



“Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

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Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
****Please stand as you are able in body or spirit***

Prelude~ "We Have Come into this House" - #174 AAHH

Welcome~ Rev. Dr. Andrea Cummings-Wratee

****Opening Hymn~ "Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"***
#329 AAHH

Opening Prayer

****Offering***

Doxology~ "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"~#650 AAHH

Prayer of Illumination: Holy One, true and living God, through the message of the gospel and the power of your Spirit, make us imitators of the Lord: Jesus Christ our Savior. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

****The Scripture Readings***

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18: The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: "Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. "You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the LORD. "You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You

shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

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

****Psalter~** #738 UMH, Psalm 1:1-6*

****Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8: You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.*

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***Song of Preparation~** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" - #158 AAHH*

***Gospel Reading:** Matthew 22:34-46: When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test*

him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"'? "If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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***Proclamation~** Lay Minister Kevin Harris*

****Affirmation of Faith:** (881 UMH): **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 sitteth 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)***

Prayers of the People:** Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.

****Confession/Pardon/ The Peace~** Pg. 8*

Thanksgiving & Holy Communion~ Pgs. 9-11

Lord's Prayer

Post Communion Prayer: 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.

Announcements

****Benediction***

Mark your Calendar

Church conference on November 7, 2026, at 11:00 A.M. at Mt. Harmony-Lower Marlboro, 155 E. Mt. Harmony Rd., Owings, MD.

Announcements? If you have an announcement or prayer request, please email it to zionlexpk@gmail.com by Wednesday.

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