

Blended Worship Service

Sunday, February 25, 2024

8:30 a.m.

**People Standing*

***Gathering and Singing**

Cannons

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

***Welcome and Announcements**

Prayer Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

Lead Me to the Cross

Morning Prayer

Lord's Prayer

***Gospel Reading**

Mark 8:27-38

Message

Cross-Bearing Disciples

Rev. David Jacobson

***Response**

*I Surrender All
Turn Your Eyes*

***Benediction**

Offering plates are available as you leave.

Celebration of Worship

Sunday, February 25, 2024

10:00 a.m.

**Indicates the Congregation is asked to stand*

Second 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 *Ciaccona* George Frideric Handel

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. 159** *Lift High the Cross*

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 22)

Leader: Let us praise the Lord, who hears the afflicted.

People: **In our worship, we proclaim God's faithfulness.**

Leader: The ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord.

People: **For dominion belongs to the Lord, and God rules over
the nations.**

Leader: Future generations will hear of God deeds.

People: **We declare together: God has done it!**

***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**

*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 *Lift High the Cross* **John Leavitt**

*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.

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Intercessory Prayer Concerns

For the week of February 25th:

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 **Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands***

Give thanks for:

- the important roles political leaders here have played in European integration.
- how people here have led in creative solutions to environmental, economic, and cultural challenges.
- how churches here have overcome barriers and reached out to assure a good life for all.
- the ecumenical contributions that have come from this area, and their continuing support.

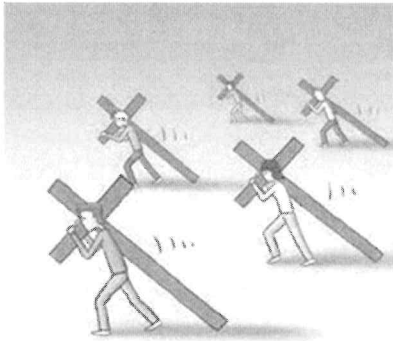
Pray for:

- overcoming cultural, linguistic and political barriers and suspicions that remain divisive.
- the haunting legacies of colonization and quests for economic gain.
- immigrants who are alienated or marginalized in these societies.
- greater tolerance and solidarity with all in these societies and around the 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.

Sunday, February 25, 2024 ~ 7:00 p.m.



Contemporary

Praise

Celebration

Opening Song: “10,000 Reasons”

Welcome & Birthdays
Karen Higby

Words of Praise: Psalm
Mary Coates

Praise & Worship:
“Open the Eyes of My Heart”
“How Great is Our God”

Greeting & Passing of the Peace

Offering & Music Video:
“Less Like Me” Zach Williams

Announcements, Joys & Concerns
Prayer and Reflection

Scripture Reading:
Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-38

Message:
“Cross-Bearing Disciples”: David Jacobson

Week of February 25 – March 2, 2024

Sunday

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

Monday – Pastor David's Sabbath

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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| 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. Toastmasters, 206 |

Thursday

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| 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

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| 7:30 p.m. MS Youth, SH | 8:45 p.m. HS Youth, SC |
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Saturday

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| 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 |
| 8:45 a.m. GS Community Event, SH+4 | 1:00 p.m. Accordion Club, 211 |



Second Sunday of Lent – The Crowing Rooster
We remember how Peter turned his back on Jesus when Jesus needed him the most. We remember our own times of weakness.

The altar flowers are given in loving memory of Jolene & Ed Buck by David, Lynda, Alicia & Kevin Buck.

The bulletins are given in loving memory of Patricia Brown by her daughter and family, Beth and Alan Reymann.

Serving today:	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>
Greeters:	Cathy Barry	Linda & Dave Heinmuller
Acolyte:		Amelia Troll
Interpreter:		Sandy Brown
Lector:		Judy Loar
Steward:	Chris Kennedy	

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

Lenten Devotional Booklets are available at the entrances.

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. 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!

We are making plans for this year's **Ladies Tea on Saturday, April 13th**! Would you like to be on the team that organizes and hosts the tea? Please contact Misty (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 today at 10:00 a.m. in Room 211 and runs each Sunday through Palm Sunday. Interested in learning more? Please contact Misty (mistytroll@catonsvilleumc.org) or just show up. If you would be interested in a Sunday study that begins at 11:15 a.m. please also email Misty. If we have a group who would like a later time, we may do a second class!

Save the Date! -The UM Men's Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024.

Men's Retreat – We will be having a men's retreat from Friday, April 12th through Sunday, April 14th 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 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.

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

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.

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.

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 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.

Notes:

Vacation Bible School is coming!



Jul 29th - Aug 2nd

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Mark your calendar!

Lift High the Cross

Refrain:

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

- 1 Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine. [Refrain]
- 2 Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. [Refrain]
- 3 O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. [Refrain]
- 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! [Refrain]

Take Up Thy Cross

1. "Take up thy cross," the Savior said,
"if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me."
2. Take up thy cross, let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart and nerve thine arm.
3. Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel;
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.
4. Take up thy cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

The Old Rugged Cross

- 1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain:

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

- 2 O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary. [Refrain]
- 3 In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me. [Refrain]
- 4 To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share. [Refrain]