

# *Blended Worship Service*

*Sunday, February 18, 2024*

*8:30 a.m.*

*\*People Standing*

## **\*Gathering and Singing**

*Glorious Day  
Christ Be All Around Me*

## **\*Welcome and Announcements**

## **Prayer Joys and Concerns**

**Call to Prayer** *Goodness of God*

## **Morning Prayer**

**Epistle Reading** 1 Peter 3:18-22

**Message** *Conscience* Rev. David Jacobson

**Holy Communion** *Jesus Paid It All*

**\*Response** *Graves Into Gardens*

## **\*Benediction**

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

# *Celebration of Worship*

*Sunday, February 18, 2024*

*10:00 a.m.*

*\*Indicates the Congregation is asked to stand*

## *First Sunday in Lent*

*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** *Meditation on* Robert Lau  
*“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”*

**Introit** *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* James Montgomery  
*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.*

**\*Opening Hymn – No. 127** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

**\*Words of Worship** (Based on Psalm 25)

**Leader:** To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

**People:** **In you, we trust, O God. Do not let us be put to shame.**

**Leader:** Show us your ways, Lord, and teach us your paths.

**People:** **Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation.**

**Leader:** Remember your mercy and your steadfast love.

**People:** **Good and upright is the Lord; God instructs sinners in the way.**

**Leader:** God leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

**People:** **We seek the paths of the Lord, for they are filled with steadfast love and faithfulness.**

**\*Opening Prayer** (Collect for Purity)

**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.**

**\*Gloria Patri – No. 70**

**Words of Welcome and Announcements**

**Anthem**

*Prayer*

Robert Lau

*To you, O Lord above, do I lift up my prayer, for you are my God; I put my trust in you. To you, O Lord above, do I lift up my prayer, for you are my guide in all that I say and do. Forgive my sins, O Father, and teach me to live by your truth. O hear my cry, forgive my sins, O my Lord. Hear my prayer, O Lord; lead me in paths of righteousness. Amen. (Psalm 25 paraphrased by R. L.)*

**Morning Prayer**

**Almighty God, your Son was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan. Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save. We ask it through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. 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**

*Litany*

Charles Callahan

**\*Presentation of the Offering – No. 95**

*Praise God*

**Epistle Reading**

1 Peter 3:18-22 (Pew Bible p. 982)

**\*Hymn of Pardon – No. 269** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

**\*Gospel Reading**

Mark 1:9-15 (Pew Bible p. 812)

**Sermon**

*Conscience*

Rev. David Jacobson

**\*Hymn of Communion – No. 640**

*Take Our Bread*

**Holy Communion - No. 12**

*Come forward via the center aisle to receive. You may commune immediately after receiving the elements, or you may kneel at the rail to commune. Return to your seat via the side aisles. Please indicate to an usher if you wish to receive communion in your seat. Pre-packaged gluten-free elements are available upon request.*

**Hymns for the Serving: Nos. 616, 618, 622**

**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. 337**

*Only Trust Him*

**\*Benediction**

**Choral Benediction**

*God Be with You*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.*

(Text: Jeremiah Rankin)

**Postlude**

*Voluntary*

Matthew Locke

*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.*

**Streaming Permissions for 10:00 Service**

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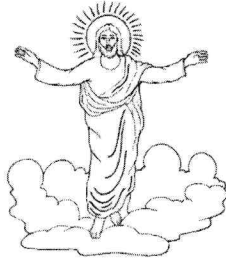
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Sunday, February 18, 2024 ~ 7:00 p.m.



***Contemporary***

***Praise***

***Celebration***

**Opening Song:** *"Halleluia, Your Love Makes Me Sing"*

**Welcome & Birthdays**

*Karen Higby*

**Words of Praise: Psalm**

*Mary Coates*

**Praise & Worship:**

*"You Are Holy"*

*"Shout to the Lord"*

**Greeting & Passing of the Peace**

**Offering & Music Video:**

*"Jireh" - Holly Halliwell*

**Announcements, Joys & Concerns**

**Prayer and Reflection**

**Scripture Reading:**

Mark 9: 2 - 9

**Message:**

*"In the Clouds": David Jacobson*

**Closing Song:** *"Worthy of it All"*

## *Intercessory Prayer Concerns*

### **For the week of February 18<sup>th</sup>:**

Janice Arcieri      Brenda Sutton      Judy Mengers      Deb Henkel  
Greg Martin      Roger Atkinson      Debbie Hobbs Klar      Judy Durfey

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

**Prayer request:** The Staff Parish Relations Committee requests that you join us in praying over the appointment of an Associate Pastor for our church. We pray for the Holy Spirit to lead a person to us whose gifts match our needs and to give us grace to wait with patient trust in God's perfect timing.

*This week we lift up the countries of **France, Germany, Monaco***

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

- the rich historic and cultural legacies that have come to the world from these lands.
- Franco-German friendship, reconciliation and cooperation that has emerged since the hostilities of the second world war.
- how churches and governments in France and Germany have welcomed new immigrants.
- the generosity in supporting ecumenical, interfaith and development work in the world.

### **We pray for:**

- overcoming fears and suspicions that still remain from 20<sup>th</sup> century atrocities, and more recent terrorist attacks.
- churches and governments to effectively counter anti-immigrant populist sentiments in these countries so that they truly will become more multi-ethnic.
- economic decisions that are accountable to those who are most vulnerable and not only to those making a profit.
- election of political leaders who will further the common good not only for their country but for the sake of Europe and the rest of world.

## **Our 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.*

# Week of February 18 - 24, 2024

## Sunday

8:30 a.m. Blended Service	1:30 p.m. A.A., 206
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	2:30 p.m. GS Chorus, SH
10:00 a.m. Sunday School	3:00 p.m. GS 126/1380, SR
11:00 a.m. Junior Choir, 206	6:30 p.m. Crew 307, SR
11:00 a.m. Swahili Service, SH	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. Round Dance, SH	

## Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Library	7:00 p.m. GS Greenhats, 208
11:00 p.m. Prayer Time	7:00 p.m. BSA 307B, SR, SH
1:30 p.m. Grief Group, Library	7:00 p.m. GS 2188, 204
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. Cub Scouts, 202-5, 305-6
11:30 a.m. Warm Welcome Lunch, SH	7:00 p.m. Bible Study, 211
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawls, Library	7:00 p.m. Lydia Circle, UMW room

## Thursday

4:30 p.m. Brownies 178, SR	7:00 p.m. Grief Group, Library
6:00 p.m. Confirmation, 201	7:00 p.m. Square Dance, SH
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 1640/2499	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, 209

## Friday

10:00 a.m. MS Support, 211

## Saturday

8:00 a.m. Methodist Girls	9:00 a.m. Ballroom Dance, 305
8:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study, 211	12:00 p.m. AA, 208



*First Sunday of Lent – Judas’ bag of 30 coins  
We remember Judas’ betrayal of Jesus,  
and we remember our own shortcomings.*

**The altar flowers** are given in loving memory of Ruth & George Head, John and Donna Head by the family.

**The bulletins** are given in loving memory of Ken Parker, Sr and in honor of Ken Parker, Jr. for his birthday by Jennifer Parker.

<b>Serving today:</b>	<b><u>8:30 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>10:00 a.m.</u></b>
<b>Greeters:</b>	Scott Ensor Luke Ensor	Jan Strevig Peggy & Bruce Romenesko
<b>Acolyte:</b>		Julia Strong
<b>Interpreter:</b>		Ronisha Green
<b>Lector:</b>		Jan Strevig
<b>Communion Servers:</b>	Scott Ensor Luke Ensor	Dick Henkel Jan Strevig Ginger Bartlett
<b>Steward:</b>	Chris Kennedy	

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

**Have you captured a photo** of something beautiful happening at church? Please send photos and information about what happened to Michael at [mediacatonsvilleumc@gmail.com](mailto:mediacatonsvilleumc@gmail.com). We love to share what God is doing!

**Easter flowers** – The deadline to order Easter flowers was last Sunday. There are a few lilies still available to dedicate in honor of memory of a loved one. Please call or email the church office if you are interested.

**Come check out what's new in the library!** Our bulletin board has been updated to encourage the celebration of African-Americans in Methodist history. Our monthly featured books are on Black History and Lent. Our media center is now ready with cassette and CD players that are able to be used in the library. The library is open every Sunday, and the librarian is available every other Sunday and Thursdays during church office hours. Hope to see you soon!

**Lenten Devotional Booklets** are available at the entrances.

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

We are making plans for this year's **Ladies Tea on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**! Would you like to be on the team that organizes and hosts the tea? Please contact Misty ([mistytroll@catonsvilleumc.org](mailto:mistytroll@catonsvilleumc.org)). Mark your calendars for a lovely afternoon together! More details to come.

**New Lent Bible Study!** Join with others during the five weeks of Lent for "The Third Day" Bible study. A study written by Tom Berlin – "Join Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Thomas as they feel the despair of losing Jesus and the surprise and joy that awaits them in the resurrection." Begins Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in Room 211 and runs each Sunday through Palm Sunday. Interested in learning more? Please contact Misty ([mistytroll@catonsvilleumc.org](mailto:mistytroll@catonsvilleumc.org)) or just show up. If you would be interested in a Sunday study that begins at 11:15 AM, please also email Misty. If we have a group who would like a later time, we may do a second class!

**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.

**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.

**The hearts of the Guatemala mission team are very full thanks to you and your generosity.** All of the upcoming mission team projects at SOH have been sponsored, meaning that 16 students will each have a cozy, warm bed to sleep in, and each staff member will have a set of shelves for books or supplies. Other donations have fully funded the purchase of Bible School materials for the SOH students and their siblings. Your caring and support are greatly appreciated, and you'll travel with the team in spirit and love. Please pray for good health and safety for the Guatemala mission team members who began their weeklong mission experience on February 17<sup>th</sup>. As always, keep the students and staff of Steps of Hope in your prayers. Thank you!

**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).

**Have you ever wondered** what's happening in the balcony during the 10 am Worship Service? The Stream Team is producing the livestream which is viewed by worshippers who can't attend in person. If you'd like to see how it happens, feel free to come up and watch. For more info, contact Chuck Gehrman at [chuckg201@gmail.com](mailto:chuckg201@gmail.com).

**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.

## **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.

## **Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days**

- 1 Lord, who throughout these forty days,  
For us did fast and pray,  
Teach us with you to mourn our sins,  
And close by you to stay.
- 2 As thou with Satan didst contend,  
And didst the victory win,  
O give us strength in thee to fight,  
In thee to conquer sin.
- 3 As thou didst hunger bear and thirst,  
So teach us, gracious Lord,  
To die to self, and chiefly live  
By thy most holy word.

- 4 And through these days of penitence,  
And through your Passion-tide,  
Yea, evermore, in life and death,  
Jesus with us abide.
- 5 Abide with us that so, this life  
Of suffering over past,  
An Easter of unending joy  
We may attain at last.

### **Take Our Bread**

Chorus:

Take our bread, we ask You: take our hearts,  
We love You. Take our lives,  
Oh Father; we are Yours, we are Yours.

- 1 Yours as we stand at the table you set.  
Yours as we eat the bread,  
our hearts can't forget.  
We are the sign of Your life with us yet.  
We are Yours, we are Yours.
- 2 Your holy people stand washed in Your blood,  
Spirit filled, yet hungry,  
we await Your food.  
We are poor, but  
we've brought ourselves the best we could.  
We are Yours, we are Yours.

### **Only Trust Him**

1. Come, every soul by sin oppressed,  
there's mercy with the Lord;  
and he will surely give you rest,  
by trusting in his Word.

Refrain:

Only trust him, only trust him,  
only trust him now.  
He will save you, he will save you,  
he will save you now.

2. For Jesus shed his precious blood  
rich blessings to bestow;  
plunge now into the crimson flood  
that washes bright as snow.

(Refrain)

3. Yes, Jesus is the truth, the way  
that leads you into rest;  
believe in him without delay,  
and you are fully blest.

(Refrain)

4. Come then and join this holy band,  
and on to glory go,  
to dwell in that celestial land  
where joys immortal flow.

(Refrain)