



Bel Air United Methodist Church

4th Sunday after Pentecost – June 25, 2023 – 9:15 AM

Gathering Music & Announcements

Organist, Jeff Beyers

Call to Worship (Responsive)

The LORD be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us worship the LORD, **now and forever. Amen.**

Hymn*

I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

UMH 60

Opening Prayer* (Responsive)

Come, all who need help.

Our help comes from the LORD who made heaven and earth.

Come, all who desire blessing.

Our blessing comes from the LORD, the God of Abraham and Sarah,

The God of promise, and the God of our eternal covenant.

Come, all who long for salvation.

Our salvation comes from the LORD, poured out freely for all through the love and grace of Jesus the Christ. Thanks be to God for this saving love. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith*

The Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

Moment for Ministry

Youth Mission Trip - Romney, WVA

Ashley Sanders

Nick Barry, Emma Borlie, Hailey Jackson, Eve Krout, Roman Jasso, Audrey Lucas, Lia Lucas, Colter Mace, Deacon Milton, Rocco Mutombo, Faith Smeltzer, Lily Smeltzer

Adult Leaders: Steve Barry, Ruth Flanders, Jeremy Sanders, Ron Martinek

Sacrament of Baptism

Joan Critz Suprock

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression, in whatever forms they present themselves. **I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church, which Christ has opened to all people? **I do.**

(To the congregation)

Do you as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ. **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life, and include Joan now before you in your care?

With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Joan with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for her as she walks in the way that leads to life.

Thanksgiving Over the Water & Baptism

(To the congregation)

Members of the household of God, I commend Joan to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

Child of God, by water and the Spirit,

We welcome you into God's new creation.

Share with us in the family of faith, with joy and thanksgiving.

We welcome you as a member of Christ's holy Church. Amen.

Let us welcome the newest baptized member of Bel Air United Methodist Church.

Prayer of Confession & Silent Prayer

Debbie Englar

Words of Assurance (Psalm 13: 5-6)

I will trust in your unfailing love; I will rejoice because you have rescued me!

I will sing to the LORD because you, God, have been so good to me.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Peace

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

Scripture Reading

Genesis 21:1-21

Hymn*

The God of Abraham Praise

UMH 116

Sermon

"Isaac and Ishmael"

Rev. Byron E. Brought

Special Music

He's Always Been Faithful (T. Chisolm, W. Runyon, S. Groves)

Soloist: Kathy Frawley

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

Communion & The Lord's Prayer

Benediction & Organ Postlude*

Continued Prayers: Art Benson, Paul Bowden, Dee Calligaro, Ron Forbes, Jim Hainley, Stephanie Juchs Heidbreder, Carolyn Higgins, Jane Indyke, Nancy Jenkins, Wes Jenkins, Brian Jones, Pat Jones, Sandy Juchs, Jill Kruger, Ted Lingelbach, Shirley MacLean, Linda Mazziott, Joy Merryman, Bruce Middlekauff, Robert Miller, Dick Moen, Skip Panowitz, Alice Paradise, Warren Pardo, Rachel Pazdersky, Joe Schrufer, Mary Schrufer, Dave Shaffer, Kathy Shaffer, Ron Stearn, Deanna Stielper, Paula Van Hart, Lauren Wessel, Linda Williams.

We extend our deepest Christian sympathy:

- ❖ To the family and friends of Lew Decker on his passing,
- ❖ To the family and friends of Jim Brown on his passing,
- ❖ To Val and Leigh Walker on the passing of Val's father.
- ❖ To Joel and Lisa Caudill on the passing of Lisa's brother.

Congratulations to Regina Rizzo and Donald Neuer on the birth of their son, Nikolas. Grandmother is Debbie Snyder.

Altar Flower Dedication – The flowers on the altar table are dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor of our 40th Wedding Anniversary, by Chas & Patricia Hagan.

Summer Fellowship – Summer Fellowship begins TODAY! Lemonade and special treats will be offered at the Connection Corner/Welcome Area. We invite you to please bring your own coffee and feel welcome to bring it to worship.

First Time Guests – Welcome Friends! We're glad you are here. First time guests, we have a gift for you. Meet us at the "Connection Corner" in the lobby. Look for the "Come, Care, and Connect" sign. Looking forward to meeting you!

4th of July Community Event Donations – Thank you for your generous donations last Sunday. For those of you who want to give this Sunday, our collection buckets are in the lobby and welcome areas.

College and Senior High Summer Study – Sunday evenings 7-8 pm, July 9 & 23, and August 6 & 13. Location to be determined. Please reach out to Pastor Byron if you'd like to come broughtb@baumc.com.

Summer Musicians – Can you sing, play an instrument, or dance? We'd love to have you share your gifts in worship. Please reach out to one of the pastors, the church office, or Dave Tramontana for an opportunity to glorify God through music. Thank you!

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

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I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath; and when my voice is lost in death, praise shall employ my nobler powers. My days of praise shall ne'er be past, while life, and thought, and being last, or immortality endures.

Happy are they whose hopes rely on Israel's God, who made the sky and earth and seas, with all their train; whose truth forever stands secure, who saves th'oppressed and feeds the poor, for none shall find God's promise vain.

The Lord pours eyesight on the blind; the Lord supports the fainting mind and sends the laboring conscience peace. God helps the stranger in distress, the widow and the fatherless, and grants the prisoner sweet release.

I'll praise my God who lends me breath; and when my voice is lost in death, praise shall employ my nobler powers. My days of praise shall ne'er be past, while life, and thought, and being last, or immortality endures.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The God of Abraham Praise

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of Everlasting Days, and God of love; Jehovah, great I AM! by earth and heaven confessed; I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

The great I AM has sworn; I on this oath depend. I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascend. I shall behold God's face; I shall God's power adore, and sing the wonders of God's grace forevermore.

The heavenly land I see, with peace and plenty blest; a land of sacred liberty, and endless rest. There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound, and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing, and "Holy, holy, holy!" cry, "Almighty King! Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be: Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM, we worship thee!"

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.

Standing on the Promises

Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God. Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God. Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.