



## Bel Air United Methodist Church

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost – September 17, 2023 – 9:15 AM

**Prelude**

Organist, Jeff Beyers

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship** (Responsive; Psalm 95:1-2)

Our LORD is a great God!

**O come let us sing to the LORD. Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving,

**Let us make a joyful noise to God with sing of praise. Amen.**

**Hymn\***

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

UMH 139

**Opening Prayer\*** (Unison; Rev. Magrey DeVega)

**Loving God, you know the times when we feel afraid. There are times when we, like the disciples, want to cry out, “LORD, rescue us!” We remember that many times throughout scripture, you tell us not to be afraid. You assure us of your faithful mercy and presence. Thank you for this time of worship. Open our hearts and minds to receive your word for us as we ponder the question that Jesus asked his disciples, “Why are you afraid?” In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Peyton Marie Miller, daughter of David & Elizabeth Miller  
Natalie Theresa Tangradi, daughter of Edward & Jessica Tangradi

**Hymn Response**

*I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

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**Prayer of Confession & Silent Prayer**

Debbie Englar

**Words of Assurance** (Psalm 27:1)

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall, I fear?

**The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Amen.**

**The Peace**

As reconciled people, let us welcome one another. I welcome you with love, friendship, and peace in Jesus’ name.

**As reconciled people, we welcome you with love, friendship, and peace in Jesus’ name.**

**Anthem**

*Happy Land* (Arr. L. Larson)  
Chancel Choir, directed by Kristen Brought

**Gospel Reading\***

Matthew 8:23-27

**Hymn\*** *Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior* UMH 351

**Sermon** "Why Are You Afraid?" 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\***

**Communion & The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn\*** *Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me* UMH 509

**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.

**Food & Fellowship Thank You!** Thank you to our Hospitality Team led by Alice Archer. Our normal fellowship time in Room 202 and Welcome Center will resume TODAY.

**Fall Preaching Series – Begins TODAY! – Questions Jesus Asked – Magrey R. Devega**

- ❖ Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> – Who Do You Say That I Am? – Luke 9:18-27
- ❖ **Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> – Why Are You Afraid? – Matthew 8:23-27**
- ❖ Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> – Why Are You Anxious? – Luke 12:25-31
- ❖ Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> – What Do You Live For? – Mark 8:34-38
- ❖ Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> – Whom Will You Love? – Luke 6: 27-36
- ❖ Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> – Laity Sunday
- ❖ Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> – What Are You Looking For? – John 1:35-38

**First Time Guests** – Welcome Friends! We are 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!

**Thank You Summer Musicians!** – Thank you for using your musical talents to glorify God through music. You helped make summer worship great. Thank you!

**Children's Choir and Youth Choir** - Children's Choir rehearsals for Grades K-2 and Grades 3-6 begin Sunday, September 17. 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.

**Pictorial Directory** – It is time for the NEW Pictorial Directory! October 16 – 18 from 2 pm – 8:30 pm. Please sign up today! <https://belairumc.com/ChurchDirectoryAppt> or use the below QR code:



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***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wonderously reigning bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining. God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds. Hast thou not known his sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee, fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee. Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

***I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry***

“I was there to hear your borne cry, I’ll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

“When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I’ll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.

“In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I’ll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I’ve begun. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your watery eyes, I’ll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

***Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior***

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by. Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Let me at thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief, kneeling there in deep contrition; help my unbelief. Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Trusting only in thy merit, would I seek thy face; heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by thy grace. Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Thou the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me, whom I have on earth beside thee? Whom in heaven but thee? Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

***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.

***Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me***

Jesus, Savior, pilot me over life’s tempestuous sea; unknown waves before me roll, hiding rock and treacherous shoal. Chart and compass came from thee; Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child, thou canst hush the ocean wild; boisterous waves obey thy will, when thou sayest to them, “Be still!” Wondrous sovereign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore, and the fearful breakers roar ‘twixt me and the peaceful rest, then, while leaning on thy breast, may I hear thee say to me, “Fear not, I will pilot thee.”