



Bel Air United Methodist Church

18th Sunday after Pentecost – October 1, 2023 – 9:15 AM

Prelude

Organist, Jeff Beyers

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive, United Methodist)

Come, give to the LORD your praises of thanksgiving.

We come this day, grateful for God's wondrous gifts to us!

Sing with great enthusiasm of God's mighty power and love.

We celebrate that love that frames our lives.

It is a wonderful thing to praise God!

May God's praise always be in our hearts and in our lives. Amen.

Hymn*

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

UMH 64

Opening Prayer* (Unison; Rev. Magrey DeVega)

Loving God, thank you for this time with us. Open our minds to understand what you are saying to us today. Open our hearts to receive the scriptures. Give to us courage to follow Jesus in a world that tempts us to do otherwise. In his name, we pray. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith* (Unison; United Church of Canada)

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Prayer of Confession & Silent Prayer

Jory Fisher

Words of Assurance (Psalm 34: 22)

L: The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Peace (Responsive)

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you. Amen.**

Psalter Reading

Psalm 22:25-31

Gospel Reading*

Mark 8:34-38

Hymn**Take Up Thy Cross*

UMH 415

Sermon

"What Do You Live For?"

Rev. Byron E. Brought

Offering Our Gifts

This moment of reflection is an opportunity to consider your response to God. How will you demonstrate your love for God? How will you give of your time, your talents, and your treasures? Please consider giving electronically; ask us how. Thank you.

**Doxology****Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 95

Prayer of Dedication* (The Abingdon Worship Annual, Unison)

Welcome these gifts as you have welcomed us, O God. Grant that all who receive our help, and all who are supported by our offerings, will know your compassion and infinite love. Amen.

Communion & The Lord's Prayer**Hymn****Since Jesus Came into My Heart*

TFWS 2140

Benediction & Organ Postlude*

Communion Is Open to All – Pre-packaged Gluten-Free communion elements are available upon request. Please ask an usher and they will provide it for you.

Fall Preaching Series – Questions Jesus Asked – Magrey R. Devega

- ❖ Sept. 10th – Who Do You Say That I Am? – Luke 9:18-27
- ❖ Sept. 17th – Why Are You Afraid? – Matthew 8:23-27
- ❖ Sept. 24th – Why Are You Anxious? – Luke 12:25-31
- ❖ **Oct. 1st – What Do You Live For? – Mark 8:34-38**
- ❖ Oct. 8th – Whom Will You Love? – Luke 6: 27-36
- ❖ Oct. 15th – Laity Sunday – Jim Piccione
- ❖ Oct. 22nd – What Are You Looking For? – John 1:35-38

Food & Fellowship Thank You! Thank you to our Hospitality Team led by Alice Archer. Join us in Room 202 and the Welcome Center every Sunday from 10:00 -11:00 am.

Children's Choir and Youth Choir - Children's Choir rehearsals for Grades K-2 and Grades 3-6 have begun. Grades K-2 meet in the choir room from 10:15-10:45. Grades 3-6 meet in the choir room from 10:45-11:30. Youth Choir will begin in October.

BAUMC Pictorial Directory – It is time for the NEW Pictorial Directory! October 16 – 18 from 2 pm – 8:30 pm. You must have an appointment! Please sign-up at <https://belairumc.com/ChurchDirectoryAppt> or use the below QR code:



A Service of Remembrance for Rev Charles Lightner will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, October 22 at 11 am. Rev. Lightner served as lead pastor here at BAUMC for about 20 years, was well loved and was a great storyteller. Everyone is invited to come and share stories about him as we celebrate his life and ministry here.

Children's Christian Center (CCC) Board – The CCC Board is looking for help. It would be ideal if someone knows how to work with money. If you can help, please be in touch with the CCC Board members or with Pastor Byron.

This is the last Sunday at BAUMC for Tony and Sue Ciampaglio. They will move on to Wesley Freedom UMC in Sykesville, Maryland.

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Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

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Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Take Up Thy Cross

“Take up thy cross,” the Savior said, “if thou wouldst my disciple be; deny thyself, the world forsake, and humbly follow after me.”

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.

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.

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.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Since Jesus Came into My Heart

What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought since Jesus came into my heart! I have light in my soul for which long I had sought, since Jesus came into my heart! Since Jesus came into my heart, since Jesus came into my heart, floods of joy o’er my soul like the sea billows roll since Jesus came into my heart.

I have ceased from my wandering and going astray, since Jesus came into my heart! And my sins, which were many, are all washed away, since Jesus came into my heart! Since Jesus came into my heart, since Jesus came into my heart, floods of joy o’er my soul like the sea billows roll since Jesus came into my heart.

I’m possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure, since Jesus came into my heart! And no dark clouds of doubt now my pathway obscure, since Jesus came into my heart! Since Jesus came into my heart, since Jesus came into my heart, floods of joy o’er my soul like the sea billows roll since Jesus came into my heart.

There’s a light in the valley of death now for me, since Jesus came into my heart! And the gates of the City beyond I can see, since Jesus came into my heart! Since Jesus came into my heart, since Jesus came into my heart, floods of joy o’er my soul like the sea billows roll since Jesus came into my heart.

I shall go there to dwell in that City, I know, since Jesus came into my heart! And I'm happy, so happy, as onward I go, since Jesus came into my heart! Since Jesus came into my heart, since Jesus came into my heart, floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll since Jesus came into my heart.