

Blended Worship Service

Sunday, August 20, 2023

8:30 a.m.

**People Standing*

***Gathering and Singing**

*Before the Throne of God
Crown Him (Majesty)*

***Welcome and Announcements**

Prayer Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer *How Deep the Father's Love For Us*

Morning Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 17:1-26, 31-51

Message

*Don't Face Your Fears Alone
Part 2: Facing the Impossible*

Rev. David Deans

Communion

***Response**

*How Great Thou Art
Great Are You Lord*

***Benediction**

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

Celebration of Worship

Sunday, August 20, 2023

10:00 a.m.

**Indicates the Congregation is asked to stand*

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

*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.*

Prelude *Two Settings on “Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word”* J. S. Bach

***Opening Hymn – No. 110** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

***Words of Worship** (From Psalm 9)

Leader: Those who know your name put their trust in you, O Lord.

People: **For you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.**

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.

People: **We will declare your wonderful deeds among all the people.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

***Opening Prayer**

You are great, O God, and deserving of praise.

**Your works attest to your grandeur;
your love exceeds comprehension.**

**Wherever we look, we see signs of your splendor;
the good that we do is a result of your grace.**

**You fill your sanctuary
with the presence of your Holy Spirit;
you send your Word, Jesus, to dwell in our midst.**

**We are surrounded by testimony
to your loving goodness;
we bow down before you
and give you our praise. Amen.**

***Gloria Patri – No. 70**

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Morning Prayer

**O God, your goodness surrounds us,
your grace sustains us,
your mercy redeems us;
by your love we are saved.**

**We come before you,
offering our praise for your indwelling Spirit
who makes all things possible.**

**And we give you thanks for Christ Jesus,
who sends us new life.**

**Strengthened by your presence,
we confess anew our trust
in your goodness and power.**

**We are people of your grace,
fully dependent on your mercy.**

**Overcome our fears
and grant that we would step out boldly
to love others as you command
and do what is right
even when things look impossible. Amen.**

Quiet Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Giving and Receiving of Our Tithes and Offering

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 *Meditation on "How Great Thou Art"* Joyce Jones

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

***Hymn – No. 77** *How Great Thou Art*

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 17:1-26, 31-51

Sermon *Don't Face Your Fears Alone* Rev. David Deans
Part 2: Facing the Impossible

***Hymn - No. 374** *Standing on the Promises*

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

Giving the Bread and the Cup

Come forward via the center aisle to receive. You may commune immediately after receiving the elements, either where you are or at the rail, or you may take them back to your seat via the side aisles.

***Closing Hymn – No. 139** *Praise to the Lord the Almighty*

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress

Max Reger

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Notes:

Intercessory Prayer Concerns

For the week of August 20th:

Janice Arcieri	Brenda Sutton	Max Wiener
Jane	Jeff Farley	Barbara
Bill Mercier	Jim Blackwell	Betty Taylor
Greg Martin	Marjie Havens	Kathy
Rose Caldwell		

This week we pray for: *Liberia, Sierra Leone*

We are **thankful** for:

- the natural resources in these countries, that they might benefit the peace and welfare of all
- the diverse ethnic and religious groups who long have lived together in peace and harmony, especially the Muslims and Christians in Sierra Leone
- democratic election of leaders who have brought political stability and accountability
- how diseases such as Ebola have been brought under control.

We **pray** for:

- the churches in these countries, for their evangelism and social outreach, faithful witness and action in times of conflict, and for interfaith cooperation with others
- the majority of the people who are still impoverished, that adequate services and policies will be provided that enable them to live with dignity and good health
- more just governance, free of corruption, accountable to the people, and that manages resources in ways that benefit all.

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

Week of August 20 - 26, 2023

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Blended Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study, 211
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
11:00 a.m. Swahili Service, SH
1:30 p.m. A.A., 206

Monday

7:00 p.m. BSA 307G, SR
7:00 p.m. Round Dance, SH

Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Library
1:30 p.m. Grief Group, Library
7:00 p.m. BSA 307B, SR, SH
7:00 p.m. Nominations, 211
8:00 p.m. A.A., 206

Wednesday

11:30 a.m. Warm Welcome Lunch
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawls, Library
7:00 p.m. Toastmasters, 206

Thursday

7:00 p.m. Square Dance, SH
7:00 p.m. Grief Group, Library

Friday

10:00 a.m. MS Support, 211

Saturday

8:00 a.m. Methodist Girls
12:00 p.m. AA, 208

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The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Patricia A. Moss on her birthday, August 24th by her daughter Patti Blaha and family.

The flower arrangement on the altar is given with love and honor of Kathleen Bowman's 105th Birthday by her children: Tom, Arlene, Paul, Emma and Donna.

The bulletins are given in loving memory of my daughter and family by Stephanie Young.

Serving today:	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>
Greeters:	Scott Ensor Luke Ensor	Jan Strevig Deb Henkel
Interpreter:		Cheryl Haskins
Lectors:		Glenda & Dick Henkel
Communion Servers:	Scott Ensor Luke Ensor	Ginger Bartlett Marge Odom Rick Buckingham
Steward:	Logan Shaner	

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

The Evening Praise Service will not be held tonight.

We have a lovely **Parent and Little Ones Room** available during the Sunday morning service times. Young children are certainly welcome in the Sanctuary; this room is another option for parents with babies or toddlers who may need it. Downstairs one level, in Room 210, you will find rocking chairs, toys, books, and a live stream of the worship service, so you may continue joining for worship. If you need anything while you are there, please ask the steward in the Church Office.

We celebrate that Hope Susanna Jacobson was born on Saturday, August 12, 2023 to David and Katie Jacobson. 8 lbs. 2 oz., 50.5 cm. Mother and baby are home and doing well. The rose on the altar is in honor of her birth.

Pastor David is on a four-week paternity leave beginning this week. The United Methodist Church provides pastors with 8 weeks of paternity leave upon the arrival of a new child, however Pastor David has requested a shorter leave. During this time, should anyone have a pastoral need, such as a medical concern, a death, or a family or personal struggle, please contact the church office. Voicemail messages and email messages will be checked regularly. Pastoral care will be available.

It is almost time for Sunday School to begin again! Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 10th for **Rally Day!** That is the kick-off day for the new Sunday School year. The children will join in for the beginning of the 10:00 a.m. worship service and then have their first day of Sunday School together. Register your children online at catonsvilleumc.org/sunday-school/register. If you have any questions about Sunday School, please email mistytroll@catonsvilleumc.org.

Backpack reminder - Thank you to all who took backpacks to be filled, all 120 have been taken! Please return your filled backpacks no later than Sunday, August 20th. Help is needed for delivery to the schools the week of August 21st-25th. If you are able to help, please contact Janice Barber at (410)747-3797 or jbarber@umd.edu.

On behalf of our family, we would like to thank all of you who generously donated to our Casey Cares fundraiser. Because of you, we raised more than \$1,000 for critically ill children and their families. Without your support, this would not have been possible. Thank you, thank you. The Buck's

Fall Rummage Sale Donations - if possible, need to be **packed in boxes**, not more than 14 inches high so they will fit on shelving unit shelves, labeled and flaps closed. We must store all donations in our rummage closet and using boxes will help meet this requirement. Labeled garbage bags can be used for comforters, pillows, large toys & stuffed animals. All clothing and linens, only, labeled with their size, must be clean and without stains or holes. Donations can be dropped off from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays beginning on August 15th. There will be two metal shelving units and 2 hand carts in the social hall entrance outside the elevator that can be used to transport donations to the social hall. Under no circumstances should donations be left in the vestibule area as you enter the church from the parking lot. We have no leftover donations from last year so we need all you have to give. Thank you. Contact Darlene, 410-788-3139, or darlenes@comcast.net, if you have questions.

It's exciting that the 2024 Guatemala mission team is forming now! If you'd like to have an experience that will bless your life beyond measure, please consider joining the team. The trip, which supports Jessalyn Waddell's Steps of Hope mission, will be February 17-24, 2024. The team will love on the children there, lead Bible School, and build bunk beds for SOH students. Construction needs at SOH and in the homes of some students will be planned, and we're hoping to begin prepping the new SOH property! If interested, please come to an orientation session on September 18 at 7 pm in Room 211. Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis through October 15. For more information, contact Donna D'Arcy at gramof5girls@gmail.com. If you'd like to support the team with a monetary donation, pew envelopes may be used. Please make check payable to CUMC, with Guatemala VIM in the memo line. Thank you!

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.

Catonsville Emergency Assistance Really Needs Our Help!



Why CEA needs our help more than ever*:

- A decline in monetary donations
 - Increase in food costs
- Food from MD Food Bank is not as readily available
 - More families need assistance

Be a blessing to others by helping CEA with a donation of food or support CEA directly with a monetary donation, in honor of our children and the VBS Food Truck theme.



A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

How Great Thou Art

- 1 O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]
- 3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]
- 4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim: my God, how great thou art! [Refrain]

Standing on the Promises

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

2. Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

3. Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]
4. Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear; now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning;
bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining!
God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds.
Hast thou not known his sustaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee..
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.
- 4 Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee;
Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,
Spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.