

Grateful to God

Litany of Intercession

Leader: When I remember you in my prayers . . .

Voice 1: I see you as a child, climbing trees and playing in the fields, loving God's creation.

Voice 2: I feel your joy as a young adult, full of hope in the promise of God's love.

Voice 3: I hear the compassion in your voice, born of the wisdom of years of faith.

Leader: When I remember you in my prayers . . .

Voice 1: I see you as a parent, loving your children as God loves us.

Voice 2: I hear the passion in your voice as you advocate for those less fortunate.

Voice 3: I feel your grief when dreams shatter and hearts are broken.

Leader: When I remember you in my prayers . . .

Voice 1: I feel the ache in your bones after a hard day's work.

Voice 2: I hear your cries for justice and peace.

Voice 3: I see the tears in your eyes—tears of joy and of sorrow, as you live each day as Jesus would.

All: When I remember you in my prayers, I thank God that you are in my life.

—Donna Kline
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Text for today: *"When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother"* (Philem. 1:4-7, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Deuteronomy 30: 15-20; Psalm 1; Philemon 1:1-21 (4); Luke 14:25-33.

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When I remember you
in my prayers

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Hagerstown, Maryland

MORNING WORSHIP

10:45AM

September 4, 2022

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" (Mansfield)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Susan Hughes, Worship Leader

Leader: We gather as God's people:

All: To seek direction in the living of our lives.

Leader: We gather as God's people:

All: To be still and hear what God would have us do.

Leader: We gather as God's people:

All: To be renewed, restored and recreated.

Leader: We rejoice that we are God's people:

All: To serve, to love and to sing God's praise.

***HYMN #83** "With happy voices singing"

[Verse 1]

*With happy voices singing, thy children, Lord, appear,
their joyous praises bringing in anthems full and clear.*

*For skies of golden splendor, for azure rolling sea,
for blossoms sweet and tender, O Lord, we worship thee.*

[Verse 2]

*For though no eye beholds thee, no hand thy touch may feel,
thy universe unfolds thee, thy starry heav'ns reveal.*

*The earth and all its glory, our homes and all we love,
tell forth the wondrous story of One who reigns above.*

[Verse 3]

*And shall we not adore thee, with more than joyous song,
and live in truth before thee, all beautiful and strong?*

*Lord, bless our souls' endeavor thy servants true to be,
and through all life, forever, to live our praise to thee.*

***OPENING PRAYER**

O God our Father, we come into the quiet of your house to worship you. We come for spiritual refreshment, for renewal, for tapping into the only power that lasts. Help us to resonate with your Spirit and find all the benefits of your presence. Amen.

A MOMENT TO BECOME LIKE CHILDREN

SERVICE OF GIVING

Call to Giving

Our priorities in life measure our loyalties. They reveal who or what is really our God. God gives and does so very much for us...so when we have the opportunity to return some of what he has given us... whether it is from our financial resources...and/or from the giving of our selves... we should give with a spirit of joy and gratitude...letting God know that he is our priority.

You are invited to place your offering in the plate at the front of the chancel during the offertory or after the service. If you are watching on facebook live or the HCOB webpage, we virtually pass the offering plate to you. You can drop your offering off at the church, mail it to the church or use Paypal on the Hagerstowncob webpage to give.

Offertory "He Leadeth Me" (Broughton)

***Doxology #119** "Praise God from whom"

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Faithful God, we give in gratitude for your abundant gifts to us. You have not forsaken us when we are unfaithful. You have not abandoned us in the torments of our own making. You keep calling to us when we pursue other gods. As we offer our tokens of thanks today, we hear you sending us out to mend broken relationships. Our offering is not a substitute for our own engagement in your reconciling work. Go with us to help us as we accept the assignments you give us. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC "The Joy of Our Faith" (Rist)
Temple Choir

SHARING OUR JOYS, CONCERNS, AND HOPES

*Please remember our worship is also on Facebook Live and our website.
Please do not share any personal information you do not want to be made public.
An usher will hold the microphone for you while you share.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN #163

“Obey my voice”

*Obey my voice, and I will be your God,
and ye shall be my people,
and walk in all the ways I have commanded you,
that it may be well with you and I will be your God.
Obey my voice, and I will be your God,
and ye shall be my people.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

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15 See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. 16 If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. 17 But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, 18 I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, 20 loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

MESSAGE

*“Observing the Right Directions”
Pastor Twyla Rowe*

***HYMN #544**

“When We Walk with the Lord”

[Verse 1]

*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.

[Verse 2]

*Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he doth richly repay.
Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross, but is bless’d if we trust and obey.*

[Refrain]

[Verse 3]

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

[Refrain]

[Verse 4]

*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.*

[Refrain]

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (Smith)

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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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