

*The ordinances of the Lord are
more to be desired than gold,
sweeter also than honey, and
drippings of the honeycomb.*

Psalm 19



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On YouTube this Week -

https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLY5iZ1NS28HRrZX03Eob0GhcB_v7sikww
All previous videos remain available for viewing, in other play lists.

9/11 Vesper Service – 8pm on Saturday

Sunday Worship 1 – Prayers and Praise

← *Resuming this week.*

Plus optional Hymn Videos, for possible use at home, in small groups.

Sunday Worship 2 - Lectionary / Scripture Lessons for the week.

Sunday Worship 3 - Responding to the Word - 11:00 am (**Studio Recording**)

*Until we can get better video and sound recording at the church, reliably,
this is how we will do it.*

Also Links to "Anthem" selection suggestion from Cathy.

Then at **1:00pm** we will gather via Zoom.

(We had gathered at 11:00, but travel to and from the church facilities makes the later time better

September 11, 2021

VESPERS

8:00pm on YouTube.

EVENING PRAYER

The 20th Anniversary of "9/11"

OPENING SONG

This Is My Song

437

set to MORECAMBE – 500.mp3

CONFESSION

... Fix our faith on you

*so we know that nothing can separate us from you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

A LITANY OF REFLECTION:

Using Verses of We Shall Overcome

BY TRISH HOLLAND

UNISON PRAYER

"A PRAYER TO TRANSFORM OUR HEARTS FOR JUSTICE", SUBMITTED BY BOBBI D. FROM CALIFORNIA, TO WORLD VISION ADVOCACY

**Dear Lord, Help me to open my heart to understanding
the movement of people who live on the margins,
the bruised and vulnerable.**

When they speak, help me hear them.

**When they tell the truth, remind me of your deeds of power,
that I can hear their voices and not be dismissive.**

**Touch my heart that I hear the good news
and can move from my current attachments today
to the world that you intended for me, even if it costs
something.**

**I pray for the strength to move forward, practicing the principle,
"justice is what love looks like in public",***

which our Savior Jesus Christ demonstrated with his life.

**Help me live this out by joining together in my church
and advocating for just government policies and programs
that make a difference for the most bruised and vulnerable
here and across the world. AMEN**

POSTLUDE

Be Still My Soul

534

set to YORKSHIRE – via Clyde McLennan

September 12, 2021
PRAYERS & PRAISE

WORSHIP I
Alternate: Use with

8:00am on YouTube.
Small Group / In Home

PRELUDE

*If hosting a small group, pick some music
to have playing in the background as your group gathers.
You may want to use Cathy's Suggestion. Or You may have cds or dvds.
OR If you prefer, there are a number of YouTube recordings on our parish channel.
Perhaps have different persons read the prayers, or read them in unison as a group.*

VIDEO PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

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OPENING WORDS

At your starting time greet one another in the name of Christ.
*Perhaps In Unison: **May the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God the Father,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us,
and with the rest of our church family, this very day.***

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ps. 19:1-4, 14

ForW

*Look at the heavens!
They are shouting the glory of God.*

**The days and the nights declare
the magnificence of God's creative works.**

*Their voice goes through all the earth
and their words reach the ends of the world.*

Let our words of praise be acceptable to you. .

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ForW

**It says in the Bible, O God,
that you created the world through your Word.
Your Word is powerful! And so are our words.
They can heal, create a smile, be a declaration of love;
but they can also hurt and destroy a sense of self-worth.
Give us your wisdom, God of the Word,
so that as a church and as individuals,
we use our words to build up and not to destroy. Amen.**

A SUNDAY LITANY

~CAROL J GALLAGHER (AKA MAMABISHOP)

*Wondrous Creator who hung the stars
and made the mountains soar above us
you have taught us how to care for all
and we have turned from your direction.*

Lord, remake us with hearts for love alone.

*We often make rules and judge others harshly
while you put us in tribes to teach us well
the ways of your generosity and compassion
the connection we have with every being.*

Lord, remake us with hearts for love alone.

*In every season you show us abundant beauty
we are blessed and full yet we want even more
our greed and selfish ways have brought us low
and we are weak because we are disconnected.*

Lord, remake us with hearts for love alone.

*Take the fear and anger from our hearts
Give us the strength to confess our faults
The need is great and the suffering is all around*

Lord, remake us with hearts for love alone. Amen.

HYMN

Perhaps use one of the hymns in the playlist, or another, (cd/mp3/ etc) if that appeals to you.

Suggestion

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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CALL TO CONFESSION

TMO/PO

*God delivers us from paths of death
and keeps our feet from stumbling.
Let us confess all that keeps us from
walking in the way of the Lord.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ForW

**Holy God, in the face of sin, our gravest enemy,
we call to you for help.**

You know our fault before we speak.

Forgive us for what we have done in opposition to your will.

**Forgive us for those things we have not undertaken
and for which we know our wrong.**

We have not loved you and our neighbors as we ought.

We have denied our dependence on you.

Lead us away from this grief and sorrow.

**Save us so that we may fulfill our vows to you
and attend to the needs of your people. Amen.**

SILENT PRAYERS

Background hymn

Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult

398

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Ps. 19:7-8

ForW

*The law of the Lord is perfect, and it revives the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure and make wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear, and it enlightens the eyes.*

*Hear the good news!
In Jesus Christ, the living Word,
we are forgiven. Live in peace!*

Thanks be to God. Amen

SUGGESTED HYMN

Use one of the hymns in the playlist, or another, (cd/mp3/ etc) if that appeals to you.

perhaps

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (Marion)

160

INTERCESSIONS

consider having a different person, or alternating persons for each section.

In the background and during silent prayers

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

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*Let us pray for the church, the nations,
and all people seeking God's mercy and care, saying,*

God of love, hear our prayer.

*Let us pray for the church, the nations,
and all people seeking God's mercy and care, saying,*

God of love, hear our prayer.

*We pray for the church in every place,
that wherever people gather in your name,
you make us able to listen to each other with open hearts.*

*Give your people unity, O God,
and replace divisiveness with reconciliation.*

God of love, hear our prayer.

*We pray for all who serve the church
as musicians, ushers, greeters, pastors, council members,
teachers, and student leaders, as architects and cooks,
as repairers and cleaners, and in all other ministries.*

God of love, hear our prayer.

*We pray for Muslims and Jews, Hindus and Buddhists,
people of indigenous religions everywhere,
that their paths may lead—with ours—
to greater understanding of the goodness of faith
in its many languages and forms.*

God of love, hear our prayer.

*We thank you for this amazing earth,
for clean water, rich soils, abundant sunshine, and
all the foods that you have made for our health and enjoyment.
Give all people the gratitude to share,
especially with those who do not have such riches
and who today are hungry.*

God of love, hear our prayer.

*We pray for peacemakers and diplomats and
for the leaders asserting power in other nations,
We pray for nations in trouble at this time*

(silent prayers for events in the news)

We pray for all leaders in our own nation . . .

God of love, hear our prayer.

*We pray for all who suffer from the horrors of war and famine,
for children who do not know the reason for their pain
and have no power to change their lot,
and for the animals and plants damaged by human conflicts.*

God of love, hear our prayer.

*We pray for those suffering from all forms
of injustice, brokenness, or illness,
especially all who have requested
the prayers of this congregation*

and for those whose well-being we hold in our hearts,
named now aloud or silently.

[silence]

For your justice, for your shalom...

God of love, hear our prayer.

God of eternity, certain days remind us of tragedy and death,
but we know that all days are redeemed
and held in your grace.

We remember all whose lives have enriched ours
especially those whose lives now are especially fragile...

[silence]

Keep alive in us the hope of the resurrection.

God of love, hear our prayer.

Into your hands we commend those for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy

through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord
as we now pray those words he taught us...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UNISON

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.

SUGGESTED HYMN

Christ for the World We Sing

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SUGGESTED ANTHEM

Dear Church Family, I have chosen "The Gift of Love" as the anthem this week. With all that we have been through in the past year and a half, we need to concentrate more on what brings us joy. As the hymn says, give your inner "gift of love" everyday to those around you. When you give love, kindness and caring, those feelings will surely come back to you and give you joy. Open your heart and let your "inward love" guide you through each day. Loving and caring thoughts to all of you, Cathy and Clark

BENEDICTION

FotW

May the teachings of your Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
and the presence of the one God who abides with you always,
keep you strong and gentle,

for the sake of the goodness that is willed for you,

We go in Jesus' name.

SUGGESTED POSTLUDE

God of Grace and God of Glory

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September 12, 2021

WORSHIP II *use at a time of your choosing.*
LECTIONARY VIDEO

PRELUDE

Wonderful Words of Life

600

WELCOME

PRAYER

FotW

**You speak to us, Lord, with tongues of wisdom.
Let your Holy Spirit now open us to hear
with greater clarity the teachings of today,
that we may hold dear in yet new ways
what it is you will for us, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Paraphrases by Rev. David Hodsdon

Proverbs 1:20–33

Psalms 19

set to DARWALL'S 148th

Psalter 38
UMH 715

Isaiah 50:4–9a

Psalms 116:1–9

set to Duke Street

Psalter 311
UMH 101

James 3:1–12

Mark 8:27–38

AFFIRMATION *(UNISON)*

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**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION - *Pause the Video, or find another time for some reflection ...*

Perhaps listen to Cathy's Anthem Suggestion
(it is linked in the playlist)

Perhaps spend a few minutes discussing the scriptures, *or journaling.*

Perhaps listen to (or sing) a hymn.

HYMN SUGGESTION

Take Up Thy Cross, the Savior Said

415

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

FotW

*God has given us the sun
and made us stewards of all creation.*

*God has given us our lives and our very beings.
Let us give to God, from what God has given us.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(Unison)*

(James 3:1-12)

GBoD

Loving God, Jesus taught us

“where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

**We offer our gifts to you knowing they are part of our treasure,
and we do so with the hope that our hearts, our actions,
and the words of our tongues will likewise follow.**

**We acknowledge that the tongues that praise you
are often the ones that hurt you,
when we use them to diminish or discount one
of your precious children.**

**Guide our hearts, minds, and tongues
to the words that bring you joy.**

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

FotW

Take up your cross and follow Jesus.

Do not be afraid of what may come.

*You lose what you wish to safeguard
only by holding onto it with too great a desperation.*

Set your mind on what Christ Jesus has done.

We go in Jesus' name.

Amen

POSTLUDE

O Word of God Incarnate

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September 12, 2021
9:00 AM HUMC

WORSHIP III
Live / In Person / On Site -

YouTube at 11:00 am
10:00 AM CUMC

PRELUDE

Tim Bossler at HUMC
Rick Beede at CUMC

or video

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

126
prerecorded for the 11:00am video on YouTube

WELCOME

PRAYER

TMO/PO

**Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
May we approach the Scriptures today, Holy God,
with the reverence and respect they deserve.
Let us be intentional in our listening and focused in our minds
as we hear your Word read and proclaimed today. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

in-person/ on-site using NRSV
We use paraphrases by the pastor, and public domain translations for our recordings.

SERMON

(In Person Only) **SHORT SHARING TIME RE: CLIMATE DISCUSSIONS**

CHARGE

FotW
*When people ask, Who is this Jesus?
do not be ashamed of the gospel;
share with them that he loved the world so much
that he lived for us, suffered for us, died for us,
and rose again for us,
and invite them to follow him.*

BLESSING

Heb. 11:29–12:2; Luke 12:49–56

FotW

*May God, our Wisdom, pour out God's thoughts in you
and make God's words known to you.
May Jesus Christ, our Messiah, give you the strength
to carry your cross and to follow him.
And may the Holy Spirit, our Tongue of fire,
guide our words and our actions,
as we strive to bless the world with our witness.*

**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
....In the name of Christ. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Tim Bossler at HUMC
Rick Beede at CUMC

prerecorded for the 11:00am video on YouTube *Be Thou My Vision*

FOR USE AT HOME – A LESSON FROM REBECCA DAVIS

Prayer

Good and gracious God, we thank you for all the ways you were and are present in our lives and in the world. We bring our prayers to you, prayers for...

[invite each person to say aloud something that is concerning to them].

In Christ's name we pray, Amen

Connecting with Scripture: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Use the New Revised Standard Version or the Common English Bible.

Connecting through story

Watch this episode of Steve Hartman's "On the Road"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R6Yc5p6hkZ4>

You could follow with this one: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kelo_H0hKjQ

What is the difference between generosity and how he felt about what he did?

What did the man pay for these students to go to college?

What difference will that make in their lives?

What difference will that gift make in the world?

You may not be able to do what he did.

But you have privileges. What does responsibility mean for you?

Connecting with our lives

What surprised you in this Scripture?

What challenged you in this text?

What sounded wise to you?

What disturbed you?

What makes you think differently?

What makes you act differently?

Teaching points that can be incorporated into your discussion:

A proverb is a short saying whose intent is to impart a bit of wisdom. Proverbs are not unique to the Judeo-Christian tradition. Confucius, Native Americans, Gandhi, Mark Twain, Mother Teresa as well as other writers, philosophers and religions all have sayings that share sage understanding.

The Book of Proverbs in the Old Testament is a collection of wise sayings whose intent is to teach as they are interpreted within the larger scope of Scripture and the particulars contexts.

We learned last week that a distinctive aspect of being God's people and living within either the Mosaic covenant or the covenant of grace in Jesus Christ, is the expectation of justice. It is built into the fabric of the covenants, and thus, who God's people are and to whom they belong.

The final two verses reminded the original reader, and hopefully the current reader, of the mandate to mediate justice and mercy at the gates of the city for the widow, orphan and the alien (Scripture's way of saying those who have no power, are likely to be marginalized or left out, or those diminished by society).

This proverb reinforces that justice is integrated into what it means to be faithful.

It is a reminder that God does not confer more value on one person than another.

Human value and worth are given by God not based upon what each person can earn or what they do.

As such, those who stand at intersections with requests for assistance are as valuable to God, and to God's people, as the person whose financial prospects exceed their basic needs.

It is interesting that the proverb does not ask us to determine if those who live in poverty actually need help or what they would do with the assistance we are to provide, it simply admonishes that we provide what is needed.

Doing justice, following these precepts, providing for the poor is not about the person who receives so much as it is about the person's faithfulness who is giving.

Take a moment to think about your context, your world and life today. Now, write a proverb that provides wisdom and teaching. The topic is completely up to you.

Prayer

Close your time together by praying for one another, your neighbor, community, the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

More may be sent out by email.

Bible Study – Wednesday - this week working with c.4

Please see the Pastor, Ann, or Charity for information on joining

CROP Walk - Damascus 50th Anniversary - In -Person - First Sunday of October.

Charge Conference, coming soon. How would you like to help lead us next year?

Talk with Pastor Dave, or with Gary Grim (SPRC)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR FAITH SUPPORT

Fellowship Hour - on Zoom 1 pm Today

(We had been meeting at 11am)

YouTube Videos - Current Week Playlist -

https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLY5iZ1NS28HRrZX03Eob0GhcB_v7sikww

a) 9/11 Vespers Service

b) Worship I

Some Hymn Videos - Rick Beede at Keyboard for several...

Other Worship Resources - for "In Home"/Small groups

c) Worship II - Scripture paraphrases - full Lectionary set

d) 11am - A studio recording of today's "part 3".

If you get announcements to me, I can append them to studio recording.

Otherwise, we could collect them and send them out by email

More worship resources,

download this full bulletin from the CUMC Website: <https://clarksburgmdumc.org/>

This includes the "Praying with the Lectionary" and the "Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer" resources.

Morning and Evening Prayer and other resources daily on the Facebook Pages

CUMC - <https://www.facebook.com/clarksburgmdumc/>

HUMC - <https://www.facebook.com/Hyattstown-United-Methodist-Church-146846181999711/>

Pastor's Open Office Hour – Every Wednesday Evening at 7pm on Zoom

If you need the Zoom information in order to join any of our meetings

please contact the Pastor, or Gary Grim.

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Reflecting on and Praying with the Lectionary

Week of September 12, 2021

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LECTIONARY

Semi-continuous
Proverbs 1:20–33
Psalm 19

Both

James 3:1–12
Mark 8:27–38

Complementary
Isaiah 50:4–9a
Psalm 116:1-9

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

When we hear Jesus say we are to “deny” ourselves, this can seem strangely harsh language, and it is well that each of us knows what it means in our own lives. You are made in God’s image. As an image of the divine, God does not command you to be nothing. You are not to be denigrated. What aspects of your life, your desires, your tendencies, do you recognize as impeding your ability to set your mind on what you truly want and need? What is your cross? Perhaps you see more than one cross you must bear. If you “take up” your cross (or crosses), how might you live differently than you do now?

How do you seek God’s wisdom in your life?

What are the signs and symbols of God’s presence that surround your everyday life?

MORNING PRAYERS :

Thank you, God, for this good night and day, for time to sleep and wake,
for dark and light, for silence and noise, for stillness and movement,
for my body, mind, and heart.

Give me the strength today to bear my cross with patience
so that whoever I meet will find a moment of calm in my presence because of you.
I pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

As I open my eyes, I can see the heavens that tell of your glory.
Allow me to be part of this creation that proclaims your handiwork
and your real presence in the world. Amen.

EVENING PRAYERS:

As the day winds down, allow me to find satisfaction in the thought
that I have taken my cross and followed you.

Allow me to find rest in the knowledge that I did not act as if I was ashamed of you.
And if I failed you, forgive me and allow me to find solace
in the new mercies of the morning. Amen.

Thank you, God, for this good day and now for night,
for all that has transpired in the last hours,
for the food I have been given,
for the work I have had to do,
for the exercise, for breathing, for what my ears have heard,
for friends, for coworkers,
and for what I have seen growing in the soil
and shining in the sunlight.

Guard me now as I sleep and give me good rest
for the sake of the tasks you have set before me tomorrow.
I pray for your peace, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle

Ghana, Nigeria

12 - 18 September 2021

More may be found here: <https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle>

Give thanks for:

- ✓ Christians & Muslims who take risks to work for dialogue and reconciliation, and people of disparate ethnic groups who strive together for the common good
- ✓ churches who have been faithful in spreading the Good News, serving the people and pursuing justice in these societies
- ✓ economic growth from natural resources, where it benefits all people – and especially the poor – in these nations
- ✓ how people, especially in Nigeria, have been sustained by God in the face of attacks and violence in the context of the movement of population groups and from extremist elements like Boko Haram.

Pray for:

- ✓ those affected by violence / terrorism, and that such violent attacks might cease
- ✓ leaders of churches, that they might speak out courageously against political, social and economic injustices
- ✓ Just and peaceful relations between members of different ethnic groups and between Muslims and Christians
- ✓ Those who suffer from malnutrition and diseases such as malaria, whooping cough and HIV and AIDS
- ✓ Better stewardship of the environment and natural resources.

Prayers

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O God, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
set our hearts on fire with a new love for Christ and for one another.
Renew our desires and labours to serve others.
We seek healing from division, poverty and injustice in all parts of the world.
We long for life which is full and free.
Give us the courage to take risks to build a highway in the desert
and let us find protection under the shadow of your wings. Amen.

Prayer for unity

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We invoke you, Spirit of Unity,
Transform our divisions and reshape our vision.
All of creation, all living beings, cry in the midst of injustice and brokenness.
Spirit of Unity, reconcile your people.
We invoke you, Spirit of Unity,
Heal the wounds of our history,
Remove from us all that sustains our present divisions.
Unstop our ears to hear your call for unity.

(From the Assembly of the International Missionary Society, Ghana. In: "With All God's People".)

We offer you, O Ruler of men and women and of heavenly beings, the gold of our costly service. Take the labour of our hands, the skill of our minds, the power of our organization. Purge us of pride, and stir us from sloth, that we, being refined by your grace, may become better servants of your kingdom, now and hereafter.

Amen.

We offer to you, our Lord and our God, the incense of our worship and our prayer. By the gift of your Holy Spirit, you have hung forth a star in the lowly heaven of every Christian soul; grant us eager feet to follow wherever it leads, until our searching souls are blessed with the vision of yourself, who are our heaven and our home, forever.

Amen.

We offer to you, O Man of sorrows, the myrrh of your church's sufferings. When we have nothing else to give, this offering remains. Where you are on the cross, there also may your servants be. May your perfect sacrifice avail to make our light affliction redemptive in the world, that sharing the fellowship of your sufferings we may rejoice in the power of your resurrection, now and forever.

Amen.