



Bel Air United Methodist Church
Ascension Sunday – May 21, 2023 – 9:15 AM

Gathering Music & Announcements

Organist, Jeff Beyers

Call to Worship (UM Book of Worship)

He who descended is also ascended far above the heavens,
That he might fill all things in earth and heaven.

When Christ, our Life, appears, we shall appear with him in glory. Alleluia. Amen.

Hymn*

Jesus Shall Reign

UMH 157

Opening Prayer (Unison, Celtic Prayer, Northumbria Community)

Most Powerful Holy Spirit, come down upon us and subdue us.

From heaven, where the ordinary is made glorious, and glory seems but ordinary.

Bathe us with the brilliance of your light, like dew. Amen.

Anthem

Celtic Praise

Chancel Choir

Directed by Dave Tramontana

Sacrament of Baptism

Adella Robinson, Tristan Durkee, & Adella Farley

Recognition of Graduates

Ashley Sanders, BAUMC Youth Director

2023 High School Graduates:

Zack Barry – C. Milton Wright High School

Krysten Coppage – Bel Air High School

Will Entner – Bel Air High School

Avery Lane – Harford Technical High School

Manny Lucas – Bel Air High School

Phillip Newcomer – Aberdeen High School

Braxton Rivers – North Harford High School

Faith Smeltzer – Edgewood High School

2023 College Graduates:

Josiah Brought, Montana State University

Ashley Downes, West Virginia Wesleyan University

Ryan Wessel – York College of Pennsylvania

High School Graduating Scholarship Recipients:

Zack Barry

Will Entner

Manny Lucas

Faith Smeltzer

Prayer of Confession

Dave Fisher

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance (Psalm 103: 8)

L: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

The Peace

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

New Testament Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Hymns*

We Will Glorify the King of Kings
Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

TFWS 2087

TFWS 2088

Sermon

“Ascension”

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.



Special Music

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

Handbell Choir

Communion & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn*

His Glory Appears (Sampson and Zschech)

You gave me hope, you made me whole, at the cross.

You took my place, you showed me grace, at the cross, where you died for me.

And his glory appears like the light from the sun,

Age to age, he shines.

Oh, look to the skies, hear the angels cry, singing, 'Holy is the Lord.'

Benediction & Organ Postlude*



Gather at the flagpole at 9:00 am next Sunday, May 28th for a special Memorial Day Prayer and Lee Stielper playing the bugle.

Baseball & BAUMC – Friday, May 26th; 7:00 pm. Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship with the IronBirds at Ripken Stadium. Children’s activities at the Kids Zone + 3 tokens for kids 3-12 years old. Fireworks after the game! Tickets are \$12 each. Limited number of tickets available.

Pentecost Sunday – Next Sunday, May 28th – wear “Red” and help celebrate the birth of the church!

The 239th Session of the Baltimore- Washington Annual Conference will take place May 31 – June 3, 2023 in Baltimore, MD. The Lay Members to Annual Conference from BAUMC are Leonard and Devonna Rowe. The service project at this year’s Annual Conference will be to provide school supplies to Baltimore City schools. BAUMC has contributed to this project. Thank you for your support, love, and prayers. Thank you to Pastor Lynn for shepherding this mission.

Habitat for Humanity Church-Wide Panel Build – Saturday, June 10th

Save the date and please plan to join us in the church parking lot, Saturday, June 10th, Linwood Entrance for a panel build. These panels will be used for the walls in next year’s Habitat House. Thirty volunteers needed. We provide a continental breakfast and t-shirts. Sign-up at: habitatsusq.org/civicrm/event/info/?reset=1&id=9980

Vacation Bible School July 24 -27, 9:00 am – 12 Noon. Register NOW on the website!

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Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom spread from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Jesus endless prayer be made, and endless praises crown his head; his name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song; and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; all prisoners leap and loose their chains; the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

We Will Glorify the King of Kings

We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb; We will glory the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before his throne; we will worship him in righteousness, we will worship him alone.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, he is Lord of all who live; he is Lord above the universe, all praise to him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb; hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises. I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross my debt to pay; from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord I lift your name on high.