♠ Cheltenham United Methodist Church

THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART



guidance & dedication



Sunday, October 6, 2024 (20th Sunday after Pentecost, World Communion Sunday)

GATHERING

WELCOME

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

In the midst of struggle and strife, God is with us.

Praise be to God for God's steadfast presence.

Even though many things in life hurt and disappoint us, God is with us.

We seek God's mercy and grace to heal our wounded souls.

Come, bring your needs and wants to God,

for God will hear your cries and restore your souls.

Praise be to God for mercy, peace, and hope. AMEN.

PRAYER

Lord, we come to you today with so many things on our hearts. You call us to be in relationship of trust and love with you and you offer healing to us for those portions of our lives that are broken and injured. Help us to be open to your mercy and healing love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

+HYMN "The Old Rugged Cross" UMH 504

Words: George Bennard, 1913 (1 Cor. 1:22-25)

Music: George Bennard, 1913 Tune: THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

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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.

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

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

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

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

+HYMN

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

UMH 618

Words: Afro-American spiritual (Acts 2:42)

Music: Afro-American spiritual, adapt. and arr. by William Farley Smith, 1986

Tune: LET US BREAK BREAD

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Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees) let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees) When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees) let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees) When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees) let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees) When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees) let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees) When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy if you please. (if you please)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Hebrews 2:9-12

SERMON "The Reason That We Can Affirm the Life" Rev. Daein Park

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

+OFFERTORY "As the Deer" TFWS 2025

+DOXOLOGY UMH 95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD'S SUPPER

- † Invitation
- † Confess and Pardon

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

† The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In the beginning You alone made the world and it was perfect. ... Together we worship Your holy name. Together we sing in praise of Your greatness. Together joining with the grand diversity of heaven adding our voices to their unending hymn:

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... All over the world people are crying out for what Christ has died to give them. It is this faith, hope, and love that we feel called to share, and so because of the truth we find in this holy mystery, we proclaim our faith in Christ:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

... Open our hearts to receive each other in ways that extend Your loving presence. Find joy through our unity, O Christ. Find hope through our cooperation, O Spirit. Find beauty through our interconnectedness with all, Great Triune God, as we each seek to live according to Your will. **Amen**.

† Giving the Bread and Cup

GOING FORTH

+HYMN "Victory in Jesus" UMH 370

Words: Eugene M. Bartlett, 1939 Music: Eugene M. Bartlett, 1939

Tune: HARTFORD

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I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory, How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me; I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning, Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

Refrain

Oh victory in Jesus, my Savior forever He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood. He loved me 'ere I knew Him and all my love is due Him. He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing, How He made the lame to walk again and 'caused the blind to see; And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit," And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory.

Refrain

I heard about a mansion He has built for me in glory, And I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea; About the angels singing and the old redemption story, And some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.

Refrain

+BENEDICTION

Upcoming Events

Monday, October 7, 2024

Monday Methodists 9am Knitting Circle 10am Council Meeting 7pm

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Pastor's Office Hour 2pm-4pm

Thursday, October 10, 2024

Pastor's Office Hour 10pm-12pm

*If you need to connect with the pastor for a meeting, you can send an email to cumcpastorpark@gmail.com or give him a call at 202-802-4302

Request for Home Visitation

Whether you've been joining us for online services or attending in person regularly, we would love to visit you at home this fall.

To request a home visitation, please contact the Pastor or Crystal, our Lay Leader. Kindly let us know your preferred time for a visit during weekdays in October.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

- **Job 2:4-10 NRSV ⁴** Then the accuser answered the LORD, "Skin for skin! All that the man has he will give for his life. ⁵ But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." ⁶ The LORD said to the accuser, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."
- ⁷So the accuser went out from the presence of the LORD and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. ⁸Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself and sat among the ashes.
- ⁹ Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God and die." ¹⁰ But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive good from God and not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.
- **Hebrews 2:9-12 NRSV 9** but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.
- 10 It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.
 11 For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, 12 saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."