

Blended Worship Service

Sunday, November 12, 2023

8:30 a.m.

**People Standing*

***Gathering and Singing**

*This Is Amazing Grace
Cornerstone*

***Welcome and Announcements**

Prayer Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer *Lord, I Need You*

Morning Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 29:1, 10-14

***Gospel Reading**

John 15:1-8

Message *Vision and Values (Part 4): Steeped in Prayer and Scripture*
Rev. David Jacobson

***Response**

*Show Us Christ
Great Are You Lord*

***Benediction**

Offering plates are available as you leave.

Celebration of Worship

Sunday, November 12, 2023

10:00 a.m.

**Indicates the Congregation is asked to stand*

Twenty-Fourth 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 *Prelude on "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"* John Barr

Choral Introit *Praise the Lord in His Holy Temple* Charles Yannerella

Praise the Lord in his holy temple, praise the Lord in the firmament above.

praise him with the resounding trumpet, praise the Lord with timbrel and the dance. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord in the Highest!

***Opening Hymn – No. 88** *Maker, In Whom We Live*

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We come, seeking nourishment from the True Vine of Christ.

People: **We come, knowing the Lord will meet us.**

Leader: "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord.

People: **Through prayer and meditation on God's Word, we glimpse a future filled with hope.**

Leader: Let us seek the Lord with all our hearts. Let our prayers rise like incense.

People: **Joined in worship, we celebrate the God who feeds us, body and soul.**

***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**

Words of Welcome

Junior Choir with Sunday School *The Lord Is My Shepherd* McClure

The Lord is my shepherd; He takes care of me.

The Lord is my shepherd; I'll follow where He leads.

Beside the quiet water or through the green field,

The Lord is my shepherd; I'll follow where He leads.

I never will fear for He knows all my needs;

The Lord is my shepherd; I'll follow where He leads.

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Traditional

He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the wind and the rain in His hands.

He's got my brother and my sister in His hands.

A Time with the Children

Following the time with the children, children and youth are welcome to go to Sunday School. As is the case every Sunday, children are also welcome to remain in the worship service. The sounds of children bring us joy!

Announcements

Morning Prayer

Loving God, you caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Quiet Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

The Giving and Receiving of Our Tithes and Offering

Offertory Anthem *My Lord, What a Morning* African American spiritual
arr. Robert Hobby

*My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning;
oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.*

*You will hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall*

*You will hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.*

*You will hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.*

***Presentation of the Offering – No. 94** *Praise God*

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 29:1, 10-14 (Pew Bible p. 641)

***Hymn of Praise – No. 598** *O Word of God Incarnate*

***Gospel Reading** John 15:1-8 (Pew Bible p. 876)

Sermon *Vision and Values (Part 4): Steeped in Prayer and Scripture*
Rev. David Jacobson

***Hymn of Invitation – No. 526** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

***Benediction**

Choral Benediction *Hold Us Ever in Your Keeping* Gary Matheny
*Hold us ever in your keeping, comfort us in pain and strife. Constant hope
And faith renewing, lead us to a nobler life. Grant, O Lord your richest
blessing: Send your servants forth in peace.*

Postlude *Präludium* Dietrich Buxtehude

Intercessory Prayer Concerns

For the week of November 12th:

Janice Arcieri

Brenda Sutton

Ann (Higby) Lwin

Jeff & Lisa

Brian

Rose Caldwell

Bill Mercier

Greg Martin

Roger Atkinson

Jane Sneeringer

Sarah Pickeral

Sharon

This week we pray for: *Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia*

We are **thankful** for:

- the beauty of the land and waters of Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia, and the special relationship that people enjoy with the natural environment
- the identities and cultural practices that indigenous peoples long have maintained, and for their increasing political voice
- how the people have welcomed new immigrants
- how churches have witnessed and worked together ecumenically, especially amid challenges of apathy in highly secularized societies.

We **pray** for:

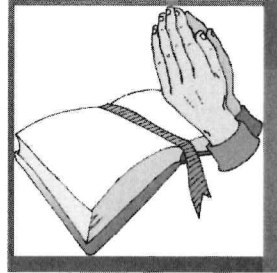
- churches to have the imagination, skills and energy to build bridges of understanding in increasingly multireligious and multicultural contexts
- those who work tirelessly on issues of justice for the poor, the marginalized and the dispossessed, especially indigenous peoples
- those seeking refuge and a new life in these countries, and those supporting and providing for them
- careful preservation of the fragile land, sea, and resources.

Our Working Vision Statement

We seek to be a hospitable and vibrant intergenerational community steeped in prayer and scripture and empowered by the Holy Spirit to make disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing the blessings of the kingdom of God in Catonsville and beyond.

Sunday, November 12, 2023 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Contemporary Praise Celebration



Opening Song: *"Holy Spirit You Are Welcome Here"*

Welcome & Birthdays

Karen Higby

Words of Praise: Psalm 40: 1 - 3 (MSG)

Mary Coates

Praise & Worship:

"Here I Am, Lord"

"Praise is Rising"

Greeting & Passing of the Peace

Offering & Music Video:

"The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)"- Matt Maher

Announcements, Joys & Concerns

Prayer and Reflection

Scripture Reading: John 15: 1 - 8

Message: *David Jacobson*

"Vision and Values (Part 4): Steeped in Prayer & Scripture"

Closing Song: *"I Give You My Heart"*

Week of November 12 - 18, 2023

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Blended Service	11:15 a.m. New Members, 211
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	1:30 p.m. A.A., 206
10:00 a.m. Sunday School	2:30 p.m. Girl Scout Chorus, SH
11:00 a.m. Jr. Choir, 206	5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 126/1380
11:00 a.m. Swahili Service, SH	7:00 p.m. Praise Service
11:15 a.m. WWL Volunteers, 208	

Monday – Pastor’s Sabbath

6:45 p.m. PEO, 211	7:00 p.m. Round Dance, SH
7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Library	7:00 p.m. BSA 307G, SR

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

4:30 p.m. Brownies 178, SR	7:00 p.m. Grief Group, Library
5:30 p.m. Thrive Thursday, SH	7:00 p.m. Square Dance, SH
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 1640, 2499	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, 209

Friday

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

8:00 a.m. Methodist Girls	9:00 a.m. Mustard Seed, Kit., Lib.
8:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study, 211	10:00 a.m. Sewing Guild, 211
9:00 a.m. Ballroom Dance, SH	12:00 p.m. AA, 208

The altar flowers are given in honor of our friend and neighbor, Emma Sue Solloway by Sharon & Doug Jones.

The flower arrangement is given in memory of Delores “Norn” Blontz for her birthday. We love and miss you. Mel Blontz & family.

The rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of Bailey Marie Roupe, daughter of Matt and Kristina Bowman Roupe, and first grandchild of Linda and Phil Bowman.

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

Serving today:	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>
Greeters:	Judy Mengers	Betty & Mike Taylor
Interpreter:		Sandy Brown
Lector:		Phil Bowman
Steward:	Samantha Shepherd	

Have you visited our **Upper Room Prayer Room** lately? We hope you will find time for stillness, prayer, and reflection there. The space will continue to be available now through November 21st, any time the church is open (Sundays, office hours, and Mon - Thurs evenings). As we make updates and create new stations for an Advent themed space, The Upper Room will be in transition for a week, and then will reopen on Sunday, December 3rd. It will remain open throughout Advent. Please plan a visit (or many visits). Prayer changes lives!

There will be a meeting of Warm Welcome Lunch volunteers on Sunday, November 12th at 11:15 a.m. in Room 208. We will be reviewing our successes and discussing whether there are any improvements we might want to consider. One item of business will be the ending time for the lunches. Hopefully most of you can attend but if you can't please pass on any comments/suggestions to Bill Jones.

Thrive Thursday will be held on Thursday, November 16th in the Social Hall starting at 5:30 p.m. Join us for a time of fellowship, nourishment (free dinner!), and casual worship. It is a meaningful time of praise, worship, and prayer and you will walk away filled spiritually!

Saturday morning men's Bible study is in Room 211, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Light breakfast is provided.

Support Holy Land Christians - Dr. George Ghanem, a native Christian from Bethlehem, will share during our morning services on November 19th. After each service, you're invited to explore a display of exquisite olivewood crafts in the hall outside our church office. These gifts will be great for occasions like weddings and religious holidays. These handcrafted items are made by the Christian families of Bethlehem who are facing severe economic challenges due to the decline in tourism and ongoing regional conflicts. Purchasing these crafts provides vital support to these families, preserving the dwindling Christian presence in the birthplace of Christ. Your support is crucial to sustain our faith's heritage and aid our Christian brothers and sisters. All proceeds will directly benefit the Christian artisans of Bethlehem.

Please join the United Methodist Men on Saturday, November 25th at 9:00 a.m. as we once again set up our beautiful creche on the front lawn. Any assistance is welcome. Contact Sean Coleman at umab8587@comcast.net for more information."

Poinsettia order envelopes are available at the entrances. Please use a separate envelope for each plant ordered but use one check for your entire order. Cost: \$10 per plant. Orders are due on November 19th.

Large-print bulletins are available from the greeters & ushers.

Wreaths for Baltimore National Cemetery – As of November 2nd only 2,000 wreaths are scheduled for delivery for the 37,000 sites on December 16th. If you would like to donate a wreath to be placed in the cemetery, please contact Sharon Loving, slloving@verizon.net by November 28th.

Holidays are a time of joyful celebration, and also a time to reflect on the bounty and blessings in your own life. CUMC will once again partner with CEA to provide holiday assistance to Catonsville families in need. CEA hopes to provide Walmart gift cards for families to purchase food, gifts and necessities for their children. Your donation will make the holidays merry and bright for local families. You can donate Walmart gift cards in \$25 or \$50 increments or cash/check donations marked "Holiday Missions" and leave them in the church office or the locked mailbox outside by the elevator entrance or donate through the website by selecting the "Holiday Missions" fund. All donations marked "Holiday Missions" will be used to support this project.

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.

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.

Monthly Financial Report

<u>Tithing Income</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>2023 Operating Fund - YTD</u>
Peak Year-2017	57,446	517,075	452,798 Total Income
2018	55,919	510,306	(513,842) Total Expenses
2019	44,303	505,978	(61,044) Offering Net Deficit
2023	50,717	452,798	

Average needed every month: 54,395

Thank you to our very faithful donors.

Other Income

31,847	Winters Lane Property
16,752	Trustees Funds
<u>5,257</u>	Endowment Funds
-7,189	Overall Net Surplus

Streaming Permissions for 10:00 Service

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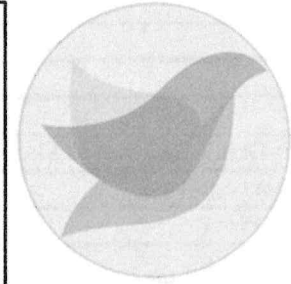
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Steps of Hope Fundraiser
at
Peace A Pizza

15 Mellor Ave., Catonsville



Wed., Nov. 15: 3-7

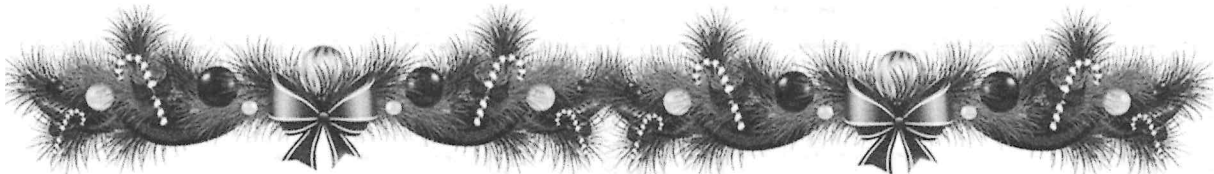
Support the education center in Santa María de Jesús, Guatemala.

20% of sales donated to Steps of Hope – Guatemala.

You must mention Steps of Hope at checkout.

Advance orders appreciated.

Call 410-747-2255



Mustard Seed Project
Sale

Sunday, November 19

9-12

Catonsville United Methodist Church

Stop in and browse the art, crafts and baked goods.

All proceeds benefit missions.

Maker, In Whom We Live

1. Maker, in whom we live,
in whom we are and move,
the glory, power, and praise receive
for thy creating love.
Let all the angel throng
give thanks to God on high,
while earth repeats the joyful song
and echoes to the sky.
2. Incarnate Deity,
let all the ransomed race
render in thanks their lives to thee
for thy redeeming grace.
The grace to sinners showed
ye heavenly choirs proclaim,
and cry, "Salvation to our God,
salvation to the Lamb!"
3. Spirit of Holiness,
let all thy saints adore
thy sacred energy, and bless
thine heart-renewing power.
Not angel tongues can tell
thy love's ecstatic height,
the glorious joy unspeakable,
the beatific sight.
4. Eternal, Triune God,
let all the hosts above,
let all on earth below record
and dwell upon thy love.
When heaven and earth are fled
before thy glorious face,
sing all the saints thy love hath made
thine everlasting praise.

O Word of God Incarnate

1. O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.
2. The church from you, our Savior,
received the gift divine,
and still that light is lifted
o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the sacred vessel
where gems of truth are stored;
it is the heaven-drawn picture
of Christ, the living Word.
3. The Scripture is a banner
before God's host unfurled;
it is a shining beacon
above the darkling world.
It is the chart and compass
that o'er life's surging tide,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands,
to you, O Christ, will guide.
4. O make your church, dear Savior,
a lamp of purest gold,
to bear before the nations
your true light as of old.
O teach your wandering pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see you face to face.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.
2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.