

18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023

9:30 AM

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Gathering

Welcome

Procession

Prelude

Lois Hunter

\*Call to Worship

One: Come! Now is the time to worship!

**All: We come to worship God who guides us.**

One: After delivering the Israelites out of bondage, God continued to guide them, giving them the commandments to shape and form their life with God and one another.

**All: God guides us as we learn to pattern our lives after the rhythms of God's grace.**

One: Jesus tells a story of a vineyard owner and his tenants who choose violence instead of giving the owner the fruits of the harvest, challenging us to choose – will we reject the Cornerstone or find in Jesus our sure foundation?

**All: God guides us as we learn to pattern our lives after the rhythms of God's grace.**

**One:** Too often we fall back into the pattern of rejecting what is good for us, forgetting that the life of faith is always about following God who provides for us and loves us.

**All: When we follow God's guidance, we learn to live God's new pattern of life described in the commandments and demonstrated by Christ.**

One: Come! Now is the time to worship!

**All: We come to worship God who guides us for the long journey.**

\*Opening Hymn

\*Opening Prayer

**Liberating God, you give us commandments not as a burden to bear, but as an invitation to live the life you have made for us. Grant us open hearts ready to accept your invitation, that we might become a people who bear the fruit of freedom and new life you give us. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Special Music

Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

\*Hymn

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

UMH 189

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21:33-46

Sermon

Pastor Sam

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

\*Closing Hymn

\*Blessing and Benediction

\*Recessional

Postlude

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**We invite you to keep the following people in your prayers:**

Joan Alsever, Family of Maryann Ayd, Family of Paulette Ayd, Miriam Baker, Tammy Baskaran, Bob Reed's cousin Lydia, Bruce Beckman, Chris Billings, Rob Brandt, Michael Brick, family of Michael Britt, Libby Bowerman, Amanda Buckley, Roy Callahan, Family of Dave Calloway, Family of Chris Davis, Steve Dawson, Family of Bill Dietz, Anna Doynov, Susan Getty, Tim Eichhorn, Pat Finley, Taliyah Fitzgerald, Family of Baby Graham Geschke, family of Stanley Gill, Lynn Gibbons, Family of Karen Goles, Brenda and Georges Guerrier, Lynah Guile, Mark Hardy, Theresa Hermann, Jim Hobson, Ellie Hunter, Lois Hunter, Mike Jackson, Family of Dean Jestes, Jan Lambert, Patty Leupen, Billy Lewis, Ed Massey, Lisa McClay, Family of Bill McKinnis, Mary Michael, Craig Moore, Kathy Moore, Dennis Mullineaux, Kathy Mullins, Family of Pete Murdza, Mark Nicholson, John Norris, Gail Phillips Smith and Miles Smith, Michael Smith, Theresa Schmitt and the Mullins children, Larry and Jackie Paulus, Linda Playdon, Joyce Ritter, Bob Reed, Family of Doris Rhinehart, Dana Rosendahl, Russell Rueling, Bob Russel, Family of Ed Scott, Julie Shachochis, Pat Sievers, Jean Steigleman, Beth Spicher, Bob Spicher, Bob Smith, Lisa Summers, Barbara Tabor, **Bob Taylor**, family of Terry Thompson, Sharon Truedel, **Debbie Webb**, Don Weinberg, Family of Harding Wescott, Bud Whitehead, family of Jamie Whitehead, family of Mary Francis Whitehead, **Shannon Whitehead**, Gertie Williams, **Family of JoEllen Williams**, Family of Reds Williams, Tom Wimsatt, Diane Withers, Family of Larry Wright, Jimmy Wylie, Family of Tony Zile

**Long-term prayer concerns:** Karyn Brandel, Jerry Fowler, Shirly Graham, Richard Giffin, Carrie Harrison, Robin Jones, Barbara Maury, Anna Catherine Miller, Dustin Summers, Ryan Whitehead and his family

**Thank you** to our Greeters and Ushers – Shannon and Ron Whitehead

**Thank you** to our Liturgist – Ron Whitehead

**Bible Study this Week**

- Sunday School – immediately following the service of worship.
- Emory – Tuesday at 10 AM
- Gary Memorial – Monday at 10 AM; Wednesday 6:30PM

**Communion Stewards**

- November – Brenda Weldon
- December – Volunteer needed

**Upcoming**

Wednesday October 18 – 9:30-11:30 AM – First Fruits Harvest  
Sunday October 29 – Joint Worship service – 10 AM Gary Memorial  
Tuesday October 31 – 4-6 PM – Trick or Treat on Main St. Ellicott City

Welcome to

Emory United Methodist Church  
October 8, 2023

