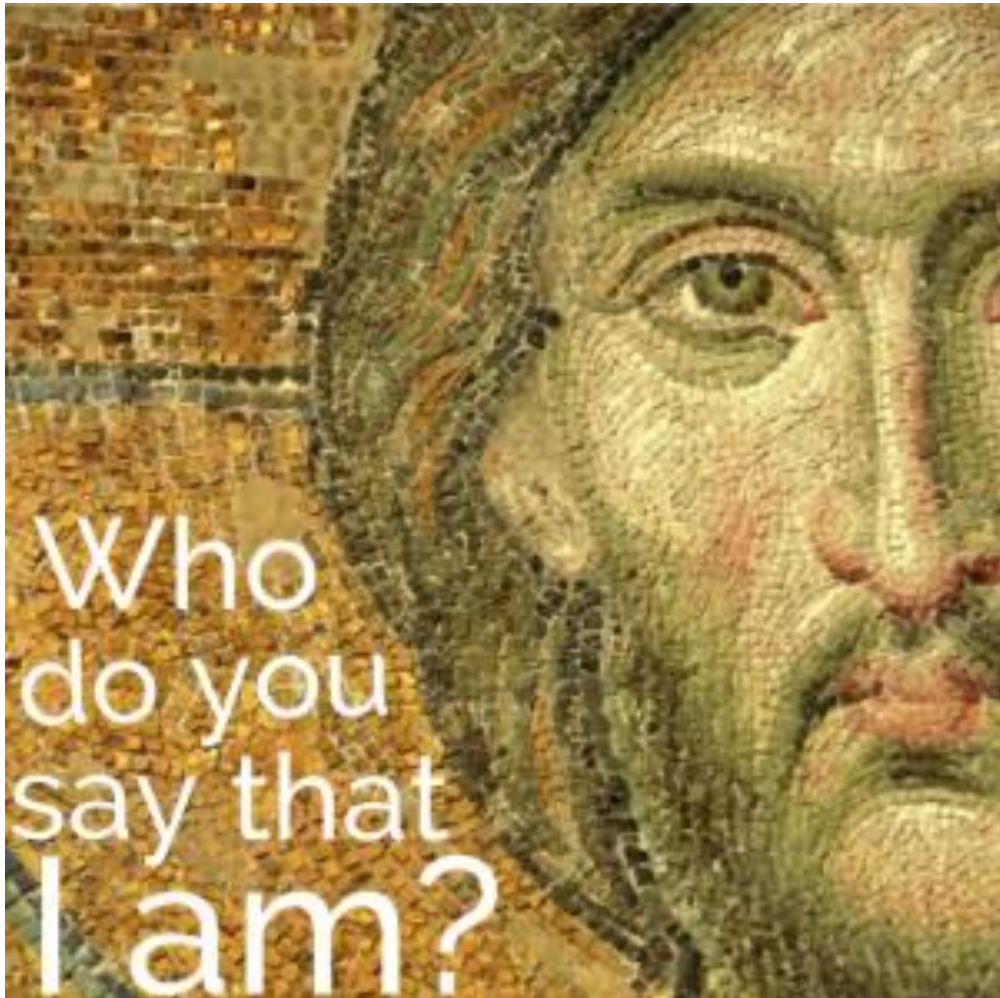


Grace United Church of Christ

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 23, 2020

Worship



**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 16, 2020**

We Gather

Prelude	"A Contemplation", Wihla Hutson	Jonas Dawson
Preparing our Hearts		
Greeting		
Opening Hymn	O Sing a Song of Bethlehem	#51 v.1-3
Opening Prayer		
Opening Hymn (cont'd)	O Sing a Song of Bethlehem	#51 v.4

We Listen

First Reading	Romans 12:1-8	
Special Music	"Change My Heart Oh God", words and music by Eddie Espinosa	Jonas Dawson
Gospel	Matthew 16:13-20	Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor
Children's Message		
Sermon	"Where Oil and Water Mix the Best"	Pastor Rob

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

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*Louis F. Benson, 1899; alt.**Luke 2:8-20, 25-32; Matt. 14:22-33; Mark 4:39; 6:47-52;
John 6:16-21; Acts 5:30-31; 10:39-43*

1 O sing a song of Beth-le-hem, of shep-herds watch - ing there,
2 O sing a song of Naz - a - reth, of days of joy and sun,
3 O sing a song of Gal - i - lee, of lake and woods and hill,
4 O sing a song of Cal - va - ry, its glo - ry and dis - may,

and of the news that came to them from an - gels in the air:
O sing of fra - grant flo - wers' breath, and of the sin - less One:
of One who walked up - on the sea and bade its waves be still:
of One who hung up - on the tree, and took our sins a - way:

The light that shone on Beth - le-hem fills all the world to - day;
For now the flowers of Naz - a - reth in ev - ery heart may grow;
For though, like waves on Gal - i - lee, rough seas of trou - ble roll,
For Christ who died on Cal - va - ry is ris - en from the grave;

of Je - sus' birth and peace on earth the an - gels sing al - way.
now spreads the fame of Je - sus' name on all the winds that blow,
when faith has heard the Sav - ior's word, falls peace up - on the soul.
God's sov - ereign Child, who rec - on - ciled, is might - y now to save.

Using four biblical locations important to the story, the American hymnwriter Louis F. Benson has summarized the life of Jesus and related it to the present. Benson edited several Presbyterian hymnals and wrote a number of books on hymnody.

Tune: KINGSFOLD C.M.D.
Traditional English melody
Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

We Respond

Pastoral Prayers

The Lord's Prayer (in 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

We are Sent

Announcements

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall.

Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all!

2 O seed of Israel's chosen race
now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.

Hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all!

3 Let every tongue and every tribe
responsive to his call,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all!

4 Oh, that with all the sacred thron'
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

Dismissal

Postlude

"Rondeau", from Te Deum,
Marc-Antoine Charpentier, arr. Michael Ryan

Jonas Dawson

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### *Singing in Church*

*Please Note: CDC guidelines state that congregational singing is  
NOT recommended at this time.*

*We are still including hymns (2 verses) as reflection music.  
You may read the words, enjoy the tune, be in reflective prayer  
or even lip sync or hum the tune!*

## **Grace goes LIVE!**

Please know that today's service is being live-streamed for those who can not worship with us in person. If you prefer NOT to be in the live stream video, please sit in pews behind the center pillars.

The children's moment will be on camera as well.

If you would like your child NOT to be on camera, please speak to our AV team or an usher.

***(Note: Communion and the offering will NOT be live-streamed for privacy reasons.)***



## *Grace United Church of Christ*

July 30, 2020

Dear friends,

Gov. Larry Hogan made an announcement yesterday that Maryland is starting to reverse the progress we made in the fight against Covid-19. Hospitals are seeing a 30% rise in infections. Former GOP presidential candidate Herman Cain just died this morning after attending a public event. Maryland is now mandating masks indoors and outdoors when in crowds.

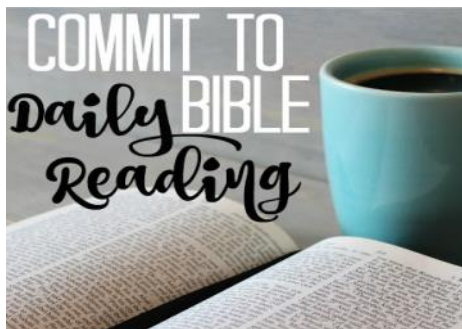
And so I am writing to let you know that Church Council has voted unanimously NOT to reopen this Sunday as planned. We will continue to stream online as we have been.

We will reevaluate this decision in the near future. As much as we'd all like to be together, it's just not worth risking people's health.

Sorry, everyone! But we have to make the hard decisions so that everyone is safe. We've already lost one church member to Covid. That was one too many.

Be well and stay safe!

Pastor Rob



# Daily Bible Readings

## August 2020

### **Saturday, August 1, 2020:**

Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Genesis 31:1-21; Matthew 7:7-11OR  
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Isaiah 44:1-5; Matthew 7:7-11

### **Sunday, August 2, 2020: Proper 13 (18)**

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 55:1-5  
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21

**Monday, August 3, 2020:** Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Genesis 31:22-42; Romans 1:8-15OR  
Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29; Deuteronomy 8:1-10; Romans 1:8-15

**Tuesday, August 4, 2020:** Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Genesis 32:3-21; Acts 2:37-47OR  
Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29; Deuteronomy 26:1-15; Acts 2:37-47

**Wednesday, August 5, 2020:** Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 43:1-7; Matthew 15:32-39OR  
Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29; Exodus 16:2-15, 31-35; Matthew 15:32-39

**Thursday, August 6, 2020:** Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Genesis 35:22b-29; Acts 17:10-15OR  
Psalm 85:8-13; 1 Kings 18:1-16; Acts 17:10-15

**Friday, August 7, 2020:** Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Genesis 36:1-8; Acts 18:24-28OR  
Psalm 85:8-13; 1 Kings 18:17-19, 30-40; Acts 18:24-28

**Saturday, August 8, 2020:** Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Genesis 37:5-11; Matthew 16:1-4OR  
Psalm 85:8-13; 1 Kings 18:41-46; Matthew 16:1-4

### **Sunday, August 9, 2020: Proper 14 (19);**

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b  
1Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 85:8-13 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33

**Monday, August 10, 2020:** Psalm 28; Genesis 37:29-36; 2 Peter 2:4-10OR  
Psalm 18:1-19; Genesis 7:11-8:5; 2 Peter 2:4-10

**Tuesday, August 11, 2020:** Psalm 28; Genesis 39:1-23; Romans 9:14-29OR  
Psalm 18:1-19; Genesis 19:1-29; Romans 9:14-29

**Wednesday, August 12, 2020:** Psalm 28; Genesis 40:1-23; Matthew 8:23-27OR  
Psalm 18:1-19; Job 36:24-33; 37:14-24; Matthew 8:23-27

**Thursday, August 13, 2020:** Psalm 133; Genesis 41:14-36; Revelation 15:1-4OR  
Psalm 67; Isaiah 45:20-25; Revelation 15:1-4

**Friday, August 14, 2020:** Psalm 133; Genesis 41:37-57; Acts 14:19-28OR  
Psalm 67; Isaiah 63:15-19; Acts 14:19-28

**Saturday, August 15, 2020:** Psalm 133; Genesis 42:1-28; Matthew 14:34-36OR  
Psalm 67; Isaiah 56:1-5; Matthew 14:34-36



**Sunday, August 16, 2020: Proper 15 (20)**

Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133 Isaiah 56:1, 6-8  
Psalm 67 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

**Monday, August 17, 2020:** Psalm 130; Genesis 43:1-34; Acts 15:1-21OR  
Psalm 87; 2 Kings 5:1-14; Acts 15:1-21

**Tuesday, August 18, 2020:** Psalm 130; Genesis 44:1-34; Romans 11:13-29OR  
Psalm 87; Isaiah 43:8-13; Romans 11:13-29

**Wednesday, August 19, 2020:** Psalm 130; Genesis 45:16-28; Matthew 8:1-13OR  
Psalm 87; Isaiah 66:18-23; Matthew 8:1-13

**Thursday, August 20, 2020:** Psalm 124; Genesis 49:1-33; 1 Corinthians 6:1-11OR  
Psalm 138; Ezekiel 28:11-19; 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

**Friday, August 21, 2020:** Psalm 124; Genesis 49:29-50:14; 2 Corinthians 10:12-18OR  
Psalm 138; Ezekiel 31:15-18; 2 Corinthians 10:12-18

**Saturday, August 22, 2020:** Psalm 124; Genesis 50:15-26; Matthew 16:5-12OR  
Psalm 138; Ezekiel 36:33-38; Matthew 16:5-12

**Sunday, August 23, 2020: Proper 16 (21)**

Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124 Isaiah 51:1-6  
Psalm 138 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20

**Monday, August 24, 2020:** Psalm 8; Exodus 1:1-7; Romans 2:1-11OR  
Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32; 1 Samuel 7:3-13; Romans 2:1-11

**Tuesday, August 25, 2020:** Psalm 8; Exodus 2:11-15a; Romans 11:33-36OR  
Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32; Deuteronomy 32:18-20, 28-39; Romans 11:33-36

**Wednesday, August 26, 2020:** Psalm 8; Exodus 2:15b-22; Matthew 26:6-13OR  
Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32; Isaiah 28:14-22; Matthew 26:6-13

**Thursday, August 27, 2020:** Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Exodus 2:23-24; Ephesians 5:1-6OR  
Psalm 26:1-8; Jeremiah 14:13-18; Ephesians 5:1-6

**Friday, August 28, 2020:** Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Exodus 3:16-22; 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12OR  
Psalm 26:1-8; Jeremiah 15:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12

**Saturday, August 29, 2020:** Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Exodus 4:1-9; Matthew 8:14-17OR  
Psalm 26:1-8; Jeremiah 15:10-14; Matthew 8:14-17

**Sunday, August 30, 2020: Proper 17 (22)**

Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b Jeremiah 15:15-21  
Psalm 26:1-8 Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28

**Monday, August 31, 2020:** Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 4:10-31; Revelation 3:1-6OR  
Psalm 17; 2 Samuel 11:2-26; Revelation 3:1-6



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### SUNDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 AM — Virtual

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Scripture Reader: ONLINE  
Children's Message: N/A  
Children's Church: N/A  
Altar Guild: N/A

*If you would like to serve as a greeter, or host fellowship time after worship, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Good Shepherd Room.*

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