

## GATHERING

Amanda Dembiec, pianist

## WELCOME

Holy God, help us to be present in worship this day even as You are present. Amen.

## PRELUDE

## †GREETING

We gather to praise you O God, for all the things we can see, and sometimes understand:  
 the sun, moon and stars; the clouds and changing weather;  
 we join in their eternal chorus of praise to God.

**We gather to praise you, O God, for all the things that we cannot see or understand:**  
**all heaven's angels, outer space; and the skies above us;**  
**we join in their eternal chorus of praise to God.**

We gather to praise you O God, for all the things in life that we experience:  
 the created world, people of all ages and circumstances, all God's creations.

**We join in their eternal chorus of praise to God: whose name is glorious, and whose ways are holy.**  
**Amen.<sup>1</sup>**

## †HYMN NO. 88

*Maker in Whom We Live*

DIADEMATA

**Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move,  
 the glory, power, and praise receive for thy creating love.  
 Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high,  
 while earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky.**

**Incarnate Deity, let all the ransomed race  
 render in thanks their lives to thee for thy redeeming grace.  
 The grace to sinners showed ye heavenly choirs proclaim,  
 and cry, "Salvation to our God, salvation to the Lamb!"**

**Spirit of Holiness, let all thy saints adore  
 thy sacred energy, and bless thine heart-renewing power.  
 No angel tongues can tell thy love's ecstatic height,  
 the glorious joy unspeakable, the beatific sight.**

**Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,  
 let all on earth below record and dwell upon thy love.  
 When heaven and earth are fled before thy glorious face,  
 sing all the saints thy love hath made thine everlasting praise.**

## SCRIPTURE

Psalm 148

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Connecting with God's Generous Spirit

Paul Purdue

## GIFTS THAT CHANGE OUR WORLD

Russell Casteel, Director of Camping Ministry

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

## **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The celebrant gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:*  
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The celebrant continues the thanksgiving.*

*The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled, and the celebrant concludes:*  
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*The celebrant invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:*  
All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, \* who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**  
**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread.**  
**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*You are invited to pray the Lord's Prayer in your native tongue and address God, who is beyond gender, with names that speak to your heart: "Our Creator", "Holy Parent", or other titles that honor God's love, presence, and goodness.

## **BREAKING THE BREAD – SHARING THE CUP**

*As we celebrate the gift of Holy Communion, everyone in need of God's love is invited.*

## **PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING**

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.**  
**Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others,**  
**in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

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## **†DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!**  
**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **BENEDICTION**

**God, may your word pour out of us like water to the thirsty,**  
**and may our lives be full of the fruit of the Spirit.**

**All we are and have, we give back to you with open hands, trusting that you will illuminate our paths.**  
**Today we take up our crosses and follow You.**  
**Amen.<sup>2</sup>**

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†You are invited to stand as you are able.

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in memory of Larry Taylor by Betty Jane Taylor and family.

**ADDITIONAL WORSHIP LEADER**  
Bruce Williams, Technical Coordinator

## **NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 14**

*For a digital version of this newsletter with color photos and live links, go to [belmontumc.org/about/newsletter](http://belmontumc.org/about/newsletter).*

### **Joys and concerns**

***Out of the hospital***  
Mary Jane Duke

#### ***Christian sympathy is extended to***

Suzanne Strothkamp and Jenna Colt in the death of their father, Harry Boyko.

## **Gifts That Change Our World**

*by Ingrid McIntyre*

Growing up in our home, summer camp at Cedar Crest was as natural as seeing our grandparents for holidays and special occasions. It's just what we did - every summer. As we made friends through the years, we would organize across the connection to make sure we were all there on the same week. The shenanigans didn't stop at summer camp because we also always went on the fall retreat at Beersheba with our church family. These were some of the most formative experiences of my life. Children's camp, youth camp, ministry retreats, trainings, moments of community and stillness in some of God's most beautiful creation. This is what our TWK Camping and Retreat Ministries does best. It offers us space to get away from the expected . . . from the every day of life and offers us a fresh perspective on our life in communion with God.

What a gift we have been given to steward... a place where we can use our gifts of good land and hard work to create and participate in opportunities of formation and transformation. Today we will welcome Russell Casteel, Executive Director of Cedar Crest, to share his experience of how our gifts of supporting camping ministries are changing the world one life at a time.

To give your gift and change our world, you can give online at [belmont-umc.org/gifts-that-change-our-world](http://belmont-umc.org/gifts-that-change-our-world), text BELMONT CHANGE to 73256 using your text messaging (standard text message rates do apply), or simply drop your gift marked *Gifts That Change Our World (GTCOW)* in the offering plate.

## **New Director of Ministry with Young People announced**



*Emma Bushong*

Belmont UMC's Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce the hiring of Emma Bushong as our Director of Ministry with Young People. Emma has worked with our young people for the past two years and made a deep impression on our search committee with her energy, vision, focus, commitment, curriculum writing skills, mature faith, relevance, and her ability to relate to our young people. She has impressed our staff, youth, and youth ministry partners this summer as she led our ministry. Emma designed an engaging curriculum for our young people during the pandemic and established excellent relationships with many of our young people. As a bilingual Latinx woman, Emma adds to the diversity of our staff. Last year, she worked in our weekday school demonstrating professionalism, attention to detail, and team building skills. Emma is a lifelong Methodist and self-proclaimed "UMY kid" who grew up in her mother's office at their church and is a recent graduate of Belmont University with a Bachelor of Music degree and a minor in Christian Leadership. She knows our youth program and has articulated plans for its nurturance and growth. We are so excited to welcome Emma to our staff in this new role! Please help us make Emma feel welcome.

### ***The Generosity Mystery sermon series***

*The Lord has given us everything we need.* 2 Peter 1:3 (CEB) On Sunday mornings, today through September 4, at 8:10am and 10:30am, join us in person or via Facebook live for our new sermon series, *The Generosity Mystery*. For sermon topics or to learn more, go to [belmontumc.org/the-generosity-mystery](http://belmontumc.org/the-generosity-mystery).

### **H.E.R.O. Navigator Initiative**

Connecting with families experiencing homelessness is a new initiative for Belmont UMC outreach. The team, led by Gretchen Napier, is collaborating with H.E.R.O of Metro Nashville Schools. This initiative will help families experiencing homelessness to access critical community services. Navigators (Belmont UMC volunteers) will assist families as they get helpful information about jobs, transportation, documents, and so much more.

On four different evenings in September and October (9/13, 9/27, 10/11, 10/25), at Buena Vista School, we'll welcome 10-15 families. We'll share a meal; then navigators and parents will have access to over 15 agencies and services that are life changing and life saving. Childcare will be available.

We want to surround this new ministry and all of the people who will be involved with prayer. Plan to join us via Zoom on Sunday, September 11, at 6:00 pm to pray together. For Zoom access information, contact Angie Slade ([angie@belmontumc.org](mailto:angie@belmontumc.org)).

### **Passing the plate**

We are excited to resume passing the plates during worship to collect offerings. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Eric Patton ([eric@eapatton.com](mailto:eric@eapatton.com)). This is a ministry that is fun for all ages!

### **Blessing Breakfast**

Children and families are invited to the Blessing Breakfast next Sunday, August 21, at 9:15am in the Community Center. Breakfast will be provided by Barley to Rise. We will share news about Sunday school, children's choirs, and children's events for the 2022-2023 school year. Go to [belmontumc.org/blessing-breakfast](http://belmontumc.org/blessing-breakfast) to reserve your meal.

### **Young Adults in Ministry and Service (YAMS) lunch**

Right after church on Sunday, August 28, there will be a fellowship lunch for all young adults in room 124. Come kick off the fall and get to know more about the young adults at Belmont UMC as well as upcoming events. Please RSVP to Jennifer Bagwell ([bagwelldesign@bellsouth.net](mailto:bagwelldesign@bellsouth.net)) so we can get an approximate head count for meals.

### **Children's Choirs and Chimes resume!**

Children's choirs (ages 3-6th grade) will on Wednesday, September 7, 6:00-6:45pm, in the 2nd floor classrooms. In choir, we create friendships, sing, play instruments and musical games, and learn our theology through song. We offer children's choirs for 3-year-olds (God's Flock), 4-5 year-olds/Kindergarten (Joyful Noise Singers), 1st/2nd grade (Music Makers), and 3rd-6th grade (Chapel Choir).

For children in 4th- 6th grades, Children's Chimes will meet on Sunday mornings from 8:45-9:15am, in room 226. This 8-week commitment will begin on Sunday, September 11, and end on Sunday, November 13, with playing in worship. Regular attendance is essential. Please contact Katie Pattullo ([Kathryn.Pattullo@mnp.org](mailto:Kathryn.Pattullo@mnp.org)) if your child would like to participate.

Go to [belmontumc.org/worship/music-ministry/childrens-choirs](http://belmontumc.org/worship/music-ministry/childrens-choirs) to learn more or contact Amy Cooper, Director of Children's Music, ([amy@belmontumc.org](mailto:amy@belmontumc.org)).

## **THIS WEEK AT BELMONT UMC**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14**

8:10am Worship with Communion, chapel/Facebook live  
9:15am Partners in Ministry training, Parker Hall  
9:15am GTCOW - Camping Ministries with Russell Casteel, TBA  
10:30am Worship, sanctuary/Facebook live  
2:00pm Sunday Covenant Discipleship group, Iris Room  
5:00pm United Methodist Youth, Community Center

**MONDAY, AUGUST 15**

6:00pm Finance Committee, Zoom

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 16**

5:30pm Flow yoga, Zoom  
6:00pm Staff Parish Relations Committee, Zoom

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17**

9:00am Encore Ministries to Second Harvest  
10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom  
12:30am Encore Ministries lunch, Community Center  
4:00pm Outreach equity in preschool, 204  
6:00pm Gentle yoga, Zoom  
6:00pm Youth Midweek, 3rd floor  
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 18**

8:00am Women's Centering Prayer, 223/Zoom  
5:30pm UWF Summer Happening, Parker Hall  
6:15pm Advocacy Team, Zoom

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 21**

8:10am Worship with Communion, chapel/Facebook live  
9:15am Blessing Breakfast, Community Center  
9:15am GTCOW - Meharry Medical School, Parker Hall  
10:30am Worship, sanctuary/Facebook live  
3:30pm Wesley Ringers rehearsal, 226  
4:30pm Open Door Singers rehearsal, choir room  
5:00pm United Methodist Youth, Community Center

**UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES**

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

*August 21, 2022*

Paul Purdue preaching 8:10am and 10:30am worship services.

8:10am - chapel/Facebook live/YouTube

10:30am - sanctuary/Facebook live/YouTube

*Belonging to a Generous Community* (Deuteronomy 16:9-17; Acts 4:32-37)

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**Our staff is always ready to assist you!**

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