



Bel Air United Methodist Church

19th Sunday after Pentecost – October 8, 2023 – 9:15 AM

Prelude

Organist, Jeff Beyers

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

We adore you, LORD, because of all that you have done for us.

We adore you, LORD, for your majesty above all things.

We adore you, LORD, for your works in creation – from the smallest small to the greatest great.

We adore you, LORD, for being by our side whenever we need you.

We adore you, LORD, because you are YOU!

Thank you for being our God, and for welcoming us as your children!

Hymn*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH 89

Opening Prayer* (Unison; Rev. Magrey DeVega)

Holy and Merciful God, you are love. You created us out of love. You gave your Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation because you loved us. We remember the scriptures that tell us that we love because you first loved us. Thank you for this time of worship. Open our hearts and minds as we learn together what it means to truly live as your loving and compassionate people. In the name of your Son Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Moment for Ministry

Remembrances of Rev. Charlie Lightner

Jim Butcher

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Prayer of Confession & Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance (Psalm 106: 1)

Praise the LORD! Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;
his steadfast love endures forever.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Peace (Responsive)

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you. Amen.

Psalter Reading

Gospel Reading*

Luke 6:27-36

Hymn*

You Are Mine

TFWS 2218

Sermon

“Whom Will You Love?”

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* (Unison, The Abingdon Worship Annual; Exodus 20 and Psalm 19)

For your teachings, that are sweeter than honey, and to be desired more than gold, we give you humble thanks. For your many blessings, we offer you our treasures, and ourselves in return. Amen.

Communion & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Lynn Boyd

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn*

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH 384

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.

A Service of Remembrance for Rev. Charles W. Lightner – Sunday, October 22 at 11 am

Join us in the sanctuary. Rev. Lightner served as lead pastor here at BAUMC for about 20 years. He 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 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. November 16th from 1:00 pm – 7pm. You must have an appointment! Please sign-up at <https://belairumc.com/ChurchDirectoryAppt> or use the below QR code:



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.

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Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field of forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife; joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumphs song of life.

You are Mine

I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear,
You will hear My voice, I claim you as My choice, Be still, and know I am here
I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light, Come and rest in Me

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow Me
I will bring you home, I love you and you are mine

I am strength for all the despairing, Healing for the ones who dwell in shame
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, And all will know My name

Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow Me
I will bring you home, I love you and you are mine

I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give
I will call your name, embracing all your pain, Stand up, now, walk, and live
Do not be afraid, I am with you, I have called you each by name, Come and follow Me
I will bring you home, I love you and you are mine,

Do not be afraid, I am with you, I have called you each by name, Come and follow Me
I will bring you home, I love you and you are mine

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.

Love Devine, All Loves Excelling

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.

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.

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.

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.

