"Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

November 1st, 2026

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

Prelude~ *"Revelations 19:1"*

Welcome~ *Rev. Dr. Andreá Cummings-Wratee*

****Opening Hymn~*** *"Spirit Song" - #321 AAHH*

Opening Prayer

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

Prayer of Illumination: In your Word, O God, show us heaven. By your Spirit, show us the truth; through Christ, the Living Word, in whom we see your face. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

****The Scripture Readings***
First Reading: *Revelation 7:9-17: After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and*

thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

****Psalter****~ #769, Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (Insert)*

****Second Reading*****:** *1 John 3:1-3: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.*

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Song of Preparation~ *Perfect Praise (O Lord, How Excellent)*

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 5:1-12: When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

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Proclamation~ *Dr. Cummings-Wratee*

****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~ *insert*

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.*

Men's Day is on November 8th at 3 p.m. *The theme is "Wherever you are." Scripture reference: Genesis 50:20. Guest Preacher: Dr. Wil Butler. Queen's Chapel Men's Choir will lead us in worship.*

Lessons and Carols on December 18th at 7 pm at Zion*. Join us for an evening of reflection on the coming of Christ in the world with Zion, Peter Calver, St. Cecilia, and St. Mary's Parish. There will be a reception after the service.*

Annual Christmas Party on December 12th *from noon to 3 pm at St. George's UMC.* ***Tickets are $60****.*

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

Ready to Join Zion? *Please text 301-997-3328. Pastor Cummings-Wratee will reach out to you to arrange a time to discuss the membership vows and schedule a Sunday to join Zion.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
FOR ALL SAINTS

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Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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.

Renew our communion with all your saints,
especially those whom we have named before you—

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.
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