

GATHERING, PRELUDE, When peace, like a river, attendeth my way 377

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS – November/December Dates

Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Sunday
30 – First Week of Advent
Dec. 5 – CUMC Christmas Decorating, 6:30pm
7 – Live Nativity in Urbana, at 6, 7, & 8 pm

CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalms 46 (selected verses)* *dwh*

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
Come, behold the works of the Lord; ...
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; ...
{The Lord Speaks:} "Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth."*

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

HYMN: Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above 126

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *FotW*

**God our refuge and strength,
quiet in us any voice but your own,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might hear,
and in hearing we might believe,
and in believing we might act,
making way for your new creation. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE: **Jeremiah 23:1–6
Colossians 1:11–20
Luke 23:33–43**

CONFESSION *GboD / DM*

*With humble hearts, trusting in grace,
let us confess our sins before God and one another.*

Imagining your reign can be difficult, eternal God.

It is difficult to picture a world governed

by your justice and righteousness alone.

Our minds are held captive by the worst images

of human kings, rulers, and powers.

When nobler visions fail and

we settle for kingdoms of our own making,

correct and forgive us.

Free the borders of our imaginations,

that we may envision your greater good

and celebrate the coming of your reign

on earth as in heaven. Amen.

Silent Prayers

Col 1 *dwh*

*We give thanks to the Father, who has enabled us
to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.*

*He has rescued us from the power of darkness
and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,*

In Him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR: My Hope is Built 368

SERMON

HYMN: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God 110

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

INTERCESSIONS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

895

BRINGING OUR GIFTS

*Out of gratitude for all that God has already done,
and with hope for all that God will yet do,
we bring our tithes and offerings for God's work among us.*

DOXOLOGY

95

PRAYER

unison

Joanna Harader, at spaciousfaith.com

Holy One, as you are faithful to us, may we be faithful to you:

Faithful with our time and energy;

faithful with our possessions and wealth.

Receive these gifts by your grace.

Multiply and use them through the power of the Holy Spirit

to make real your reign of love, justice,

and peace in our world. Amen.

HYMN:

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

438

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Joanne Carlson Brown

at ministrymatters.com

Go forth into a world that needs new visions.

*Bring the message of hope and love,
of justice and peace, to all you meet.*

Live the dream. Make it reality.

*Celebrate endings and new beginnings,
challenges and promises.*

Live the new creation. Amen.

Amen

POSTLUDE

Come, We That Love the Lord

733

Bulletin Credits: Some of the Liturgy is by the pastor (dwh)

That which is by others is used with permission.

or via Discipleship Ministries (GBOD), from the Worship Website.

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning>

or from Feasting on the Word (eg **FotW** – see also insert)

or authors who have posted with Presbyterian Outlook (eg PO)

or other sources as noted.



Image from umcdiscipleship.org,

reference to Jeremiah 23:1–6

November 16, 2025

Celebrating Christ the King

Clarksburg United Methodist Church



23425 Spire St., Clarksburg, Maryland

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

website: <https://clarksburgmdumc.org/>

Accompanist: Rick Beede

Choir Director: Cathy Warfield

Pastor: Rev. David Hodsdon

➤ Cell Phone: 240 676 7825

➤ Email: revdwhodsdon@gmail.com

facebook.com/david.w.hodsdon

Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary

Year C – Last Sunday after Pentecost – Reign of Christ

*Reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press
from Feasting on the Word® Worship Companion. Copyright 2012*

Scriptures

Jeremiah 23:1–6

Colossians 1:11–20

Luke 1:68–79, or Psalm 46

Luke 23:33–43

Questions for Reflection:

The prophet Jeremiah warns of shepherds who will destroy
and scatter God's people (Jer. 23:1–2).

How do we discern the difference between shepherds who have come
to scatter and shepherds who have been raised up by God?

How do the stories of Zechariah's prophecy and Jesus' crucifixion
affirm the ways we declare the kingship of Jesus?

Paul declares that peace was made through the blood of the cross.
How do we think about the inherent violence in the crucifixion?
Is there a way to reconcile the call to be peacemakers with this
statement that peace comes through the blood of the cross?

Jesus asks God to forgive those who crucified him, saying,
"Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."
What does it mean to offer forgiveness to others
before they are aware of their offense?

Morning Prayers:

Lord Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom
and enable me to live today for the attainment of paradise,
that as far as I am able I may be a sign of God's kingdom. Amen.

God of the new day, at the dawning of the first day
you spoke creation into being and declared it good.

You crafted each flower and vegetable
and bird of the air and beast of the land,
and there at all of it was Jesus the Christ.

We give thanks for the dawning of this day
and pray we might know your holy triune presence in all we see
and do.

Guard our hearts, minds, spirits, and bodies
that we, too, might sing the goodness of creation
and remember your call to be good stewards of it all. Amen.

Evening Prayers:

Ever-present God,
even on that dark day, in that dark place called the Skull,
you were present to the suffering and those in pain.
Be present to the suffering on this night, too,
and rain down mercy and justice upon your beloved creation.
Be with us and those we love this night,
and bring us through to the dawning of a new day
filled with righteousness, love, and peace. Amen.

Lord Jesus, if I have not honored you with all my heart, forgive me.
If I have offended out of ignorance, pardon me.
Let me sleep in peace
and rise with a renewed dedication to serve you. Amen.