

GATHERING

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

arr. Don Wyrzten
Mark Hagedwood, pianist

WELCOME

Holy God, help us to be present in worship this day even as You are present. Amen.

PRELUDE

Jesus Loves the Little Children Medley

arr. Phil Hamm

†GREETING

Calling all children of the Living God: the gospel is good news for every age and every stage.

Let us worship together.

The good news is proclaimed in God's words, and also with crayons, silly songs, snacks, and rest time.

Let us worship together, every generation.

We come together with different abilities, learning in a rainbow of ways and styles.

Let us worship together, with our family of faith.

All are welcome in the arms of Christ who proclaimed, "Let the children come!"

Let us worship together, united in our eternal hope.¹

†HYMN

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

BEACH SPRING

**Praise the source of faith and learning that has sparked and stoked the mind
with a passion for discerning how the world has been designed.**

**Let the sense of wonder flowing from the wonders we survey
keep our faith forever growing and renew our need to pray.**

**God of wisdom we acknowledge that our science and our art
and the breadth of human knowledge only partial truth impart.**

**Far beyond our calculation lies a depth we cannot sound
where your purpose for creation and the pulse of life are found.**

**May our faith redeem the blunder of believing that our thought
has displaced the grounds for wonder which the ancient prophets taught.**

**May our learning curb the error which unthinking faith can breed
lest we justify some terror with an antiquated creed.**

**As two currents in a river fight each other's undertow,
till converging they deliver one coherent steady flow,
blend, O God, our faith and learning till they carve a single course,
till they join as one, returning praise and thanks to you, the Source.**

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 56:3-4

†Luke 12:32-34

†John 14:25-27

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

There Aren't Really Any Monsters under the Bed!

Kate Fields

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The celebrant gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The celebrant continues the thanksgiving.

The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled, and the celebrant concludes:

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The celebrant invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding:
All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*You are invited to pray the Lord's Prayer in your native tongue and address God, who is beyond gender, with names that speak to your heart: "Our Creator", "Holy Parent", or other titles that honor God's love, presence, and goodness.

BREAKING THE BREAD – SHARING THE CUP

As we celebrate the gift of Holy Communion, everyone in need of God's love is invited.

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. Joel Raney

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OFFERING

Please register your attendance in the pew pad or with the QR code on the back of the bulletin.

You may give online by visiting belmontumc.org/give, texting BELMONT to 73256, scanning the giving QR code, contacting Sara Christi (bookkeeper@belmontumc.org) to set up a bank draft, or mailing your offering to the church, Box 120098, Nashville, TN, 37212.

†DOXOLOGY

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

BENEDICTION

Children, families, and all who love them, go out into the beautiful world that God has made!
Go and play!
Go and learn!
Go and love others!
May you be filled with lovingkindness for yourself and everyone around you.
May God's love and the love of Belmont UMC keep you
full of joy and hold you as you do scary and hard things.

**We can do hard things.
May it be so.**

POSTLUDE

This Little Light of Mine

arr. Ken Moore

†You are invited to stand as you are able.

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP LEADER
Bruce Williams, Technical Coordinator

The early service will return to the chapel next Sunday, *August 14*, and will begin at **8:10am** (new time).

¹from Illustrated Ministry

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST 7

For a digital version of this newsletter with color photos and live links, go to belmontumc.org/about/newsletter.

Joys and concerns

Memorials

SHIRLEY DODSON

Donors:

Helen Alexander

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Jennifer Werkley

August Communion offering

Our August Communion offering will be focused on Outreach and Advocacy. Not everything we do at Belmont UMC can be carefully planned and put in the budget. Many outreach and advocacy situations arise that need urgent attention and, often, resources. Your gift will help support these needs.

In September and October, we have an opportunity to serve 10 families experiencing homelessness through our outreach committee's efforts with the Metro Public School's H.E.R.O. program. Some of the items the families need most desperately are birth certificates for each member of their family (\$12 each) and application fees to apartments (ranging from \$25-\$125).

Please give generously so when we ACT, we can also GIVE. Go to belmont-umc.org/august-communion-offering to give online or learn more.

Early service returns to chapel at new time

Beginning next Sunday, *August 14*, our early service will return to the chapel. Please note that the service will begin at **8:10am**.

Edgehill/Belmont UWF plan celebration

Summer Happening, the annual shared supper and program for United Women of Faith (UWF) at Edgehill UMC and Belmont UMC, is back! On Thursday, August 18, at 5:30pm, members will gather in Parker Hall to share a potluck dinner, listen to Kate Fields tell her faith story, and hear updates from the groups' leaders.

This is the first time in three years that the women from the two groups have been able to meet in person due to COVID restrictions. Last year, they celebrated their 25-year partnership with a panel discussion via livestream. Make plans to attend!

***Gifts That Change Our World* kicks off next week**

Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do that, because what the world needs is people who have come alive.

- Howard Thurman

Gifts That Change Our World (GTCOW) is all about people coming alive through our United Methodist connections. On August 14, Russell Casteel, Director of Camping Ministry, will share ways that our Conference camps use our gifts of good land and hard work to create opportunities of formation and transformation for campers, guests, and communities across our connection including Beersheba, where we will hold our All-Church Retreat.

Through September 4, we will continue hearing stories of people coming alive in Christ because of your gifts! Marcy Stagner, Director of Strategic Partnerships and Opportunities of Church Health, will tell us about the life changing partnership with Meharry Medical School in Nashville, Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare in Memphis, The University of Memphis, and Church Health to establish a Memphis campus.

The goal is to identify, mentor, and train students who might grow up in poverty but who can become physicians to serve the community where they grow up. Rev. Myriam Cortes will share about a thriving multicultural immigrant community she is a part of in West Nashville, Iglesia Metodista Unida Ebenezer. Ebenezer is a Hispanic/Latino congregation representing eleven Latin and Caribbean countries. Rev. Michele Morton, TSU Wesley Foundation Director, will share how their community engages with college students and the ways college ministries impact young people across the connection.

There will be opportunities to learn more in worship as well as during the Sunday school hour from 9:15-10:15am each week when our guest speakers engage us in more in-depth conversations around their ministries.

During GTCOW, we are asking you to consider a gift above your regular giving or pledge to support our connectional commitments. The Tennessee Western Kentucky Conference CFA, chaired by our own John Pearce, has embraced the term "connectional commitment" as a more precise replacement for the term "apportionments". No matter the term, GTCOW reminds us that we are connected to a larger United Methodist good work. Belmont UMC includes connectional giving in our budget, but pledges don't cover our full connectional commitment.

Let us celebrate and give to GTCOW to reach our \$35,000 goal. To give your gift and change our world, go to belmontumc.org/gifts-that-change-our-world to give online or to find out about other ways to give.

Church picnic



On Sunday, July 31, Belmont UMC families gathered at Sevier Park for a summer picnic. There was food, fun, fellowship, and folk music provided by Calvin Kimbrough. Photos by Louis Jordan.

THIS WEEK AT BELMONT UMC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

8:00am Worship with Communion, sanctuary/Facebook live
10:30am Worship with Communion, sanctuary/Facebook live

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

5:30pm Flow yoga, Zoom
6:00pm Ministry Council Steering Committee, Zoom

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom
4:00pm Outreach equity in preschool, 204
6:00pm Gentle yoga, Zoom
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

8:00am Women's Centering Prayer, 223/Zoom

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

8:10am Worship with Communion, chapel/Facebook live
9:15am Partners in Ministry training, Parker Hall
9:15am GTCOW - Camping Ministries with Russell Castille, TBA
10:30am Worship, sanctuary/Facebook live
2:00pm Sunday Covenant Discipleship group, Iris Room
5:00pm United Methodist Youth, Community Center

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2022

Paul Purdue preaching 8:00am and 10:30am worship services.

8:00am - sanctuary/Facebook live/YouTube

10:30am - sanctuary/Facebook live/YouTube

Connecting with God's Generous Spirit (Psalm 148; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15)

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