



Bel Air United Methodist Church

15th Sunday after Pentecost – September 10, 2023 – 9:15 AM

Prelude "Toccata from Symphony No. 5 for Organ" by Charles-Marie Widor
Organist, Jeff Beyers

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

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

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

Hymn* *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* UMH 57

Opening Prayer* (Unison; United Methodist Book of Worship)

O Creator and Almighty God, you have promised strength for the weak, rest for the laborers, light for the way, grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy, and undying love. O Creator and Almighty God, help us to continue in your promise. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith* *The Apostles' Creed* UMH 881

Children's Choir *I'm So Glad to Be Here* Directed by Kristen Brought

Moment for Ministry BAUMC Choirs Dave Tramontana

Prayer of Confession & Silent Prayer Janet Newberry

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.**

Anthem *Come and Worship*, Arranged by Patti Drennan
Chancel Choir, Directed by Dave Tramontana

Gospel Reading* Luke 9:18-27

Hymn* *Blessed Assurance* UMH 369

Sermon "Who Do You Say That I Am?" 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

Communion & The Lord's Prayer

Praise Songs

Dave Whitescarver

In Jesus' Name (God of Possible)

I speak the name of Jesus over you. In your hurting, in your sorrow. I will ask my God to move.
I speak the name 'cause it's all that I can do. In desperation, I'll seek heaven. And pray this for you.

I pray for your healing, that circumstances would change. I pray that the fear inside would flee in Jesus' name. I pray that a breakthrough would happen today. I pray miracles over your life in Jesus' name. In Jesus' name.

I speak the name of all authority. Declaring blessings, every promise. He is faithful to keep.
I speak the name no grave could ever hold. He is greater, he is stronger.
He's the God of possible **(Refrain)**

Come believe it, come receive it. Oh, the power of his Spirit is now forever yours.
Come believe it, come receive it. In the mighty name of Jesus, all things are possible.

I pray for your healing, that circumstances will change. I pray that the fear inside would flee in Jesus' name. I pray that a breakthrough would happen today. I pray miracles over your life in Jesus' name.
I pray for revival, for restoration of faith. I pray that the dead will come to life in Jesus' name.

Same God

I'm calling on the God of Jacob. Whose love endures through generations. I know that you will keep your covenant. I'm calling on the God of Moses. The One who opened up the ocean.
I need you now to do the same thing for me

**O God, my God, I need you. O God, my God, I need you now. How I need you now.
O Rock, O Rock of Ages. I'm standing on your faithfulness. On your faithfulness.**

I'm calling on the God of Mary. Whose favor rests upon the lowly.
I know with you all things are possible. I'm calling on the God of David.
Who made a shepherd boy courageous. I may not face Goliath, but I've got my own giants! **(Refrain)**

You heard your children then, you hear your children now. You are the same God, You are the same God.
You answered prayers back then and you will answer now. You are the same God, You are the same God.

You were providing then, you are providing now. You are the same God, You are the same God.
You moved in power then, God, move in power now. You are the same God, You are the same God.

You were a healer then, you are a healer now. You are the same God, You are the same God.
You were a Savior then, you are a Savior now. You are the same God, You are the same God.

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 Today! Please join us for refreshments in McComas Hall immediately following the worship today. Fellowship is sponsored by our Hospitality Team led by Alice Archer. Our normal fellowship time in Room 202 and Welcome Center will resume next week.

Fall Preaching Series – Begins

R. Devega

- ❖ Sept. 10th – Who Do You
- ❖ Sept. 17th – Why Are
- ❖ Sept. 24th – Why Are You Anxious? – Luke 12:25-31
- ❖ Oct. 1st – What Do You Love For? – Mark 8:34-38
- ❖ Oct. 8th – Whom Will You Love? – Luke 6: 27-36
- ❖ Oct. 15th – Laity Sunday
- ❖ Oct. 22nd – What Are You Looking For? – John 1:35-38



TODAY! – Questions Jesus Asked – Magrey

Say That I Am? – Luke 9:18-27
You Afraid? – Matthew 8:23-27

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!

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.

Creation Care Sunset Canoe Trip – Thursday, September 14th, 5:45-7:30 pm, Eden Mill Park. \$15 per person. See the e-Spire to register or email sherylpedrick@hotmail.com

Pictorial Directory – It's 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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O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

He speaks and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven; anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

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 arose 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.

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst in my sight; angels descending bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.