



Bel Air United Methodist Church

1st Sunday in Lent – February 18, 2024 – 9:15 AM

Prelude

Deb Lampton, Pianist

Welcome & Ministry Opportunities

Call to Worship

Cheryl Carmen, Fran Taylor, Deb Lampton

Hear the bells ringing; they're singing that we can be born again
Hear the bells ringing; they're singing Christ is risen from the dead
The angel up on the tombstone said, "He is risen just as he said.
Quickly now, go tell his disciples that Jesus Christ is no longer dead."
Joy to the World; he is risen; alleluia!
He's risen! Alleluia! He's risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Hymns*

Joy to the World (vs.1,2)

UMH 246

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (vs.1,2)

UMH 89

Opening Prayer (Unison, Book of Common Prayer)

O God, your glory is always to have mercy. Be gracious to all of us who have gone astray from your ways, and bring us again, with penitent hearts and steadfast faith, to embrace and hold fast to the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son, with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Special Music

He Will Hold Me Fast

Sarah Prindiville, Cello

Chancel Choir, directed by Dave Tramontana

Moment for Ministry

Zimbabwe Medical Clinic

Dave Talbot

Prayer for Zimbabwe Mission by Jim Piccione

Father, you are calling me, and those with whom I'm traveling to bring your love, joy, hope and Holy Word to the people of Zimbabwe. This is an opportunity for each of us to see how you shine within all people, especially those who endure hardships in ways that are simply unimaginable. Keep each of us healthy so we can make this journey in the name of your Son, and share the joy it will bring to all who partake in it. Help us accomplish our goals and make a difference while we are there in ways that only you know. Allow us to cultivate relationships with people to change not only their lives, but our own, that will bring all of us closer to you. Open our hearts

to fully understand that this is about serving your kingdom, and allow us to give ourselves to those in need, exactly as you lead us. Lord, provide a safe travel experience to and from our destination. Give us patience, endurance & good health throughout this entire journey. Know that it is because of our love for you and your Son, Jesus Christ, that we accept this calling to serve, and that we trust in you to guide us until this mission is complete. I pray this to you through your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession & Silent Prayer

Jim Piccione

Words of Assurance (Psalm 23:1-3)

The LORD is my Shepherd. I'll not want. He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters. His goodness restores my soul.

Chorus

And I will trust in you alone
And I will trust in you alone
For your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

Descant

I will trust in you
I will trust in you
Endless mercy follows me
I will trust, I will trust in you

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-18

Mary Magdalene Video

Sermon

"Mary Magdalene"

Rev. Byron E. Brought

Offering and Gifts

Special Music

A Woman

Cheryl Carmen, Fran Taylor, Deb Lampton

Communion & The Lord's Prayer

UMH 30

Prayer of Humble Access

Agnus Dei (Music Response)

Hymns

In the Garden UMH 314

He Is Lord UMH 177

Surely the Presence UMH 328

Benediction & Blessing

Psalm 23

Altar flowers – The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the Glory of God.

Habitat for Humanity/VIM Soup Sale – Thank you to all those who prepared soup, bought soup, and ate soup. Your donations go to help us build our next home in Havre de Grace, MD.

Short Film Fest & Chili Cook-off - Sunday, March 3 / 10:30 - 12:15, presented by the Creation Care Team. Come celebrate nature and God's wonderful world through a time of fellowship, fun and learning. View a dozen short films ranging from 1 to 15 minutes which present themes that are educational, humorous, heart-warming, adventurous, beautiful and inspiring. Enjoy chili provided by guest chefs during the intermission. Free and open to all. For questions and/or interest in being a guest chef or judge, contact Sheryl Pedrick at sherylpedrick@hotmail.com.

Annual Stewardship Campaign is here! Time to embrace our M&Ms! Thank you to all those who have returned your pledge cards. It helps us a great deal to plan our ministries and missions, our M&Ms. Thank you for your kindness and faithful generosity. It's not too late to return yours. Drop it in the offering plate or bring it into the main office. Thank you.

Zimbabwe Mission Update – Our medical clinic in Munyarari, Zimbabwe has been renovated. Dave Talbot, Jim Piccione, and Byron Brought will be traveling there February 20-29th to help participate in the clinic dedication and the worship service. Give thanks to God for blessing this project and seeing it to completion. Please sign the gift Bible in the narthex.

Youth Group – All youth are invited to join us on Saturday, February 24th at 10:00 am to help clean out the closets in the Youth Center. Donuts, bagels, and pizza provided.

Lenten Sermon Series – *The Third Day*, by Tom Berlin

February 18 – Mary Magdelene

February 25 – Simon Peter

March 3 – Thomas

March 10 – Emmaus

March 17 – Paul

March 24 - Jesus

Lenten Bible Study – Soup and Study, Wednesdays from 5:45-7ish pm, in Room 202, begins February 21st. We'll be following the book, *The Third Day*, by Tom Berlin. You may order a book through the sign-up sheets at the Welcome Desk.

Lenten All-Church Family Worship at Mt. Carmel – 2 pm Sundays during Lent beginning February 18th.

Magdala, Israel



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Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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 and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of this Sacrament of thy Son Jesus Christ, that we may walk in newness of life, may grow into his likeness, and may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

(Music Response)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

In the Garden

I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses, and the voice I hear calling on my ear, the Son of God discloses. And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing, and the melody that he gave to me within my heart is ringing. And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

I'd stay in the garden with him though the night around me be falling, but he bids me go; thru the voice of woe his voice to me is calling. And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own; and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

He Is Lord

He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Surely the Presence

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.