



BRUEN CHAPEL

Fairfax, Virginia

OCTOBER 19, 2025

Ordinary Time

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Power and might and majesty belong to God who created and is creating.

Thanks be to God for God's mighty wonders.

Like the image of the powerful wind, and heavens as a garment,

God's majesty is revealed in all creation.

**We look around us at the wonders and marvel and
the infinite variety and beauty which God has created.**

Who are we, that God should pay attention to us?

**We are God's beloved children, the stewards whom
God has selected to care for the world. Amen.**

+ OPENING HYMN

UMH 158, *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 and ever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?

² My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;

⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord watches over you—
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;

⁸ the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

+ HYMN

UMH 368, *My Hope Is Built*

OFFERING & SHARING GOD'S PEACE

+ DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

+ OFFERTORY PRAYER

O God, thank you for the many blessings you have given to us.

**We ask that you accept these gifts that we offer back to you
as a symbol of our gratitude. Bless them and multiply them**

so that they may be used to do good works in your name.

May we remember that all that we have is because of you.

Amen.

MEDITATION MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18: 1-8

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

⁴“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

⁶ And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Reverend Dawn-Marie Singleton

+ THE APOSTLES’ CREED

UMH 881

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead;**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**universal*

+ HYMN

UMH 419, *I Am Thine, O Lord*

+ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

+ Members of the congregation are invited to stand during these portions if they are able.

Please join us for café in the back after today’s service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Your Calendars

October 25

3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Trunk or Treat

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New time! Our event is this Saturday from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in the front of the church. If you plan to participate, please let Brie know today. We'll set up treat tables as well if you'd rather not decorate your car.

Website

Check out our redesigned website at www.bruenchapel.org. Find info on upcoming events, videos of our recent services, Rev. Dawn-Marie's weekly reflections, a prayer request form, and more. Share the link with others!

Rising Hope Collection

In October, we're collecting canned meat (tuna, chicken, salmon, etc.) for Rising Hope Mission Church, a local faith community that helps individuals rise above homelessness and poverty. A contributions box is in the church lobby. Learn more at risinghopeumc.org.

Lamb Center Collection

The Lamb Center is a daytime drop-in shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness in Fairfax. If you'd like to support their mission, a contributions box and list of most needed items are in the church lobby. Learn more at thelambcenter.org.

Coffee with the Pastor

Join Rev. Dawn-Marie on Sundays from 9:30 to 10 a.m. for coffee and conversation.

Pastor's Contact Info

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