

5th Sunday after Epiphany – February 5th, 2023 – 9:15 AM

Gathering Music & Announcements

Organist, Jeff Beyers

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 32)

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven.

Happy are those who receive God's mercy.

Happy are those who are faithful to the LORD.

Happy are those who receive God's protection. Amen.

Opening Hymn*

Come, Thou Almighty King

UMH 61

Opening Prayer* (Unison)

O God, who is greater than our minds can conceive, be our strength.

O Lord, who walks on the waters and tells the storm to be still, be our calm.

Shepherding God, who reclaims the one who is lost...

Comforting God, who raises us up from despair...

Merciful God, whose forgives unspeakable sins...

Loving God, whose love knows no boundaries...

Speak to us still in this hour, that we might be drawn closer to you. Be the peace in our hearts, in our homes, in our communities, and in our world. All this we pray in the name of the one who is for us Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

Hymn*

Gloria Patri

UMH 71

Moment for Ministry

Mats for the Homeless

Cheryl Firth & Sheryl Pedrick

Sacrament of Baptism

Whitney Buschmann & Jacob Buschmann

Parents – Daniel & Kelly Buschmann

Prayer of Confession & Silent Prayer

Jim Piccione

Words of Assurance (Psalm 32:5 & 11)

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave all my sins.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice; shout for joy all you who are upright in heart! Amen.

The Peace

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

Anthem

Chancel Choir, Directed by Dave Tramontana

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4: 1-11

Hymn

Breath on Me, Breath of God

UMH 420

Sermon

"Temptation"

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.



Communion & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn*

Close to Thee

UMH 407

Benediction & Organ Postlude*



Annual Stewardship Campaign is here! Time to embrace our Missions & Ministries, our M&Ms! Thank you to all who have returned a pledge card so far. It's not too late to participate. Please bring yours by at your earliest convenience. This greatly helps us plan our ministries and missions for the year.

Family Food Distribution – Special warm thanks to all who served those in need this weekend through our food distribution.

Mats for the Homeless – Join Cheryl Firth and Sheryl Pedrick in Room 202 today at 10:30 am for a demonstration on making mats for the homeless out of plastic bags.

VIM/Habitat Soup Sale – Next Sunday, February 12th Our Volunteers in Mission (VIM) Team will be making and selling soup next Sunday to support our “Faith Build” house. BAUMC contributes over \$10,000 each year to Habitat for Humanity to build a house for a family in need in Harford County. We also provide work volunteers throughout the project to help in the building process.

Cantors Wanted – If you would like to help lead hymns in worship, we will welcome your help and your voice. Please see pastor Byron or Dave Tramontana.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Tuesday, Feb. 21; 5-7:00 pm

Lent Begins Ash Wednesday – Wednesday, Feb. 22

- ❖ Drive-By Ashes Linwood Entrance 12:00-1:00 PM
- ❖ Ash Wednesday Service Main Sanctuary, 7:00 PM

Lenten Soup and Study – Tuesdays in Lent – McComas Hall – February 28-April 4; 5:30-7:00 pm . We'll be using the book *“Savior – What the Bible Says About the Cross,”* by Magrey DeVega. Books are \$10; stop by the church office to pick up your copy. Please come join us during this time of sacred learning and fellowship.

Lenten Sermon Series – The Six Days of Creation in Genesis 1 – Begins February 26

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Come, Thou Almighty King

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise!
Father all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend! Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence, evermore. Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore!

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

Close to Thee

Thou my everlasting portion, more than friend or life to me, all along my pilgrim journey, Savior, let me walk with thee.

Refrain:

Close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, all along my pilgrim journey, Savior, let me walk with thee.

Not for ease or worldly pleasure, nor for fame my prayer shall be; gladly will I toil and suffer, only let me walk with thee.

Refrain:

Close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, gladly will I toil and suffer, only let me walk with thee.

Lead me through the vale of shadows, bear me o'er life's fitful sea; then the gate of life eternal may I enter, Lord, with thee.

Refrain:

Close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, then the gate of life eternal may I enter, Lord, with thee.