

Blended Worship Service

Sunday, March 17, 2024

8:30 a.m.

**People Standing*

***Gathering and Singing**

*This Is Amazing Grace
Cornerstone*

***Welcome and Announcements**

Prayer Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer

Be Thou My Vision

Morning Prayer

***Gospel Reading**

John 12:20-33

Message

Drawn to Jesus

Rev. David Jacobson

Communion

Nothing But the Blood

***Response**

Build My Life

***Benediction**

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

***Gloria Patri – No. 70**

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prayer for Babies

Eternal and Loving God, you watch over your creation with tenderness and care. Today we pray for the youngest among us. We give thanks for the gift of new life, for every baby born into this world, for the joy they bring, and the hope they embody. We pray for their health and well-being, that they may grow strong in body and spirit under your watchful eye. Bless them with your love and grace, that they might feel your presence in their lives from their earliest moments. Grant wisdom and patience to parents and caregivers, and help us all to be a source of encouragement for families, upholding and supporting them in prayer and in our life together. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hymn – No. 191 (v. 1) *Jesus Loves Me*

Presentation of Third Grade Bibles

Leader: Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all. They tell us who we are. They tell us good news about God's plan to save us.

Congregation to children: We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your Sunday school classes, and in our worship. We will learn together and grown in our love for God's Word.

Leader: Let us pray. Thank you, God, for the gift of your Word. Open our hearts to hear your voice through the pages of Scripture. Speak your Word especially into the hearts of these children, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Hymn – No. 601 (verse 1) *Thy Word Is a Lamp*

Morning Prayer

God of suffering and glory, in Jesus Christ you reveal the way of Life through the path of obedience. Inscribe your law in our hearts, that in life we may not stray from you, but may be your people. 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 Anthem** *O Lamb of God Most Holy* Sandra Gay
O Lamb of God most holy Who on the cross did suffer So patient still and lowly Yourself to scorn did offer. Our sins by you were taken Or hope had us forsaken Have mercy on us, Jesus!

*When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.*

(Nikolaus Decius, c. 1541, Isaac Watts, 1707)

***Presentation of the Offering – No. 95** *Praise God*

***Hymn of Preparation – No. 256 (v. 3-5)** *We Would See Jesus*

***Gospel Reading** John 12:20-33 (Pew Bible p. 873)

Sermon *Drawn to Jesus* Rev. David Jacobson

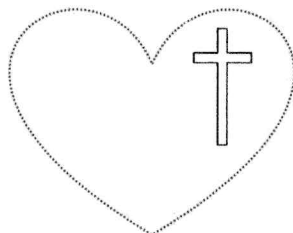
Hymn of Communion – No. 613 *O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread*

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.

Sunday, March 17, 2024 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Contemporary Praise Celebration



Opening Song: *"How Deep Our Father's Love for Us"*

Welcome & Birthdays
Karen Higby

Words of Praise: Psalm 18: 35 - 36
Mary Coates

Praise & Worship:
"The Lord's Prayer"
"Draw Me Close"

Greeting & Passing of the Peace

Offering & Video:
"Anxious Heart" - Jeremy Camp

Announcements, Joys & Concerns
Prayer and Reflection

Scripture Reading:
John 12: 20 - 33

Message:
"Drawn to Jesus" David Jacobson

Closing Song: *"Hungry"*

Intercessory Prayer Concerns

For the week of March 17th:

Martha Lamberg Brenda Sutton Judy Mengers Deb Henkel
Greg Martin Roger Atkinson Debbie Hobbs Klar Judy Durfey
Sandra – SOH Lauren Geller

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

*Sympathies are extended to Mark & Neysa Silvestri and family
in the loss of Neysa's mother, Mary Prassina on March 11.*

*Sympathies are extended to the family of William Tuder
who entered eternal life on March 8.*

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 **Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania***

We are thankful for:

- preservation of the distinct cultural practices, literature, music and natural resources in these countries.
- the faithful witness of Christians during times of persecution and for those who survived times of occupation.
- how these countries peacefully became independent after 1918 and 1991.
- new-found freedoms that the people here have experienced, that they might be used for the good of all.

We pray for:

- peaceful relations with Russia and among all the ethnic groups in these lands.
- the healing of old wounds remaining from 20th century struggles.
- just economic development that benefits all citizens in these countries, and for those who live and work abroad.
- governmental leaders and all people, that they might together strive for justice, peace and the well-being of all.

Week of March 17 - 23, 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 | 3:00 p.m. Daisy 385, 202 |
| 10:00 a.m. Lenten Study, 211 | 6:30 p.m. Crew 307, SR |
| 11:00 a.m. Junior Choir, 206 | 7:00 p.m. Praise Service |

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 | 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Greenhats, 208 |
| 11:00 p.m. Prayer Time | 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 307B, SR, SH |
| 1:30 p.m. Grief Group, Library | 7:00 p.m. Trustees, Library |
| 4:30 p.m. Daisy 884, SR | 8:00 p.m. A.A., 206 |
| 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 2188. 204 | |

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. Lydia Circle, UMW parlor |

Thursday

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| 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. Adult Prayers |
| 6:00 p.m. Confirmation, 201 | 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, 209 |
| 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 1640/2499 | |

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 | 11:00 a.m. Girl Scouts 1380, Kitchen |
| 8:30 a.m. Men’s Bible Study, 211 | 12:00 p.m. AA, 208 |
| 9:00 a.m. Ballroom Dance, SH | |



Fifth Sunday of Lent – The Palm Leaves

We remember the people of Jerusalem,
who rejoiced when Jesus entered their city.
Let us, also welcome our Lord.

The altar flowers are given in memory of Loved Ones by Al & Shannon Chapline.

The flower arrangement on the altar is given in loving memory of my wife Norn for our 71st wedding anniversary. Love, Mel Blontz.

The bulletins are given in memory of Alta & Walter Taylor, Sharon Taylor Denton and Bruce Byron by Barbara Byron.

Serving today:

8:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Greeters:

Joanne Feustle

Jan Strevig

Scott Ensor

Peggy & Bruce Romenesko

Acolyte:

Emery Troll

Interpreter:

Cheryl Haskins

Lector:

Jean Meile

Communion Servers: Joanne Feustle

Ginger Bartlett

Scott Ensor

Marge Odom

Rick Buckingham

Nursery:

Julia Hurlock and Bev Brown

Steward:

Amelia Troll

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

Non-Pictorial Directory coming soon. Please send address, phone number & email updates to the church office.

CUMC Nursery - We are excited to share that Catonsville's Nursery is now staffed! We are looking for some experienced volunteers to help out one Sunday a month! Please reach out to Julia Hurlock at juliah02@comcast.net if you're interested! If you're unable to volunteer but still want to help we are looking for lightly used toys aged for toddlers or babies. Please reach out to Julia or bring them to the nursery before either service! Thank you!

Save the Date! -The UM Men's Spaghetti Dinner - Saturday, April 27th.

Holy Week Schedule

7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Noon Good Friday Service

8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Easter Sunday Services (No 7 p.m. service)

Join us for a **Ladies of All Ages Fellowship Tea** on Saturday, April 13th from 12:30 – 3:30 PM. Gather together your family and friends for a lovely afternoon! Come and join a table and meet some new friends. Tickets are available to purchase. If you would like to offer a hand for prep or clean up, please contact Joanne Feustle, Jillian Mosier, or Misty Troll.

Our next **Thrive Thursday** will be on March 21st – mark your calendars! It takes many helpers to put Thrive Thursday together; would you please consider helping in a small or big way? We need people to stay at the end to clean up chairs, tables, and dishes. Could you help at the next Thrive Thursday? Please let Misty or Pastor David know you'd like to get more involved with Thrive Thursday.

They are back!!! The flamingos are returning to Catonsville UMC April 1-30. For \$35 per yard, you can send a flock of 15 pink flamingos to your family and friends for 4 days. Orders can be placed today through April 14th and forms can be found in the back of the sanctuary. All money raised will be used for our mission activities. Questions? Contact Loriann @ 443-794-0805.

Vacation Bible School is coming July 29th – August 2nd from 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Registration will be available soon. We need many adult helpers to make it happen! We have most leaders set, now we need some adult “Ranger” volunteers. These adults are the main adult that stays with an age group of children during VBS, helping, encouraging, and overseeing them. You do not have anything to prepare, or buy, or do other than showing up at 8:45 AM and caring for the children until Noon. It is a perfect job for a parent or grandparent who would like to stay around and experience the excitement of VBS. And we are also looking for some energetic, helpful teenagers too! Contact Misty (mistytroll@catonsvilleumc.org) to sign up.

Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, April 16th from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the Social Hall. To schedule your lifesaving donation, please visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code catonsvilleumc or contact Janice Barber at (410)747-3797.

Men's Retreat Update – We are having our men's retreat from Friday, April 12th through Sunday, April 14th at West River Retreat Center. The topic of the retreat will be “Together, we’ll complete the 321 course, exploring the story of God, the world, and you, in a fresh perspective”. We only have **four** spaces left 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 estimated cost for the retreat will be \$131. There is going to be lots of time for fun and fellowship so please plan to attend.

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!

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.

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.

Monthly Financial Report

<u>Tithing Income</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>2024 Operating Fund - YTD</u>
Peak Year -2017	\$49,462	\$97,445	\$103,170 Total Income
2018	\$43,565	\$107,325	<u>(\$96,950) Total Expenses</u>
2019	\$40,561	\$92,673	\$6,220 Offering Net Surplus
2023	\$49,898	\$94,485	<u>Other Income:</u>
2024	\$55,793	\$103,170	\$17,307 Winters Lane Property Endowment
Average needed every month = \$56,144			<u>Dividends</u>
Thank you to all of our very faithful donors.			\$23,527 Overall Net Surplus



O For a Thousand Tongues (verses 1-5, 7)

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.
3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.
4. He breaks the power of canceled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.
5. He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.
7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know,
shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below,
and own that love is heaven.

Jesus Loves Me (v. 1)

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Thy Word Is a Lamp

Refrain

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path
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Verse 1

When I feel afraid
And I think I've lost my way
Still You're there right beside me
Nothing will I fear
As long as You are near
Please be near me to the end

We Would See Jesus (verses 3-5 only)

3. We would see Jesus, on the mountain teaching,
with all the listening people gathered round;
while birds and flowers and sky above are preaching
the blessedness which simple trust has found.
4. We would see Jesus, in his work of healing,
at eventide before the sun was set;
divine and human, in his deep revealing
of God made flesh, in loving service met.
5. We would see Jesus, in the early morning,
still as of old he calleth, "Follow me!"
Let us arise, all meaner service scorning;
Lord, we are thine, we give ourselves to thee.

O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread

- 1 O Thou who this mysterious bread
didst in Emmaus break,
return, herewith our souls to feed,
and to thy followers speak.
- 2 Unseal the volume of thy grace,
apply the gospel word;
open our eyes to see thy face,
our hearts to know the Lord.

- 3 Of thee communing still, we mourn
till thou the veil remove;
talk with us, and our hearts shall burn
with flames of fervent love.
- 4 Enkindle now the heavenly zeal,
and make thy mercy known,
and give our pardoned souls to feel
that God and love are one.

I Am Thine O Lord

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,
and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith
and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain:

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to thy precious, bleeding side.

2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,
by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
and my will be lost in thine.
(Refrain)
3. O the pure delight of a single hour
that before thy throne I spend,
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend!
(Refrain)
4. There are depths of love that I cannot know
till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach
till I rest in peace with thee.
(Refrain)