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

September 6th, 2026

Rev. Dr. Andreá Cummings-Wratee, Pastor
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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

****Please stand as you are able in body or spirit***

Prelude~ "Behold, Bless Ye the Lord"

Welcome~ Rev. Dr. Andrea Cummings-Wratee

****Opening Hymn~ "Come Ye That Love the Lord"***
#590 AAHH

Opening Prayer

****Offering***

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

Prayer of Illumination: Oh Lord, awaken our hearts and minds to your Word, O God. Give us understanding so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we are able to do all that you command for love's sake. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

****The Scripture Readings***

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11: So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions

Mark your Calendar

The Unified Board Meeting is on Sept 13 following morning worship. Members are encouraged to attend each monthly meeting. August through September will be dedicated to preparing for the church conference on November 7, 2026, at 11:00 A.M. at Mt. Harmony-Lower Marlboro, 155 E. Mt Harmony Rd., Owings, MD.

The 4th Pastoral Anniversary of Pastor is on September 20th at 3:00 pm. The theme is Fruitful Ministry, and the guest preacher is the Rev. Dr. Stacey Cole Wilson.

#7025 NAACP St. Mary's Branch annual Freedom Fund Jazz & R&B Brunch is Oct. 8th from 11 am-3 pm at the Bay District Fire Department. Our very own, Sis. Idolia Shubrooks is an honoree. Tickets for a table of 8 are \$400 (\$50 per person). We can have multiple tables. Mark on your envelope: NAACP Brunch.

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

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

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20: "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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

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~ Pgs. 9-11

Lord's Prayer

and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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***Psalter~** #840 UMH, Psalm 119:33-40

***Second Reading:** Romans 13:8-14: *Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.*

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Song of Preparation~ "All You've Ever Been"

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.*