mill area continually helping approximately 10-15 parents and children. They provide food, shelter, and support in a safe environment while their families work to transition to permanent housing. You can help with their ongoing wish list of needs: kids and women’s socks, underwear and slippers, diapers, grocery store gift cards, snacks, disposable dinnerware, cereal, laundry detergent, etc. A full wishlist is posted outside of Loriann Hughes’ office. Donations are accepted each month on the Fourth Sunday.

**Time for Prayer** - The Upper Room (Prayer Room in the Balcony level) is open for prayer throughout the week. It is available any time the Church Office is open (Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.) and also in the evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. You may have to turn on the lights yourself (small white switch boxes are located just inside the door to the right, on the wire shelf). Feel free to turn on the music and enjoy your time in prayer. It is possible that someone else may be praying at the same time; it’s okay, there’s plenty of space for multiple people at the same time.

**Warm Welcome Lunch** is looking for a few more volunteers to help with cooking, serving, and clean-up. While we have a great group of dedicated folks who work every month, with the summer months upon us, we are in need of some additional help. Info - contact Bill Jones, 410-314-2834.

### Monthly Financial Report

<b>Tithing Income</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>2023 Operating Fund – YTD</b>	
Peak year – 2017	61,383	203,911	199,757	Total Income
2018	61,774	220,453	(197,628)	Total Expenses
2019	70,748	220,083	<b>2,129</b>	<b>Offering Net Deficit</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>58,904</b>	<b>199,757</b>		

*Average needed every month: \$54,395  
Thank you to all our very faithful donors.*

**CAMP HOPE** is the summer high school mission trip. We go out to western Maryland, stay in the Frostburg State University dorms, and work on houses in and around Cumberland, MD. We have built ramps, painted homes, replaced/repainted roofs, replaced floors, etc. There are 6 available youth (14-18) spots and 1 young adult (19-24) spot remaining. Cost is \$450, with all but 2 meals covered. Applications can be found on the youth bulletin board or contact Loriann 443-794-0805.

**Baltimore County Christian Workcamp (BCCWC)** is celebrating 40 years of helping disadvantaged people in Baltimore County during their annual work week July 16 – 22, 2023. CUMC has long been a supporter of this important mission week, building ramps and other things to make life a little better for these clients. Different from mission trips across the US or abroad, this local mission allows you to work a day or two or the week, whatever fits your schedule. BCCWC is returning to some of the previous activities before Covid by having an opening dinner at Hunts UMC on July 16, breakfast at Hunts Monday through Friday and a dinner with reports on work accomplished on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The closing ceremony with awards and communion will be at Epworth UMC on Saturday, July 22. A new award, the **Chip Day Award**, will be given to a person or group meeting established criteria in memory of CUMC's own Chip Day. If interested in working, please go to the BCCWC page at [www.bcchristianworkcamp.org](http://www.bcchristianworkcamp.org)

**Do you have a gift for hospitality?** We need you! Please consider becoming a host/hostess for the casual reception time following the 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services. Helping involves arriving a few minutes before the service to set out the cookies. That's all (besides being a warm and inviting person)! Please email [mistytroll@catonsvilleumc.org](mailto:mistytroll@catonsvilleumc.org) to claim your Sunday.

**Altar flowers** are available for dedication to a loved one on July 23 and July 30. The cost is \$55. Please call or email the church office if you are interested.

**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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*Michael Schmitt – Early Music & Communications Coordinator*

## Rejoice, the Lord Is King

- 1 Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
- 2 Jesus, the Savior, reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when He has purged our stains,  
He took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
- 3 His kingdom cannot fail;  
He rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of earth and hell  
are to our Jesus given.  
Lift up your heart,  
Lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
- 4 Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Jesus the Judge shall come  
and take His servants up  
to their eternal home.  
We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice;  
The trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

## Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire

- 1 Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire,  
let us thine influence prove;  
source of the old prophetic fire,  
fountain of life and love.
- 2 Come, Holy Ghost, for, moved by thee,  
the prophets wrote and spoke:  
unlock the truth, thyself the key,  
unseal the sacred book.

- 3 Expand thy wings, celestial Dove,  
brood o'er our nature's night;  
on our disordered spirits move,  
and let there now be light.
- 4 God, through the Spirit we shall know,  
if thou within us shine;  
and sound, with all thy saints below,  
the depths of love divine.

### **Here I Am. Lord**

- 1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and 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.

- 2 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]
- 3 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]