

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2023

9:30 AM

Gathering

Welcome

Procession

Prelude

Lois Hunter

*Call to Worship

One: Come! Now is the time to worship!

All: We come to worship God who invites us.

One: When the Israelites worshipped the golden calf, God listened to Moses and chose to correct instead of destroy.

All: God persistently invites us to return to God.

One: Jesus tells a story of a wedding banquet where the guests dismissed the invitation and harmed the messengers, so the king invited people off the streets and welcomed all who received the invitation in earnest.

All: God persistently invites us to return to God.

One: Too often we turn from God's ways, choosing our stiff-necked insistence that we know what is best instead of trusting God's provision, love, and guidance.

All: When we turn away and our love fails, God continues to offer us opportunities to return to God and join in the celebration of God's abundant love and life.

One: Come! Now is the time to worship!

All: We come to worship God who keeps inviting us for the long journey.

*Opening Hymn

*Opening Prayer

Creator God, our world continues to chide, "Sing us songs of Zion!" But like our ancestors in the faith, we continue to ask, "How can we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?" Remind us, O God, that wherever we live, it is no longer foreign, but it is your land. Help us to honor this land as sacred. Heavenly Father, grant us the grace, courage, and wisdom to be dynamic disciples of Jesus Christ, filled with the mighty power of the Holy Spirit. So that we may sing the songs of Zion wherever we are. Make us new, so that we

might become your beloved community, and the world may know that we are committed to dismantling the oppressions that tear the fabric of humanity. We commit ourselves to singing a new song, the songs of Zion always and everywhere. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Special Music

Scripture Reading

Exodus 32:1-14

*Hymn

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon

Invited to the Kingdom

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, Lynn Gibbons, Family of Karen Goles, Brenda and Georges Guerrier, Lynah Guile, Mark Hardy, Jim Hobson, Ellie Hunter, Lois Hunter, Mike Jackson, Family of Dean Jestes, **Family of David Kirchner**, Jan Lambert, Patty Leupen, Billy Lewis, Ed Massey, Lisa McClay, Family of Bill McKinnis, Mary Michael, Craig Moore, Kathy Moore, Kathy Mullins, Family of Pete Murdza, Mark Nicholson, 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**, 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 – Jim Deverin

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 – contact Pastor Sam if interested
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
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