

WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE TODAY!

Prayer List

Debbie Bowers (Paul Phillips' Sister)
Pam Brandy
Jayden (Pam Brandy's grandson)
Daisy Dunning
Alan Garner
Pat Gayle
Elaine Harman
Jay Hazlett
Teresa Hazlett
Becky Lawson
Charlie Lawson
Ryun Park (Su Jin's grandmother)
Elaine Putnam
Ronnie Ricks
Paula Scott
The Suh Family (travel mercies)
Martha Wooton



If you would like to be put on the prayer list, please call the Church at 757-488-8968 or email: covenant@cumc-va.com.

Covenant Relationship Missionary: Jonathan Park - Philippines

Covenant United Methodist Church

September 8, 2024

10:00 Worship Service



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Covenant UMC Mission Statement:

To make disciples of all people leading into an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ.

Covenant UMC Vision Statement:

We are a praying church that demonstrates unconditional love through the Word of God.

Virginia Conference Vision Statement:

"To be disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners who influence others to serve."

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

10:00AM

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: Mason Cerezo

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Acolyte: Emma Clark

Welcome and Announcements

*Silent Meditation: *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him and He will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6)*

TO CELEBRATE THE GOODNESS OF GOD

*Opening Hymn

"Living Hope"

Phil Wickham

*Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome, Beloved! Why have you gathered today?

People: **We have come to worship God, who is the Maker of us all!**

Leader: What do you seek from God, our Creator?

People: **We seek God's wisdom to guide us and show us how to live.**

Leader: Are you ready to follow when God's wisdom leads down unexpected paths?

People: **We will trust, and we will follow wherever God's wisdom leads us.**

*Hymn of Praise

"Indescribable"

Chris Tomlin

*Affirmation of Faith

UMH 881

*Gloria Patri

"Glory Be to the Father"

UMH 70

AT THE MERCY OF GOD

Call to Confession

As we celebrate the birth of the church, we take a moment to be honest with God and ourselves about our failings. Knowing that our prayers will be met with God's love, let us confess our sins together.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we come before You today knowing that we often fall short of Your call to love one another well. We allow ourselves to be blinded by wealth and power. We ignore those around us who suffer injustice, poverty, and rejection. We tune out the cries of the poor and those on the edges of our communities. Help us to see Your great generosity, hear Your word of mercy, and feel Your great love for all who need Your redemptive grace. Strengthen us to reach out in service to those who are in need. Make us aware of those outside our own communities, that we may see them as Your precious children and serve them in humility and joy. May we continue to grow in grace as we learn how to serve You in the name of the great Servant, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Receive the healing love of Jesus! Give your lives to His service by serving and caring for others. Be at peace. AMEN!

WITH PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

* Greeting

* Scripture: *Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Luke 9:18-26*

* Sermon: *"The Most Important Question you will ever have to Answer"*
Pastor Jim Ullian

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering and Giving

* Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 81

FOR SENDING FORTH

Benediction Hymn

"Living for Jesus"

TFWS 2149

Extinguishing Altar Candles

Benediction and Sending Forth

* Music for Going Forth

Those who are able are invited to stand for the acts of worship marked with an *.
UMH = United Methodist Hymnal. TFWS = The Faith We Sing (supplemental)