

Blended Worship Service

Sunday, September 24, 2023

8:30 a.m.

**People Standing*

***Gathering and Singing**

*Love Came Down
Praise to the Lord the Almighty*

***Welcome and Announcements**

Prayer Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer *Goodness of God*

Morning Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Epistle Reading *Philippians 1:21-30*

Message *The Cross-Shaped Life* *Rev. David Jacobson*

***Response** *Lord I Need You
Take My Life and Let It Be*

***Benediction**

Offering plates are available as you leave.

Celebration of Worship

Sunday, September 24, 2023

10:00 a.m.

**Indicates the Congregation is asked to stand*

Seventeenth 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 *All Glory Be to God on High* Johann Walther

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. 662** *Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We come to praise our God, whose steadfast love is always with us.

People: **God does not stand by idly but fills us with grace to share.**

Leader: We are here to praise Jesus, who chooses to be gracious with all.

People: **Jesus does not stand by idly, but brings justice to all treated unfairly.**

Leader: We will praise the Spirit in these moments, who is always at our side.

People: **The Spirit is with us now and always, so we may live as faithful people.**

***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.

***Closing Hymn – No. 396**

O Jesus, I Have Promised

***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

Dialogue

Guillaume-Gabriel Nivers

Streaming Permissions for 10:00 Service

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Intercessory Prayer Concerns

For the week of September 24th:

Janice Arcieri

Brenda Sutton

Ann (Higby) Lwin

Jeff Farley

Brian

Rose Caldwell

Bill Mercier

Jim Blackwell

Greg Martin

This week we pray for: *Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru*

We are **thankful** for:

- the distinctive rhythms, music, dance, food and natural medicine in this area
- the beauty of the region, forests, mountains, rivers, lakes, and ocean coastlines, and especially indigenous peoples' relationship with, and care for, the natural environment
- churches who witness and work both ecumenically and with those of other faiths to build relationships of trust and commitment amid ongoing injustice and oppression
- the diversity of languages and cultures flourishing in the region despite disruptions that have occurred through colonization, and political and economic turmoil.

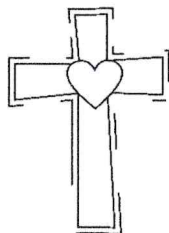
We **pray** for:

- Christians to have the courage, imagination and energy to build bridges of peace and understanding against conflict and division, and to pursue justice for the poor, marginalized and dispossessed
- an end of corruption in all levels of the society, including economic exploitation which impoverishes and hinders economic growth from benefitting all.
- immigrants and refugees seeking a new home, and those who accompany and support them
- coca farmers to find sustainable incomes from other crops, for an end to drug trafficking, and effective assistance for those who are addicted.

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

Sunday, September 24, 2023 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Contemporary Praise Celebration



Opening Song: *"Revelation Song"*

Welcome & Birthdays

Karen Higby

Words of Praise: Psalm 111: 2 - 3

Mary Coates

Praise & Worship:

"I Believe It"

"Build My Life"

Greeting & Passing of the Peace

Offering & Music Video:

"I Will Carry You"- Ellie Holcomb

Announcements, Joys & Concerns

Prayer and Reflection

Scripture Reading: Phillipians 1: 21 - 30

Message: *David Jacobson*

"The Cross-Shaped Life"

Closing Song: *"I Will Follow"*

Week of September 24 -30, 2023

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Blended Service	11:00 a.m. Swahili Service, SH
9:45 a.m. Bible Study, 211	1:30 p.m. A.A., 206
10:00 a.m. Sunday School	7:00 p.m. Praise Service
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	7:00 p.m. Crew 307, SR

Monday – Pastor’s Sabbath

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

Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Library	4:30 p.m. Daisy 884, SR
11:00 a.m. Prayer Time	7:00 p.m. BSA 307B, SR, SH
1:30 p.m. Grief Group, Library	7:00 p.m. Ad Council, Parlor
4:00 p.m. BS 307B, SH	8:00 p.m. A.A., 206

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Music Together, 206	6:45 p.m. Co-Op, SH
11:30 a.m. Warm Welcome Lunch	7:00 p.m. Bible Study, 211
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawls, Library	7:00 p.m. Toastmasters, 206
6:00 p.m. Cubs 307, 202-5, 305	

Thursday

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

Friday

10:00 a.m. MS Support, 211	9:00 p.m. HS Youth
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	12:00 p.m. AA Variety Show, SH

The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Gwen Behrens by her children and grandchildren.

The bulletins are given in honor of our children, Will, Chris, and Alina by Janet & Sean Coleman.

Serving today:	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>
Greeters:	Cathy Barry	Linda & Dave Heinmuller
Interpreter:		Ronisha Green
Lector:	Chuck Gehrman	
Steward:	Amelia Troll	

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 5th 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 and enter sponsor code catonsvilleumc or contact Janice Barber at (410)747-3797.

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.

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 started 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)

Rummage Sale Donations Really Needed - Only 3 weeks remain for dropping off donations before the actual sale on October 20th & 21st. In addition to the Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday. from 10-1:30, you can drop off Monday-Thursday from 6:30 - 8 pm and Saturday. 12 - 2 pm.

Volunteers, men, women and youth needed for sorting toys, childrens, women & mens clothing, housewares, linens, books, household, treasures, electronics, sports & pet donations. We will be working Monday, October 16th thru Thursday, October 19th from 9 am - 8 pm. Come often, work at least 1 hour and donate your hours to youth, missions, Guatemala team, boys and girls scouts, mens group or the Deborah, Lydia, Abigail Circles. Please call Darlene, 410-788-3139, or email, darlenes@comcast.net or Del Kazee, 410-750-1576, if you can help with sorting or the sale Friday evening (4-7 p.m.), Saturday, (8-11 a.m.), or clean up Saturday (11 a.m.-2 p.m.). 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#/>

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 or call/text 410-340-2292 if you are interested. Non-CUMC youth are welcome.

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! 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!

Have you ever considered being a Sunday School teacher or helper? Or were you one in the past and might be ready to teach again? We would love to have your help in Sunday School. Substitute teachers who teach occasionally are needed, as well as someone who might enjoy teaching every other week (or more). The impact you have on the children is powerful. Prayerfully consider if you can help in some way. Please email mistytroll@catonsvilleumc.org or leave a message at the church, if interested. Thank you!

* Gift Card (Scrip) News *

We are excited to offer pre-orders for some of the most requested cards for your Holiday gift giving. Buying scrip is a convenient way to support the church; you purchase cards at face value and the church receives a discount which is then applied to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Order forms are available at the entrances and outside the church office. Please return the completed order form and check (payable to CUMC) to the Church Office by **October 31**. The office is currently open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10:00 – 2:00. You may also mail the form/check to CUMC, 6 Melvin Avenue, Catonsville, MD 21228. *Please remember to add your contact information (name, phone number, and email address) to the order form.* Orders will be available for pickup in the Church Office in December.

Please email Steve Haines at STEVELHS@verizon.net with any questions. Please note, the form is not a complete listing of all the gift cards available. If you are interested in purchasing a gift card for a brand/store that is not listed on the form, please reach out to Steve and he will get back to you and let you know if it's available for purchase.

REMEMBER: Orders are due by October 31.

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

1. Stand up and bless the Lord,
ye people of his choice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God
with heart and soul and voice.
2. Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear his holy name,
and laud and magnify?
3. O for the living flame
from his own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought!
4. God is our strength and song,
and his salvation ours;
then be his love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers.
5. Stand up and bless the Lord;
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless his glorious name,
henceforth forevermore.

More Love to Thee, O Christ

1. More love to thee, O Christ,
more love to thee!
Hear thou the prayer I make
on bended knee.
This is my earnest plea:
More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!
2. Once earthly joy I craved,
sought peace and rest;
now thee alone I seek,
give what is best.
This all my prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ, to thee;

more love to thee,
more love to thee!

3. Let sorrow do its work,
come grief and pain;
sweet are thy messengers,
sweet their refrain,
when they can sing with me:
More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!

4. Then shall my latest breath
whisper thy praise;
this be the parting cry
my heart shall raise;
this still its prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!

O Jesus, I Have Promised

1. O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.
2. O let me feel thee near me!
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.
3. O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will.

O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

4. O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend.