

# *Blended Worship Service*

*Sunday, January 28, 2024*

*8:30 a.m.*

*\*People Standing*

## **\*Gathering and Singing**

*The Lion and the Lamb  
Cornerstone*

## **\*Welcome and Announcements**

## **Prayer Joys and Concerns**

## **Call to Prayer**

*I Will Exalt You*

## **Morning Prayer**

## **Lord's Prayer**

## **Old Testament Reading**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

## **\*Gospel Reading**

Mark 1:21-28

## **Message**

*The Authority of Jesus*

Rev. David Jacobson

## **\*Response**

*Great Are You Lord  
Great Things*

## **\*Benediction**

*Offering plates are available as you leave.*

# *Celebration of Worship*

***Sunday, January 28, 2024***

***10:00 a.m.***

*\*Indicates the Congregation is asked to stand*

## ***Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany***

*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 and Fugue*                                      Dietrich Buxtehude

**Introit**                                      *O Sing, All Ye Lands*                                      Erik Hoff  
*O sing, all ye lands, with a jubilant voice; Glory be to God! O serve him with  
gladness, before him now rejoice; Sing praise unto God out of Zion! (fr. Psalm 100)*

**\*Opening Hymn – No. 368**                                      *My Hope Is Built*

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

**Leader:** In the midst of our lives, we gather to hear the voice of the Lord.

**People:** **We listen for the voice of authority and grace, calling us to follow.**

**Leader:** Through the ancient words of scripture, God speaks.

**People:** **In the words of our Lord, we find wisdom and truth.**

**Leader:** Let us listen and respond, for the voice of God guides our paths.

**People:** **We enter worship, ready to hear God and be changed.**

### **\*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. 70**





## *Intercessory Prayer Concerns*

### **For the week of January 28<sup>th</sup>:**

Janice Arcieri

Brenda Sutton

Judy Mengers

Debbie Hobbs Klar

Greg Martin

Roger Atkinson

Betty Lester

### **Our Confirmands:** Chris, Ellie, Emery, John, Johnny, Peyton, Reed, Sam

From the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle:

*This week we lift up the countries of  
Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara, Tunisia*

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

- How the early Christian church developed here.
- The biodiversity of plants, animals and the natural terrain.
- How Berber, Arab and European cultures have blended.
- How these countries have remained and stood against the invasion of cultural and military forces from elsewhere.

### **We pray for:**

- all the people of these countries: Muslims, the tiny remnant of Christians, those of other faiths who continuing bearing witness to their faiths and for all people of good will.
- an end to political violence.
- an end to how dominating powers have fought over these lands and their resources through the years.
- for those suffering exploitation and mistreatment as they travel through these countries.

### **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, January 28, 2024 ~ 7:00 p.m.

# *Contemporary Praise Celebration*



**Opening Song:** *"Forever"*

**Welcome & Birthdays**

*Karen Higby*

**Words of Praise:** Psalm 29: 9 - 11

*Mary Coates*

**Praise & Worship:**

*"I Believe It"*

*"How Great is Your Love"*

**Greeting & Passing of the Peace**

**Offering & Music Video:**

*"Living Hope"* - Phil Wickham

**Announcements, Joys & Concerns**

**Prayer and Reflection**

**Scripture Reading:**

Deuteronomy 18: 15 - 20, Mark 1: 21 - 28

**Message:**

*"The Authority of Jesus": David Jacobson*

**Closing Song:** *"Your Great Name"*

## Week of January 28 – February 3, 2024

### Sunday

8:30 a.m. Blended Service  
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Junior Choir, 206  
11:00 a.m. Swahili Service, SH  
1:30 p.m. A.A., 206  
7:00 p.m. Crew 307, SR  
7:00 p.m. Praise Service

### Monday – Pastor David's Sabbath

7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Library  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 307G, SR  
7:00 p.m. Toastmasters, 206  
7:00 p.m. Round Dance, SH  
7:00 p.m. Guatemala Team, 211

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

4:30 p.m. Brownies 178, SR  
6:00 p.m. Confirmation, 201  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 1640, SR  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 2499, 305  
6:00 p.m. Abigail Circle, 211-13  
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 Group, SH  
8:45 p.m. HS Youth Group, SC

### Saturday

8:00 a.m. Methodist Girls  
8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, 211  
9:00 a.m. Ballroom Dance, SH  
12:00 p.m. AA, 208  
1:00 p.m. Accordion Club, 211  
1:00 p.m. Tween Dance, SH

**The altar flowers** are given in loving memory of Rebecca & Clarence McDonald by the Alli family.

**The bulletins** are given in loving memory of John Bradley Stevens by Jennifer, Kevin, Brady & Brooke Stevens.

<b>Serving today:</b>	<b><u>8:30 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>10:00 a.m.</u></b>
<b>Greeters:</b>	Cathy Barry	Jan Strevig Peggy & Bruce Romenesko
<b>Acolyte:</b>		Amelia Troll
<b>Interpreter:</b>		Sandy Brown
<b>Lector:</b>		Nancy Ahern
<b>Steward:</b>	Samantha Shepherd	

*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.*

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

**Easter flower orders** are due on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Lilies and tulips are available this year – the cost is \$12 per plant. Envelopes are available at the entrances. Please use one envelope for each plant and one check for your entire order. Plants may be picked up after the 10 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Saturday morning Men's Bible study** meets in Room 211, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

**2024 Offering Envelopes** are ready to pick-up in the parlor. Offering envelopes were prepared in response to a returned pledge card. Please contact the church office if you would like a box of envelopes and there is not a box for you.

**Men's Retreat** – We will be having a men's retreat from Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at West River Retreat Center. Together, we'll complete the 321 Course, exploring the story of God, the world, and you, in a fresh perspective. We have a total of sixteen spaces available for the retreat and urge interested men from the congregation to call Bill Jones at 410-703-5304 or e-mail at [wjonesesfj@comcast.net](mailto:wjonesesfj@comcast.net) to reserve your spot. The cost will be about \$131. There is going to be lots of time for fun and fellowship so please plan to attend.

**Catonsville UMC** is seeking an experienced, friendly, and dependable person, 18 years or older, to join our staff as the "Nursery Coordinator and Attendant." This person will be responsible for the care and well-being of the children, for the management of the nursery room, and the scheduling and supervision of the volunteers. Hours: 8:15 ~ 11:30 a.m., Sundays. Please send a resume and cover letter to Pastor David ([david@catonsvilleumc.org](mailto:david@catonsvilleumc.org)) to apply. For more information, visit [catonsvilleumc.org/jobs](http://catonsvilleumc.org/jobs).

**Communion stewards needed.** CUMC needs volunteers to prepare communion elements on the third Sunday of each month. If you are willing to serve at least once a quarter, please contact Pastor David.

**The Mission Committee** wishes to thank everyone who helped to make our Sanctuary Christmas Trees possible. We had an abundance of mittens and hats to donate to local Catonsville schools. Additionally, we were able to give twin-sized bedding to Glen Mar UMC for "Sleep In Heavenly Peace," aiding in their mission to prevent children from sleeping on the floor. Your kindness and support make a significant difference in our community.

**Update from the Guatemala Mission Team:** Thank you for your generous response to sponsoring projects at Steps of Hope...in just 3 short weeks from now! Forms and special donation envelopes will be available (until they're gone!) for 2 bunk bed tiers, 6 mattresses, and 2 sets of bedding in the elevator lobby on the office level at CUMC from 9:20 – 10:00 am, 11:00 – 11:30 am and 8:00 – 8:30 pm today, January 28. All donations are to be returned by Sunday, February 4. If you would like to make a donation towards other supplies needed during the mission trip, cash or a check payable to CUMC with Guatemala VIM 2024 in the memo line can be placed in the offering plate or in the donation box in the elevator lobby on Sundays. More than anything, prayers for the team, Jessalyn, and other family and friends in Guatemala are greatly appreciated. Prayer cards are available for you on several tables on the office level.

**Are You Struggling?** You do not have to face it alone. If you or someone you care about is challenged by a temporary crisis in your life, CUMC's Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage, and be there to offer emotional and spiritual support. This is free and completely confidential. Let one of our trained Stephen Ministers meet with you privately—by phone, by video chat, or in person in a safe setting to focus on you and your needs. For more information, please contact Stephen Minister Referrals Coordinator, Glenda Henkel, at 410-303-6057 or [grhenkel320@gmail.com](mailto:grhenkel320@gmail.com).

**The Junior Choir** rehearses every Sunday from 11-11:30 a.m. in Room 206. The Junior Choir is open to any interested students - no previous musical experience is necessary! (It is recommended that Junior Choir singers already know how to read, but this can be discussed on a case-by-case basis.) If your child is interested in joining the Junior Choir anytime during the 2023-2024 school year or if you would like to be added to the email list, please email Clara at [claramkel@gmail.com](mailto:claramkel@gmail.com) with the name(s) of parents/caregivers, Email address, name and age of each child.

CRIME SCENE

# MYSTERY DINNER

FIND THE SPY BEFORE YOU DIE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH  
6:30 IN THE SOCIAL HALL

TICKET PRICES: \$30 PER PERSON,  
\$15 FOR 5-10, UNDER 5 FREE

DINNER OPTIONS:  
THAI CHICKEN AND RICE OR  
CHEESY SPAGHETTI



## My Hope Is Built

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

### Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand,  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.  
(Refrain)
3. His oath, his covenant, his blood  
supports me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way,  
he then is all my hope and stay.  
(Refrain)
4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found!  
Dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne!  
(Refrain)

## 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.

### **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.
2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.
3. Come, Almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.
4. Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.