

# *Blended Worship Service*

*Sunday, September 29, 2024*

*8:30 a.m.*

*\*People Standing*

## **\*Gathering and Singing**

*Great Things  
In Christ Alone*

## **\*Welcome and Announcements**

## **Prayer Joys and Concerns**

## **Call to Prayer**

*Lord, I Need You*

## **Morning Prayer**

## **Lord's Prayer**

## **Epistle Reading**

James 5:13-20

## **Message**

*Why Pray?*

Jeff D'Arcy

## **\*Response**

*Take My Life and Let It Be  
Give Me Faith*

## **\*Benediction**

*Offering plates are available as you leave.*

# *Celebration of Worship*

*Sunday, September 29, 2024*

*10:00 a.m.*

*\*Indicates the Congregation is asked to stand*

## *Nineteenth 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** *Sweet Hour of Prayer* Timothy Albrecht

**Choral Introit** *O Sing, All Ye Lands* Erik Christian 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!* - From Psalm 100

**\*Opening Hymn – No. 126** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

**\*Call to Worship** (inspired by Psalm 124)

**Leader:** If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, where would we be?

**People:** **Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

**Leader:** When trials and troubles overwhelmed us, God was our refuge and strength.

**People:** **The Lord has not abandoned us. We are delivered by God's mighty hand.**

**Leader:** God has broken the snare, and we have escaped!

**People:** **Bless the Lord, who is our protector!**

**Leader:** Come, let us worship the One who saves.

**People:** **We rejoice in the God of our salvation! Amen.**

### **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**

### **Words of Welcome and Announcements**

#### **A Time with the Children**

*Children are always welcome in worship at CUMC. Following the children's message, children may go to their Sunday School class or remain in the worship service with family.*

#### **Anthem**

*The Narrow Way*

K. Lee Scott

*Be near me, Lord, where'er I go; teach me what you would have me do;  
direct whate'er I think or say; and lead me in the narrow way.*

*Prevent me, lest I harbor pride, lest I in my own strength confide;  
show me my weakness, let me see I have my pow'r, my all in thee.*

*Assist and teach me how to pray; incline my nature to obey;  
what you abhor, oh, let me flee, and only love what pleases thee.*

(John Cennick, 1718-55)

#### **Morning Prayer**

**Gracious God, you alone restore life and health to the suffering and to those who wander from the truth. By your grace, may our prayers for one another and the world be powerful and effective. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our healer and redeemer. Amen.**

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

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

#### **Offertory**

*Prière*

Alexandre Guilmant

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

*Praise God*

#### **Epistle Reading**

James 5:13-20 (Pew Bible p. 980)

#### **\*Hymn of Preparation - No. 496**

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

**\*Gospel Reading**

Mark 9:38-50 (Pew Bible p. 821)

**Sermon**

*Why Pray?*

Jeff D'Arcy

**\*Hymn of Response – No. 526**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**Choral Benediction**

*Amen*

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**Postlude**

*Toccata in D*

Johann Krieger

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*Michael Schmitt – Early Music & Communications Coordinator*

*Nursery Attendant – Julia Hurlock*

## *Intercessory Prayer Concerns*

**For the week of September 29<sup>th</sup>:**

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

*Sympathies are expressed to the family and friends of Jude Shinnamon who went to be with the Lord on September 19, 2024.  
A Memorial Service will be held in the Spring.*

This week we pray for:  
**Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela**

We are **thankful** for:

- the beauty in these countries, including in their people and cultural traditions
- persistent, patient, prophetic work of churches and ecumenical and other organizations, to establish peace with justice throughout the region, especially in Colombia
- resistance to past colonization, and to practices of today that prioritize economic ideologies over the needs of the people
- efforts by churches and people of goodwill for inclusive and respectful relations in society and government.

We **pray** for:

- the continued pursuit of peace in Colombia, the fulfilment of agreements reached, the reintegration of insurgents into society, broad and inclusive dialogue for justice, and fair compensation of those victimized by conflict
- the strengthening of democratically elected governments in the region, without pressure from outside interests
- greater respect for the human rights of all, especially vulnerable populations and those who work for the wellbeing of others and of the environment
- an end to the corruption in these societies, and to unsustainable exploitation of their resources.

### **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, September 29, 2024 ~ 7:00 p.m.

## ***Contemporary Praise Celebration***



**Opening Song:** *"Here I Am to Worship"*

**Welcome & Birthdays:** *Karen Higby*

**Words of Praise:** Psalm 61: 1 - 3  
*Mary Coates*

**Praise & Worship:**  
*"Gratitude"*  
*"House of the Lord"*

**Greeting & Passing of the Peace**

**Offering & Music Video:**  
*"Don't Stop Praying"* - Matthew West

**Announcements**  
**Joys & Concerns with Prayer and Reflection**

**Scripture Reading:**  
James 5: 13 - 20

**Message:** *Jeff D'Arcy*  
*"Why pray?"*

**Closing Song:** *"Living Hope"*

## **Week of September 29 – October 5, 2024**

### **Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Blended Service	11:00 a.m. Swahili Service, SH
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	1:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anon., 206
10:00 a.m. Sunday School	7:00 p.m. Praise Service
10:00 a.m. Bible Study, 211	7:00 p.m. Crew 307, SR

### **Monday – Pastor David's Sabbath**

4:00 p.m. Music Together, 206	7:00 p.m. BSA 307G. SR
7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Library	7:00 p.m. Round Dance, SH

### **Tuesday**

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Stdy, Lib.	5:30 p.m. BSA 307B, SR, SH
11:00 a.m. Prayer Time	7:00 p.m. Adonai, sanctuary
4:30 p.m. Daisy 884, SR	8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anon., 206

### **Wednesday**

10:00 a.m. Ministerium, 211	7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Leaders, 206
11:30 a.m. WW Lunch, SH	7:00 p.m. Boy Scout PLC, SR
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawls, Library	7:00 p.m. Bible Study, 211
6:00 p.m. Cubs Pack, SR, SH	

### **Thursday**

1:00 p.m. Bood Drive, SH	6:30 p.m. Bible Journaling, 208
4:30 p.m. Brownies 178, SR	7:00 p.m. Grief Group, Library
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 1640, SR	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, 209

### **Friday**

6:30 p.m. Youth Group, SH

### **Saturday**

8:00 a.m. Methodist Girls	10:00 a.m. Sewing Guild, 206
8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, 211	12:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anon., 208
9:00 a.m. Ballroom Dance, SH	1:00 p.m. Accordion Club, 211

**The altar flowers** are given by Carol & Larry Stauffer in loving memory of our parents, Catherine & Harry Stauffer and Lois & Walker Turner.

	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>
<b>Greeters:</b>	Judy Mengers Joanne Feustle	Mary & John Owen
<b>Lector:</b>		Jan Strevig
<b>Interpreter:</b>		Ronisha Green
<b>Nursery:</b>	Julia Hurlock	
<b>Steward:</b>	Emery Troll	

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

**Check out our new colorful booster seats** for children to use during the service. It's not fun to have trouble seeing what is going on during the service, so the booster helps little ones be able to see better. You can find them in the back of the Sanctuary – children can pick their favorite pattern.

**Rummage Sale set up** is in 3 weeks and our closet isn't filled. Donations can be dropped off on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays. For alternative arrangements contact Darlene at 410-788-3139 or [darlenes@comcast.net](mailto:darlenes@comcast.net) The last day to drop off donations is Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Please pack in small or medium boxes, close the flaps, label and only include items that match the label, and are not extremely heavy. Use large kitchen or black garbage bags for larger items or leave unpacked.

**Wow, all 190 Christmas Cards for the Kids have been Claimed!** You may drop your signed cards, with your donation, today and October 6<sup>th</sup> in the collection box on the table at the Office Level elevator doors before or after the morning services. After the 7:00 p.m. service, give them to Mary Coates. During the week, please drop them off in the church office on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Please return all cards and donations no later than October 6<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Anne at [acsommer1083@gmail.com](mailto:acsommer1083@gmail.com).

***Save the Date for CUMC Homecoming!***  
**We're celebrating 100 years at**  
**6 Melvin Avenue on**  
**Sunday, October 27, 2024.**  
**Worship begins at 10 a.m. with lunch to follow.**  
***RSVP: [www.catonsvilleumc.org/homecoming](http://www.catonsvilleumc.org/homecoming)***

**Homecoming Lunch** – Volunteers are needed to set-up, serve and clean-up. If you can help in any way please contact Jane Sneeringer at 443-388-6064 by text/phone or email her at [jane.sneeringer74@gmail.com](mailto:jane.sneeringer74@gmail.com).

**Food Drive October 6<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>** - Help fill the food pantry at UMBC. One in three students face food insecurity. They need non-perishable foods - microwaveable items, protein shakes, breakfast bars, etc. Tubs will be located at both entrances labeled “UMBC Food Drive”.

**Abigail Circle** is reading and discussing *The House that Love Built: Why I Opened My Door to Immigrants and How We Found Hope beyond a Broken System* by Sarah Jackson on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. in the UMW room. If you are interested in reading this book and joining a discussion about it, please join us.

**The Sunday School teachers** that we have are excellent, wonderful, and so very dedicated, but sometimes they need a break! Would you please consider helping us in Sunday School in a small or big way by being a regular or occasional helper? Please let Misty know how you'd like to help. Thank you!

**We are seeking teenagers** who would like to serve at church. Roles include acolyte, greeter, AV helper, or Sunday School helper. Please consider how you can serve and see Misty for additional information.

**Bulletins are available** October 13<sup>th</sup> and November 17<sup>th</sup> to dedicate in honor or memory of a loved one. The cost is \$40 each. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

**Mission Update:** The Loftus family, supported by CUMC, has completed one year in Chogoria, Kenya, where they have been actively involved in various ministries such as leading Bible studies, teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, and mentoring summer interns at PCEA Chogoria Hospital. They celebrated the graduation of clinical officer interns at the hospital, and Matthew played a key role in proctoring exams for Family Medicine residents across Kenya. The family also attended their first Pioneers East Africa retreat in five years, reconnecting with old friends. As they prepare for a home assignment in the U.S. this September, they ask for prayers for a smooth transition, rest, and meaningful connections with family and friends.

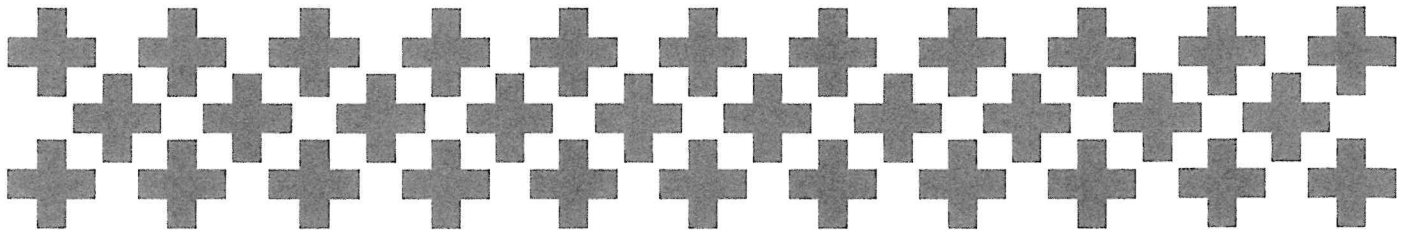
**Volunteers Needed!** CUMC Nursery is seeking enthusiastic experienced volunteers to help out in the Nursery during the 8:30 and 10:00 services. Prior experience with children is preferred. Youth 15 or older can volunteer and earn service hours! Please reach out to Julia Hurlock at [juliah02@comcast.net](mailto:juliah02@comcast.net)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

**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 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.

# American Red Cross

*Give blood.* Help save lives.



## **Blood Drive Catonsville United Methodist Church**

**Social Hall  
6 Melvin Avenue  
Catonsville, MD 21228**

**Thursday, October 3, 2024  
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: [catonsvilleumc](http://catonsvilleumc) to schedule an appointment.

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## Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled  
and every faithless murmur stilled:  
To God all praise and glory.

2 The Lord is never far away,  
but through all grief distressing,  
an ever present help and stay,  
our peace and joy and blessing.  
As with a mother's tender hand,  
God gently leads the chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory.

3 Thus all my toilsome way along,  
I sing aloud thy praises,  
that earth may hear the grateful song  
my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,  
both soul and body bear your part:  
To God all praise and glory.

4 Let all who name Christ's holy name  
give God all praise and glory;  
let all who own his power proclaim  
aloud the wondrous story!  
Cast each false idol from its throne,  
for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:  
To God all praise and glory.

## Sweet Hour of Prayer

1 Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne  
make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare  
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

2 Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
of those whose anxious spirits burn  
with strong desires for thy return!  
With such I hasten to the place

where God my Savior shows his face,  
and gladly take my station there,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

3 Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
thy wings shall my petition bear  
to him whose truth and faithfulness  
engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since he bids me seek his face,  
believe his word, and trust his grace,  
I'll cast on him my every care,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

### **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;  
thou wilt find a solace there.