

## GATHERING

Christy Perkey, pianist

## WELCOME

Heather Harris

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

## PRELUDE

## †GREETING

Peter called to the people inviting them into unity and solidarity in Christ,  
to break bread together and to worship together.

**We, too, hear the call to join the many generations before us,  
worshiping a God whose love transcends time and age,  
telling the stories of God's mighty acts in our midst.**

**Let us praise God together, all of us, young and old, rich and poor,  
one people united in a celebration of faith.<sup>1</sup>**

## †HYMN NO. 467

*Trust and Obey*

TRUST AND OBEY

**When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, what a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.**

***Refrain:* Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

**Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he doth richly repay;  
not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. *R***

**But we never can prove the delights of his love until all on the altar we lay;  
for the favor he shows, for the joy he bestows, are for them who will trust and obey. *R***

**Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll walk by his side in the way;  
what he says we will do, where he sends we will go; never fear, only trust and obey. *R***

## SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:42-47

1 Timothy 6:6-19

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

**A Practical Methodical Theology Focused on This World**

Paul Purdue

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

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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.*

## **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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**May the God who is community be with us as we seek to be a community.**

**May God bless our dreams and may God shatter our dreams.**

**May God help us to be real and to find depth in weakness and brokenness.**

**May God help us to face and grow through conflict rather than pretend by being nice.**

**May we look at each other through soft eyes and truly respect each other as human beings.**

**May God help us let go of control and the need to fix one another.**

**May God help us discover we are needy in our own souls and give attention to our own hearts.**

**May God grant us the gift of an extraordinary love that flows from the heart of God.<sup>2</sup>**

## **POSTLUDE**

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†You are invited to stand as you are able.

**ADDITIONAL WORSHIP LEADER**  
Bruce Williams, Technical Coordinator

Liturgy selected by Ingrid McIntyre.

<sup>1</sup>Rachel & David Witkovsky

<sup>2</sup><http://www.freshworship.org/>

## **NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 25**

*For a digital version of this newsletter with color photos and live links, go to [belmontumc.org/about/newsletter](http://belmontumc.org/about/newsletter).*

### **Joys and concerns**

#### ***Christian sympathy is extended to***

David Oakes in the death of his wife, Wilma Oakes.

Family and friends of Gerry Oldashi.

Family and friends of Joe Montgomery.

#### ***Memorials***

DON WILLIAMS

*Donor:*

Lucy Haynes

### **All-Church Retreat registration deadline is this Friday**

The deadline to register for the All-Church Retreat is this Friday, September 30. Go to [belmontumc.org/ACR](http://belmontumc.org/ACR) to register.

The retreat will take place October 14-16, with Rev. Becca Stevens, founder and president of Thistle Farms, as our speaker. This year's retreat theme is *We Are Dirt and Angels: Practical Divinity and Everyday Faithfulness in Nashville* and will incorporate spirituality as well as encouragement to do the work of love in the world.

We are looking for volunteers to bring snacks as well as serve snacks. If you can help with either, please sign up at [belmontumc.org/ACR](http://belmontumc.org/ACR).

### **NOAH presentation**

Our Nashville Organized for Action and Hope (NOAH) conversation continues this Wednesday, September 28, with a presentation about criminal justice. Join us at 6:00pm in Parker Hall to learn about how you can be part of the answer to criminal justice in Nashville.

### ***College Night this Thursday***

Calling all college students! This Thursday, September 29, we will host *College Night*, a time to gather around a meal with other students to build community and worship God. We will meet in Parker Hall (right below the sanctuary) at 7:00pm. Friends are welcome. For questions or more information, contact Emma Bushong ([emma@belmontumc.org](mailto:emma@belmontumc.org)). We can't wait to see you!

### **Help Belmont Weekday School celebrate 75 years**

Calling all Weekday School alumni! The Belmont Weekday School (WDS) will celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary this fall, and a bulletin board display is being created. If you attended or are the parent of someone who attended the WDS and have pictures or memories that you would like to share, please send them to Angie Slade ([angie@belmontumc.org](mailto:angie@belmontumc.org)) by Friday, September 30.

### **Save the date for Blessing of the Animals**

On Saturday, October 1, you are invited to join us at 10:00am for our annual Blessing of the Animals! All pets (dogs, cats, goldfish, hamsters, chickens, iguanas, parrots, etc.) are welcome. You are also welcome to bring a photo of your pet if they are unable to accompany you. We will gather on the grassy space between the Community Center and main building.

This blessing event is a chance to help us center non-human creation and is also a way for us to acknowledge how deeply meaningful pets are in our lives. So bring your pet to be blessed as we thank them for their love, pray for their health, and acknowledge they matter a lot to us. We look forward to seeing you and your pet!

### **NOAH Community Forum: A new stadium for Nashville?**

This afternoon at 2:30pm, NOAH's Economic Equity and Jobs Task Force invites you to "A New Stadium for Nashville?" community forum, moderated by David Plazas, Dr. Paulette Coleman, Mandy Pellegrin, and Bob Mendes. To learn more or register, go to [bit.ly/titansforum](https://bit.ly/titansforum).

### **Help our Eakin Eagles soar!**

Eakin Elementary is our partner school through United 4 Hope and we are excited to be able to assist the students and teachers in a variety of ways. We are collecting shorts and long pants for standard school attire (either navy or khaki; *no jeans*), in boys and girls sizes medium and large. You can leave your donation in the box in the Iris Room entrance area.

### **New members**

Belmont UMC welcomes new members Diana Sanchez-Bushong and Tim Bushong, and Emma Bushong who transferred their memberships to Belmont UMC on September 18, 2022.

### **Stock gift**

The church recently received a stock gift to our account at Merrill Lynch, but the donor was not identified. If you made this gift, please contact Mark Hagewood ([mark@belmontumc.org](mailto:mark@belmontumc.org)) so we can properly credit you for this donation.

### **A.W.A.R.E. Mission Trip**



*After houses were destroyed by the 2017 earthquake, the GYTTE A.W.A.R.E. Mission Teams helped rebuild the homes with straw bails and native building materials that will be more resistant to earthquakes. In January, we will continue that work with construction and/or repair of homes in neighboring villages. If you'd like to participate, go to [belmontumc.org/AWARE](http://belmontumc.org/AWARE) for details.*

## **THIS WEEK AT BELMONT UMC**

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

8:10am Worship with Communion, chapel/Facebook live  
8:45am Children's Chimes, 226  
9:15am Adult, youth, and children's Sunday school, various rooms  
10:10am All-Church Retreat registration, Iris Room  
10:30am Worship, sanctuary/Facebook live  
12:00pm All-Church lunch and ministry fair, Community Center  
1:30pm Carillon Ringers, 226  
3:30pm Wesley Ringers rehearsal, 226  
4:30pm Open Door Singers rehearsal, choir room  
5:00pm *Food and Faith @* Brooklyn Heights Community Garden  
5:30pm United Methodist Youth, Community Center

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

6:00pm Outreach Team, Zoom

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

5:30pm Flow yoga, Zoom  
6:00pm Executive Committee, Zoom  
7:00pm *Jesus and the Disinherited* book study, Zoom

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

10:00am Lectio Divina, Zoom  
5:00pm Wednesday night meal, Community Center and tent  
6:00pm NOAH presentation: Criminal Justice, Parker Hall  
6:00pm Adult connection space, Iris Room  
6:00pm Children's choirs, Faith Finders hall  
6:00pm Gentle yoga, Zoom  
6:00pm Youth Midweek, 3rd floor  
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, choir room

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

8:00am Women's Centering Prayer, 223/Zoom  
7:00pm College Night, Parker Hall

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

10:00am Parent and Child Music, Zoom

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2**

8:10am Worship with Communion, chapel/Facebook live  
8:45am Children's Chimes, 226  
9:15am Adult, youth, and children's Sunday school, various rooms  
10:30am Worship with Communion, sanctuary/Facebook live  
1:30pm Carillon Ringers, 226  
3:30pm Wesley Ringers rehearsal, 226  
4:30pm Open Door Singers rehearsal, choir room  
5:00pm *Food and Faith @* Nashville Food Project Farm  
5:30pm United Methodist Youth, Community Center

**Want more news and announcements?**

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**Our staff is always ready to assist you!**

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