

23rd Sunday after Pentecost – November 13th, 2022 – 9:15 AM

Gathering Music & Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Our Pastors

Rejoice, O People of God, this is a day of celebration.

Rejoice, O People of God, this is a day of thanks and praise.

Rejoice, O People of God, this is a day of singing, and prayer, and rest, and restoration.

We give thanks to our Creator God, who has made us for this very purpose – to worship The Living God, to celebrate life and the gifts of creation, and to love one another.

Rejoice, Friends in Christ, we have come to encourage one another.

Rejoice, Friends in Christ, we have come to build one another up.

Rejoice, Friends in Christ, we have come to bear one another's burdens, and to share in one another's joys.

Rejoice, Friends in Christ; let us worship our God with the strength of a thousand voices. Amen and amen!

Opening Hymn*

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UMH 57

Affirmation of Faith*

The Apostles' Creed

UMH 888

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Rev. Lynn Boyd

We gather this morning to worship you Great and Wonderful LORD, Creator of All that is – Seen and Unseen. We gather to offer our thanks and praise for all the good gifts you send. Our lives are testimonies to your goodness. We give you thanks for the blessings of life, of love, of joy, of hope, of peace, of mercy and compassion. Thank you for the promise of salvation and resurrection to everlasting life. Be present with us throughout this day that we may ever be mindful of our words and our actions. Help us be people who are worthy of your forgiving and gracious love. Through the power of Jesus Christ and your Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Prayer of Confession & Silent Prayer

Bob Sherman

Words of Assurance (2 Timothy 4)

In Christ, there is reserved for us a crown of righteousness, which we share with all those who love him and long for his appearance. The one who answers our prayers for deliverance has fitted us for the kingdom. Rejoice and be glad! **Amen.**

The Peace

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

Litany of God's Faithfulness (Responsive)

Faith Smeltzer

From before all time, until the end of time... **God is faithful.**
 Through every season of life: winter, spring, summer, and fall...**God is faithful.**
 With the rising of the sun to its setting...**God is faithful.**
 In the course of the planets, moons, and stars...**God is faithful.**
 In subatomic particles, the building blocks of life...**God is faithful.**
 In the animals of the earth, sea, and sky...**God is faithful.**
 In the planting, and the harvest, and the celebration...**God is faithful.**
 In joys and sadness...**God is faithful.**
 In life, and death, and life again...**God is faithful; thanks be to God! Amen.**

Hymn of Reflection* *Great is Thy Faithfulness* UMH 140

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 7:7-14 Bob Sherman

Sermon "Raising Ebenezers" Rev. Byron E. Brought

Hymn Response* *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* UMH 400

Reflective Music

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? Our offering plates are in the back of the sanctuary, or please consider giving electronically; ask us how. Thank you.



Communion & The Lord's Prayer

Closing Songs* *Hallelujah*
 10,000 Reasons Dave Whitescarver

Benediction & Organ Postlude*



Altar Flower Dedication: The flowers on the altar table are dedicated to the Glory of God and to wish a happy heavenly birthday to my dad, Robert. I love and miss you every day, by Janice Wolfe-Johnson.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal: Every Wednesday from 7-8:15 pm; all are welcome.

Celebration Sunday: TODAY, November 13th; All are invited and encouraged to come!

- ❖ 9:15 am – Worship together in the sanctuary
- ❖ 10:30 am – Brunch in McComas Hall with silent auction.
- ❖ 10:30 am – Praise music by Dave Whitescarver in McComas Hall

- ❖ 11:00 am – Live auction with Bob Sherman as our auctioneer. Auction with proceeds to benefit hurricane relief through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief).

Thanksgiving Eve Worship: Please join us on **Wednesday, November 23rd, 7:30 pm** in the main sanctuary; Rev. Robert Clipp, retired United Methodist pastor, will be preaching.

Musicians Wanted: Pastor Deb wants MUSICIANS for November 27th and/or Christmas Eve at 4 pm – EVERY AGE!! A special choir will kick off Advent, and will celebrate at the Family Christmas Eve Service – Instrumentalists to accompany choir. Orchestration includes Flutes, Oboes, Clarinets, Horns, Trumpets, Trombones, Percussion, Viola, Cello, Bass Clarinet, Soprano Sax, Alto Sax, Violin, Guitar, etc. Questions/Sign Ups at Armstrong Entrance.

Toy Workshop: Toy collection from November 1 – November 21. We collect new and **gently used** toys to help children in Harford County for Christmas.

Adopt A Child: Sponsors and Coordinators needed to help children in Harford County for Christmas. Sign up on the hallway bulletin board or contact Jeanne Arseneau at mysticheaven805@gmail.com

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O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of thy name.

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.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

He speaks and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven; anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

Affirmation of Faith

Leader: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

All: Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to two women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe in Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Hallelujah

Now I've heard there was a secret chord, that David played, and it pleased the Lord. But you don't really care for music, do you? It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth, the minor fall, the major lift. The baffled king composing Hallelujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Your faith was strong but you needed proof. You saw her bathing on the roof, her beauty and the moonlight overthrew you. She tied you to the kitchen chair, she broke your

throne and she cut your hair and from your lips she drew the Hallelujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

You say I took the name in vain, I don't even know the name. But if I did – well, really- what's it to you? There's a blaze of light in every word, it doesn't matter which you heard, the holy or the broken Hallelujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

I did my best, it wasn't much, I couldn't feel, so I tried to touch. I've told the truth, I didn't come to fool you. And even though it all went wrong, I'll stand before the Lord of Song, with nothing on my tongue but Hallelujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

10,000 Reasons

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul. Oh my soul, worship his holy name. Sing like never before, Oh my soul I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing your song again. Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul. Oh my soul, worship his holy name. Sing like never before, oh my soul. I'll worship your holy name.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger. Your name is great and your heart is kind. For all your goodness, I will keep on singing. Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul. Oh my soul, worship his holy name. Sing like never before, oh my soul. I'll worship your holy name.

And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come. Still my soul will sing your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul. Oh my soul, worship his holy name. Sing like never before, oh my soul. I'll worship your holy name. Yes, I'll worship your holy name.