

# *Blended Worship Service*

*Sunday, September 17, 2023*

*8:30 a.m.*

*\*People Standing*

## **\*Gathering and Singing**

*God So Loved  
Rock of Ages*

## **\*Welcome and Announcements**

## **Prayer Joys and Concerns**

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

## **Morning Prayer**

## **\*Gospel Reading**

Matthew 18:21-35

## **Message**

*Forgiven to Forgive*

Rev. David Jacobson

## **Communion**

## **\*Response**

*O Come to the Altar  
Softly and Tenderly*

## **\*Benediction**

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

# *Celebration of Worship*

*Sunday, September 17, 2023*

*10:00 a.m.*

*\*Indicates the Congregation is asked to stand*

## *Sixteenth 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 Improvisations on “For the Beauty of the Earth”* Burkhardt

**Choral Introit** *We Have Come to Worship the Lord* Charles Yannerella  
*We have come to worship the Lord. Praise and glorify his name.  
Worship the Lord, Christ Jesus.*

**\*Opening Hymn – No. 92** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

**\*Words of Worship** (by Nancy Townley)

Leader: When the tides of fear seem to overwhelm us, we cry out...

People: **Lord, come to us and lead us to paths of safety!**

Leader: When we feel lost and alone and we wonder if anyone cares about us, we cry out...

People: **Lord, come and heal our wounded spirits!**

Leader: When turbulence within and without seem to threaten us, we cry out...

People: **Lord, bring us peace.**

**\*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.**



**\*Gospel Reading**

Matthew 18:21-35

**Sermon**

*Forgiven to Forgive*

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**Hymn of Communion – No. 638**

*This Is the Feast of Victory*

**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. 24**

*Musical Setting E*

**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. Please indicate to an usher if you wish to receive communion in your pew. Pre-packaged and gluten free elements are available upon request.*

## 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. 670**

*Go Forth for God*

## \*Benediction

**Choral Benediction**      *The Lord Be with You*      Charles Yannerella  
*The Lord be with you to protect you. His grace be with you all your days.  
His peace and his love enfold you, Amen.*

## Postlude

*Maestoso*      Felix Mendelssohn  
(from Organ Sonata No.3 in A Major)

### Streaming Permissions for 10:00 Service

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Sunday, September 17, 2023 ~ 7:00 p.m.

## ***Contemporary Praise Celebration***



**Opening Song (Tim): "Shine"**

**Welcome & Birthdays**

*Karen Higby*

**Words of Praise: Psalm 63: 1 - 3**

*Mary Coates*

**Praise & Worship (Tim):**

*"Here I Am to Worship"*

*"Give Thanks"*

*"We Believe"*

**Greeting & Passing of the Peace**

**Offering & Music Video:**

*"Where Forgiveness Is" - Sidewalk Prophets*

**Announcements, Joys & Concerns**

**Prayer and Reflection**

**Scripture Reading: Matthew 18: 21- 35**

**Message: David Jacobson**

*"Forgiven to Forgive"*

**Closing Song (Tim): "This Is Amazing Grace"**

## *Intercessory Prayer Concerns*

**For the week of September 17<sup>th</sup> :**

Janice Arcieri

Brenda Sutton

Ann (Higby) Lwin

Jeff Farley

Brian

Rose Caldwell

Bill Mercier

Jim Blackwell

Greg Martin

This week we pray for: *Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay*

We are **thankful** for:

- individuals, churches and other organizations who remain committed to seeking healing, justice and truth
- the furthering of human rights and democratic institutions
- the ways in which those of different faiths and ethnicities are working together for the common good and for the needs of people and creation
- how churches, from out of what people are experiencing, have led global ecumenical work for an economy that serves life.

We **pray** for:

- greater respect for Indigenous people and greater acceptance of all peoples across bounds of ethnicity and religion
- The protection of children from violence and abuse, and recognition of their rights and dignity
- effective help and empowerment for those who live in poverty and other marginalizing situations
- those who protect and care for the region's threatened soil, forests, waters, glaciers
- truth and justice in continuing investigations to find those responsible for crimes against humanity, and continued healing for those affected
- economic development that benefits all and effectively addresses the systemic factors that impede it.

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

## Week of September 17 - 23, 2023

### Sunday

8:30 a.m. Blended Service  
9:45 a.m. Bible Study, 211  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
11:00 a.m. Swahili Service, SH  
1:30 p.m. A.A., 206  
7:00 p.m. Praise Service

### Monday

7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Library  
7:00 p.m. Round Dance, SH  
7:00 p.m. BSA 307G, SR  
7:00 p.m. Guatemala VIM, 211

### Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Library  
11:00 a.m. Prayer Time  
1:30 p.m. Grief Group, Library  
4:30 p.m. Daisy 884, SR  
7:00 p.m. Staff-Parish, 211  
7:00 p.m. BSA 307B, SR, SH  
7:00 p.m. GS Greenhats, 208  
8:00 p.m. A.A., 206

### Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Music Together, 206  
11:30 a.m. Warm Welcome Lunch  
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawls, Library  
6:00 p.m. Cubs 307, 202-5, 305  
7:00 p.m. Bible Study, 211

### Thursday

4:30 p.m. Brownies 178, SR  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 1640, 2499  
7:00 p.m. Square Dance, SH  
7:00 p.m. Grief Group, Library  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, 209

### Friday

7:30 p.m. MS Youth, SH  
9:00 p.m. HS Youth

### Saturday

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

**The altar flowers** are given in loving memory of Lionel Burgess by Donna & Jeff D'Arcy.

**The bulletins** are given in loving memory of Lionel Burgess by Donna & Jeff D'Arcy.

<b>Serving today:</b>	<b><u>8:30 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>10:00 a.m.</u></b>
<b>Greeters:</b>	Joanne Feustle Scott Ensor	Jan Strevig
<b>Interpreter:</b>		Sandy Brown
<b>Lector:</b>	Deb Henkel	
<b>Communion Servers:</b>	Joanne Feustle Scott Ensor	Ginger Bartlett Marge Odom Rick Buckingham
<b>Steward:</b>	Samantha Shepherd	

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

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.

**Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on** Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Social Hall. The timing is different from our usual times due to Red Cross scheduling. To schedule your lifesaving donation, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code catonsvilleumc or contact Janice Barber at (410)747-3797.

**Join a Small Group Bible Study!** One of the best ways to grow in your Bible knowledge, connections with others, and your faith is to attend a small group meeting during the week. Church on Sunday is wonderful of course, but a small group meeting is fulfilling and life giving in a different way. We hope you will consider joining a small group.

**New series starting this fall:**

Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in Room 211: The book of Acts (begins 9/24)

Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Library (began 9/11)

Tuesdays for Women at 10:30 a.m. - Church Library (began 9/12)

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in Room 211: Spiritual Gifts (began 9/6)

**An orientation meeting for anyone interested in joining the 2024 Guatemala mission team will be held September 18 at 7 pm in Room 211.** The mission trip, which supports Jessalyn Waddell's Steps of Hope mission, will be February 17-24, 2024. The big news is that the team will begin prepping the new SOH property so construction there can begin soon!! We also will love on the children, lead Bible School, build bunk beds for SOH students, and complete other projects as needed. For more information, contact Donna D'Arcy at [gramof5girls@gmail.com](mailto: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!

**Youth Group has returned on Friday nights!** Middle school is 7:30-9:15 p.m. and high school is 8:45-11:00 p.m. Please be sure to sign-in on your way in the door. Snacks and drinks are \$1 each. Friends are always welcome. If you are a first timer, there will be some paperwork to fill out. One chaperone is needed each Friday for both groups. Parents please be sure to take a turn! Sign up

@ <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0948ACAC23A1F49-soul#/>

**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.

**Young Musicians!** Tim Pyle and Mary Coates - former longtime members of CUMC's praise band - are interested in helping to coach the next generation of contemporary Christian music performers in our community. If you are of high school/college age and moderately proficient in voice or an instrument, this experience could be for you. The goal is not solely in improving your specific skill (although that will no doubt result), the focus is on preparing for performance experience and to work together in a group for worship – hopefully for an audience in the Spring! Meetings will begin later this fall once a week on Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 8:30. Email Tim Pyle at [tim@trpyle.com](mailto:tim@trpyle.com) or call/text 410-340-2292 if you are interested. Non-CUMC youth are welcome.

**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. 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. Thank you. Contact Darlene, 410-788-3139, or [darlenes@comcast.net](mailto:darlenes@comcast.net), if you have questions.

**Do you love books** and enjoy being in the presence of books? We need your help in the Church Library! The work involved could be as much or as little as you would like. Main duties are getting people interested in and using the library, reshelving books, and processing new books using light computer work (all directions are provided). We have a wonderful resource to have our own Church Library – let us use it and take care of it well. Please contact 410-747-1886 or [cumc21228@verizon.net](mailto:cumc21228@verizon.net) if you can help out in any way.

## For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies;

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light; (Refrain)
3. For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight; (Refrain)
4. For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild; (Refrain)
5. For thy church, that evermore  
lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore  
her pure sacrifice of love; (Refrain)
6. For thyself, best Gift Divine,  
to the world so freely given,  
for that great, great love of thine,  
peace on earth, and joy in heaven: (Refrain)

## Freely, Freely

1. God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,  
I've been born again in Jesus' name,  
and in Jesus' name I come to you,  
to share His love as He told me to.

### **Refrain**

He said, "Freely, freely you have received,  
freely, freely give.  
Go in my name, and because you believe,  
others will know that I live."

2. All power is given in Jesus' name,  
in earth and heaven in Jesus' name,  
and in Jesus' name I come to you,  
to share His power as he told me to.

## This is the Feast of Victory

**Refrain:** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. 1. Worthy  
is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

### **Refrain**

2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

### **Refrain**

3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.

### **Refrain**

4. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

### **Refrain**

5. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

### **Final Refrain**

## Go Forth for God

1. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;  
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,  
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,  
till in the kingdom we see face to face.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.
  2. Go forth for God, go to the world in love;  
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;  
help the afflicted; richly from above  
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in love.
  3. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength,  
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;  
render to no one evil; Christ at length  
shall overcome all darkness with his light.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.
  4. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,  
to serve God's people every day and hour,  
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,  
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.
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