

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN  
Hagerstown, Maryland

**MORNING WORSHIP**

**10:00 AM**

October 25, 2020

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** "All Nature Sings!" (Smith)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Eunice Plank, Worship Leader

One: Brothers and sisters, we are loved by God.  
**All: The ruler of heaven and earth knows us by name.**  
One: God hears and answers our cries for help.  
**All: God shows compassion and kindness to us.**  
One: May our lives praise and magnify our great and awesome God.  
**All: We have come to worship the one whose image is imprinted within us.**

**\*HYMN #12** "Come, let us all unite to sing"

[Verse 1]

*Come, let us all unite to sing, God is love. Let heav'n and earth their praises bring, God is love. Let ev'ry soul from sin awake, let every heart sweet music make, and sing with us for Jesus' sake, for God is love.*  
*God is love! God is love! Come, let us all unite to sing that God is love.*

[Verse 2]

*Oh, tell to earth's remotest bound, God is love. In Christ we have redemption found, God is love. His blood has washed our sins away, his Spirit turned our night to day, and now we can rejoice to say that God is love!*  
*God is love! God is love! Come, let us all unite to sing that God is love.*

[Verse 3]

*How happy is our portion here, God is love. His promises our spirits cheer, God is love. He is our sun and shield by day, our help, our hope, our strength and stay; he will be with us all the way, our God is love!*  
*God is love! God is love! Come, let us all unite to sing that God is love.*

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Magnificent and Holy One, we long to know you better. As we make our way in this world, we search for signs that you are with us. Give us a glimpse of your glorious presence, and show us your ways. May our lives ring out the marvelous message of your goodness, your mercy, and your love. Amen.

**A MOMENT TO BECOME LIKE CHILDREN**

**SERVICE OF GIVING**

**Offertory Invitation**

"Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." With gratitude for all we have received, we offer our gifts to God.

Let us give this morning by placing our offerings in the offering plate, or mailing them to the church, or by using Paypal. Together, as we give, we declare our dedication to Jesus and our obedience to serve him.

**Offertory** "I Surrender All" (Thygeron)

**\*Response #119** "Doxology"

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

These offerings represent only a part of what we owe you. Our currency bears the imprint of worldly powers, but we bear the holy image you inscribe on our hearts. All that we have and all that we are belong to you, O God. As we give these gifts and ourselves freely to you, may others know your goodness and your love, through our offerings. Amen.

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

*Please remember our worship is also on Facebook Live and our website.  
Please do not share any personal information you do not want public.*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "The Name of Jesus"  
Soloist, Ed Plank

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**SCRIPTURE**

**Matthew 22:15-22**

5 Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. 16 So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" 18 But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? 19 Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. 20 Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" 21 They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." 22 When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

**MESSAGE**

"We Belong to God"  
Pastor Twyla Rowe

**\*HYMN #592**

"Love divine, all loves excelling"

[Verse 1]

*Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art.  
Visit us with thy salvation; enter ev'ry trembling heart.*

[Verse 2]

*Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast.  
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be.  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

[Verse 3]

*Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive.  
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*

[Verse 4]

*Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee.  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

**\*BENEDICTION**

*After the Benediction, you may be seated. Please continue  
in a spirit of worship as we listen to the Postlude music.*

**POSTLUDE**

"Great God of Glory"

(Paxton)

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\*Please rise — in body or spirit — as an act of worship  
Thank you for joining us in worship today.

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*(Scifres, Mary; Beu, B. J.. The Abingdon Worship Annual 2020.  
Abingdon Press. Kindle Edition.)*

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