



# *Celebration of Worship*

***Sunday, August 4, 2024***

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

*\*Indicates the Congregation is asked to stand*

## ***Eleventh 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**    *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*    Aaron David Miller

**\*Opening Hymn – No. 384**                      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

### **\*Words of Worship**

**Leader:**    Blessed be the Lord of Hosts, who cleanses and heals our lives.

**People:**    **Praise be to God!**

**Leader:**    Blessed be the Holy One, who brings us from despair to hope.

**People:**    **Praise be to God!**

**Leader:**    Blessed be the Giver of Life, who nurtures and comforts us.

**People:**    **Let us praise God with our whole hearts and souls!**

### **Opening Prayer**

**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**

**VBS Presentation**

**Morning Prayer**

**Loving God, you call us to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the grace to**

**live out this commandment in our daily lives. Inspire us to show kindness and compassion to all we meet. May your love be evident in our actions and words, drawing others closer to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to love. Amen.**

## **Quiet Prayer**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **The Giving and Receiving of Our Tithes and Offering**

### **Offertory**

*How Beautiful*  
(Kimberly Neal, soloist)

Twila Paris

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

**\*Hymn of Preparation - No. 581** *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

### **\*Gospel Reading**

Matthew 22:34-46 (Pew Bible p. 804)

### **Sermon**

*Won't You Be My Neighbor?*

Pastor Scheherazade Forman

**\*Hymn of Response – No. 408**

*The Gift of Love*

**Invitation to Holy Communion, Confession, and Pardon - No. 12**

**The Great Thanksgiving, Musical Setting A - No. 17**

## **Giving the Bread and the Cup**

*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. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

**Hymns for the Serving - No. 618, 620, 622**



## *Intercessory Prayer Concerns*

### **For the week of August 4<sup>th</sup>:**

Brenda Sutton	Judy Durfey	Sarah Pickeral
Greg Martin	Kathy	Sage
John	Debbie Hobbs Klar	Jim
Tom Burgess	Coeli Love	Bev D'Arcy
Darlene Schoenfelder		

*This week we pray for:*

*Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea*

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

- the natural resources and diverse gifts that come from these countries, such as the distinctive music and dance of Cameroon
- those who minister to victims of sexual violence, trafficking and other human rights abuses
- Christians and people of other faiths who courageously have pursued reconciliation and peace among those in conflict
- individuals and organizations who have provided for health clinics and schools in Cameroon and the Central African Republic.

### **We pray for:**

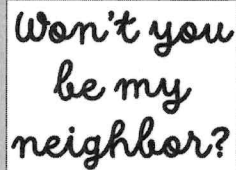
- just resolutions to the conflicts and violence among diverse groups and their leaders
- refugees who flee to other countries, and for those who host them
- economic developments that make it possible for all to rise out of poverty
- stable democratic governments that effectively serve the common good.

### **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, August 4, 2024 ~ 7:00 p.m.

## *Contemporary Praise Celebration*



*Won't you  
be my  
neighbor?*

### **Opening Song:**

*"They'll Know We Are Christians / Awesome God"*

### **Welcome & Birthdays**

*Karen Higby*

**Words of Praise: Psalm 96: 1 - 4**

*Mary Coates*

### **Praise & Worship:**

*"Jesus Loves Me"*

*"The Lord's Prayer"*

### **Greeting & Passing of the Peace**

### **Offering & Music Video:**

*"Tell Somebody" - Danny Gokey, Mandisa*

### **Announcements, Joys & Concerns**

### **Prayer and Reflection**

**Scripture Reading and Message: Matthew 22: 34 - 46**

*"Won't You Be my Neighbor?" - Pastor Scheherazade Forman*

### **Holy Communion**

**Closing Song: "Power of Your Love"**

## Week of August 4 - 10, 2024

### Sunday

8:30 a.m. Blended Service  
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study, 211  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School, 202  
11:00 a.m. Swahili Service, SH  
1:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anon., 206  
7:00 p.m. Praise Service

### Monday – Pastor David’s Sabbath

7:00 p.m. BSA 307G. SR

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Ministerium, 211  
11:30 a.m. WW Lunch, SH  
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawls, Library  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Leaders, 206  
7:00 p.m. Bible Study Picnic, 211

### Thursday

7:00 p.m. Square Dance, SH  
7:00 p.m. Grief Group, Library

### Friday

### Saturday

8:00 a.m. Methodist Girls  
8:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study, 211  
12:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anon., 208

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**The altar flowers** are given by Nancy Ahern in appreciation of the many volunteers who make the Warm Welcome lunches possible, especially master chefs Chuck Gehrman, Loriann Hughes and Jeff Walsh, and intrepid organizers, first Bill Jones and now Phil Bowman.

**The bulletins** are given in honor of our family by Deana & Don Holler.

<b>Serving today:</b>	<b><u>8:30 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>10:00 a.m.</u></b>
<b>Greeters:</b>	Jody & Bill Crum	Betty & Mike Taylor
<b>Lector:</b>		Dick Henkel
<b>Communion Stewards:</b>	Jody & Bill Crum	Betty & Mike Taylor Deb Henkel
<b>Nursery:</b>	Julia Hurlock	
<b>Steward:</b>	Amelia Troll	

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

**We are pleased to announce** that Camille Warren will be our new Director of Youth Ministries beginning August 26, 2024. Please pray for her and for the youth of our church as she transitions into this position.

**Fall Women's Retreat** - Are you interested in some time away for retreat, reflection, and fellowship with other women? We're working on plans to attend a Women's Retreat at Sandy Cove (in North East, MD) on the weekend of November 8-10, 2024. Women of all ages are welcome to attend. Program, meals, and lodging are all included in the cost of approximately \$300 per person. Ready to sign up or need more information? Contact Misty at [mistytroll@catonsvilleumc.org](mailto:mistytroll@catonsvilleumc.org). Don't let the cost be prohibitive – scholarships are available, if one is needed.

**Finance Committee - Did You Know?** Our online giving has changed to Ministry Brands "Amplify" platform. You can give from a bank account, credit card or Google Pay. Apple Pay is pending. Recurring gifts help with the Church's budgeting process, but one-time gifts are equally appreciated. Thank You to all of our generous donors!

**Back-to-School Supplies** - We plan to provide school supplies to 120 Catonsville area students in the following schools: Catonsville HS, Arbutus MS, Catonsville MS, and Arbutus, Catonsville, Hillcrest, Johnnycake, Relay, Westchester, Westowne, Woodbridge Elementary Schools, plus the Children's Home. Backpacks are available for distribution from the back of the sanctuary. We have prepared our supply lists based on feedback from the schools. If you wish to contribute but don't wish to shop, checks made out to CUMC with "backpacks" noted on the memo will be welcome. The school administrators are very grateful for your generosity. Please pray for all students and their teachers as they begin the new school year on August 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, contact Janice Barber at 410-747-3797 or [barberjanice93@gmail.com](mailto:barberjanice93@gmail.com).

Mark your calendars to gather together to "**Pray for Our Adult Children**" prayer time on August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. All are welcome to attend as we pray for children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other loved ones in your life.

**Volunteers Needed!** CUMC Nursery is seeking enthusiastic experienced volunteers to help out in the Nursery during the 8:30 and 10:00 services. Prior experience with children is preferred. Youth 15 or older can volunteer and earn service hours! Please reach out to Julia Hurlock at [juliah02@comcast.net](mailto:juliah02@comcast.net) to volunteer or if you have any questions!

**Warm Welcome Lunch** is 2 years old! We serve 30-40 people every week who come for a delicious hot meal. We are in need of another head chef. The requirements are: be kitchen certified (1 day class either online or in person), plan the menu and create a shopping list to feed 60, lead the kitchen team in preparing the meal, make sure food gets served appropriately by kitchen staff, and assist in putting away food and packing dinner for Night of Peace. Questions - contact Loriann @ 443-794-0805.

**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.

***Save the Date for CUMC Homecoming!***  
**We're celebrating 100 years at**  
**6 Melvin Ave on**  
**October 27, 2024.**  
**Worship begins at 10 a.m. with lunch to follow.**

**Volunteer Opportunity** - Interested in enhancing the worship service by serving on the Altar guild? There is an opening for 1 person or a 2-person team for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month. The altar is usually set for the Sunday service on Friday afternoon/evening or sometime on Saturday. This includes setting the flowers, filling the candles and occasionally changing the altar colors. At the conclusion of the 10 a.m. Sunday service, flowers are wrapped and readied for pick up by the donor or for delivery to a shut-in and candles refilled. Training will be provided. Please contact Judy Loar at [jkloar@att.net](mailto:jkloar@att.net) or Clint Scott at [hcscott@att.net](mailto:hcscott@att.net) or let Kathy Kluka, office administrator, know of your interest. Thanks for considering this volunteer opportunity.

**Rummage Sale** - We are grateful for the tremendous support during last year's Rummage Sale, which raised \$6,300. This year's sale is scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Please donate items like housewares, electronics, books, and clean clothing. Pack items in boxes no higher than 14 inches, labeled and closed, or in labeled garbage bags for larger items. Bed linens should be specifically labeled with their size. Drop off donations at the church starting August 4<sup>th</sup>. Items should be placed on the shelves and carts provided by the elevator on the social hall level. For alternative arrangements, contact Darlene at 410-788-3139 or [darlenes@comcast.net](mailto:darlenes@comcast.net). Thank you for your generosity.

**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!

# **Our VBS Week was an amazing adventure through the stories of the Bible!**



We at Catonsville UMC and New Hope Community Church are praising God for our **fantastic** adult volunteers, **very helpful** and **responsible** teenage helpers, and all of the children who came **eager** and **excited** to learn about God's Word.

We had 43 adult volunteers, 17 teenage helpers, and 102 children registered for VBS this year!

A very special thank you to the entire CUMC congregation who very generously supported our VBS program once again with craft supplies and monetary donations!

## 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.

## Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service  
Bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross, forsaken,  
Offered mercy's perfect deed:  
We, Your servants, bring the worship  
Not of voice alone, but heart;  
Consecrating to Your purpose  
Every gift that You impart.
  
- 2 Still Your children wander homeless;  
Still the hungry cry for bread;  
Still the captives long for freedom;  
Still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As, O Lord, your deep compassion  
Healed the sick and freed the soul,  
Use the love Your Spirit kindles  
Still to save and make us whole.
  
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision,  
Till your love's revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness  
Dawns upon our quickened sight,  
Making known the needs and burdens  
Your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to tireless striving,  
Your abundant life to share.
  
- 4 Called by worship to your service,  
Forth in your dear name we go to  
The child, the youth, the aged,  
Love in living deeds to show;  
Hope and health, good will and comfort,  
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
That your servants, Lord, in freedom  
May your mercy know, and live.

## **The Gift of Love**

- 1 Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
- 2 Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.
- 3 Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

## **Jesu, Jesu**

### Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them. [Refrain]
- 2 Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white,  
neighbors are near and far away. [Refrain]
- 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]