

# WORSHIP GUIDE

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 11, 2021 @ 10 A.M.



*Meditation of the Day: Love is not consolation, it is light. ~Simone Weil~*

## ***I Love to Tell the Story***



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## *WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD*

*\* All who are able may stand.*

Gathering Music✦

"We All Believe in One True God"

Words of Welcome

Prelude to Worship✦

Toccata on "Old Hundredth"

\*Call to Community

Come, let us come into the House of the Holy One with song and dance.

**We have come to worship our God, the Creator of heaven and earth, seas and rivers, and all that dwells within.**

The Lord of the Dance beckons us to join in this time of celebration and joy...

**That we might know that we are gathered in God's holy place.**

We join the psalmist with songs of the glory of the God of Hosts.

**We seek to know God's faithfulness and wisdom.**

Let us enter God's rhythm of life and follow in the ways of the Word. God will bring us home where dancing and joy will never end!

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

**Holy God, we confess that too often we have not been open to the rhythms of life you offer to us. We let ourselves be put off your pace and allow ourselves to wander off into our own songs. Too often the melodies of the world confuse us. We have led ourselves and others to paths that are not according to your loving pace and direction.**

**Help us pay attention with all our senses. Make our dancing faithful; help us take the risks that are part of letting you lead. Pull us back into your rhythms. Clean our hearts, purify our hands and steady our feet that we might know and share your blessings.**

*Silence is Kept*

Words of Blessing

Meditative Interlude✦

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

Children's Time

*(Children are Dismissed for Children's Church)*

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

### *The Holy Scriptures*

Hebrew Lesson

*2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19 (MSG)*

Lector: Rae Smith

David mustered the pick of the troops of Israel—thirty divisions of them. Together with his soldiers, David headed for Baalah to recover the Chest of God, which was called by the Name God-of-the-Angel-Armies, who was enthroned over the pair of angels on the Chest.

They placed the Chest of God on a brand-new oxcart and removed it from Abinadab's house on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, Abinadab's sons, were driving the new cart loaded with the Chest of God, Ahio in the lead and Uzzah alongside the Chest. David and the whole company of Israel were in the parade, singing at the top of their lungs and playing mandolins, harps, tambourines, castanets, and cymbals. When they came to the threshing floor of Nacon, the oxen stumbled, so Uzzah reached out and grabbed the Chest of God. God blazed in anger against Uzzah and struck him hard because he had profaned the Chest. Uzzah died on the spot, right alongside the Chest.

It was reported to King David that God had prospered Obed-Edom and his entire household because of the Chest of God. So, David thought, "I'll get that blessing for myself," and went and brought up the Chest of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David, celebrating extravagantly all the way, with frequent sacrifices of choice bulls. David, ceremonially dressed in priest's linen, danced with great abandon before God. The whole country was with him as he accompanied the Chest of God with shouts and trumpet blasts. But as the Chest of God came into the City of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, happened to be looking out a window. When she saw King David leaping and dancing before God, her heart filled with scorn.

They brought the Chest of God and set it in the middle of the tent pavilion that David had pitched for it. Then and there, David worshiped, offering burnt offerings and peace offerings. When David had completed the sacrifices of burnt and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of God-of-the-Angel-Armies and handed out to each person in the crowd, men and women alike, a loaf of bread, a date cake, and a raisin cake. Then everyone went home.

Gospel Lesson✠

Reader's Theatre: The Beheading of John the Baptist, *Mark 6:14-29*  
Barb Hendershot, Rich Owens, Katie Penick, Rae Smith

Herod Antipas, the king, soon heard about Jesus because everyone was talking about him. Some were saying, "This must be John the Baptist raised from the dead. That is why he can do such miracles." Others said, "He's the prophet Elijah." Still others said, "He's a prophet like the other great prophets of the past."

When Herod heard about Jesus, he said, "John, the man I beheaded, has come back from the dead!"

You see, Herod had sent soldiers to arrest and imprison John as a favor to his wife, Herodias. She had been his brother Philip's wife, but Herod had married her. John the Baptist had been telling Herod that



it was against God's law for him to marry his brother's wife. So, Herodias bore a grudge against John, and wanted him dead. But she could not do anything without Herod's approval. Herod respected John and protected him, for he knew that he was a good and godly man. He enjoyed listening to John, even though what John said often disturbed him.

But on Herod's birthday, Herodias's chance finally came. Herod gave a large party, and invited high-ranking government officials, army officers, and other leading citizens of Galilee. Her daughter came in to dance for them, and her dancing pleased Herod and his guests.

So, Herod told her, "Ask me for anything you like, and I will give it to you. You can have anything you want, even up to half my kingdom!"

The girl went out and told her mother what Herod had said. "What should I ask for, mother?"

"Ask for the head of John the Baptist!"

So, the girl hurried back to the King, and said, "I want the head of John the Baptist, right now, on a tray!"

The king deeply regretted what he had said, but because of the vows he had made in front of his guests, he could not refuse her. So, he immediately sent an executioner to the prison to cut off John's head. The soldier beheaded John in the prison and brought back his head on a tray. He gave it to the girl, who took it to her mother. When John's disciples heard what had happened, they came to get his body and buried it in a tomb.

The Message

***The Dance***

Contemplative Interlude ✧

"Now in the Days of Youth"

### ***WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD***

Invitation to Give

Blessing Our Gifts

Beloved Jesus, you surprise us by naming us your friends. Your dance of faithfulness and life, open before us a way of unexpected justice, mutuality and joy. Take these gifts and bless them and let them serve your people at home and throughout the world, all of us, your cherished friends. Amen.

*Sacrament of Communion*

Invitation to the Table

The Story

Blessing the Bread and Cup

The Family Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Prayer of Our Savior

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
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.**

Sending Forth  
God is good,

**All the time.**

All the time.

**God is good.**

Go in Peace, beloved friends!

**Amen.**

Prelude to Service ✦

"Messiah"

***GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!***





## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of July 11<sup>th</sup>



### **Mask Policy**

Masks are required everywhere in the building, except while seated. (**No Exceptions !!!**)

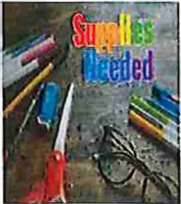
Social Distancing Is Still Required and Enforced.

### **Ongoing Food Collection**



We are still collecting non-perishable food items for the new Zion Food Bank to supplement our Soup Kitchen outreach. This will help to provide needed nutrition throughout the week for those who need it. Please continue to bring your offerings of food for our neighbors with a joyful heart before the Lord!

### **School Supplies**



We will be collecting school supplies to give out as prizes at our next Block Party, August 7<sup>th</sup>. We will also be donating school supplies to Title One schools, Bester Elementary and the local Head Start program.

### **Blessing of the Backpacks**



Children, grandchildren, teachers, and school staff are all invited to bring their backpacks to church on August 29<sup>th</sup> for a special blessing. We will also be blessing our Micah's backpacks and all donated school supplies. Please join us on this special day.



**Soup Kitchen** – July 13<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-6:15pm in the basement Fellowship Hall.

All are welcome! Social distancing and masks required!

**Downtown Hagerstown 4H Club** – July 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm via Zoom.

<https://zoom.us/join/join> -- Meeting ID 815 1055 0627 Passcode 899733.

**Search & Call Meeting** – July 12<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:30 pm

**Consistory Meeting**– July 12<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7 pm

**August Newsletter Deadline**– July 15<sup>th</sup>, at 12 pm



## Joys & Concerns

As a community of believers, we are all called to ministry, some as ordained ministers, the rest of us as laity. It is in our very being that we minister to one another. We celebrate one another's joys with grateful hearts before our God and we comfort one another when any of the flock has a heavy heart. First Corinthians 12:12 tells us, "That just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." It is in that spirit; that we share any concerns that weigh heavy on our hearts along with any joys that may be lifting our spirits.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to **Ralph & Scherry** (July 14<sup>th</sup>). May this year of your lives be filled with happiness as we celebrate the gift of each of *YOU*. We hope and pray that this year of your lives are filled with an abundance of blessings, and for any times of trial that may arise, that you find the perseverance and strength in Christ to prevail.



## Prayer Requests



Prayer is one of the most important spiritual disciplines of our faith, promoting communication with God, and love for God and neighbor. Submit your prayer requests to the church office to be included on the prayer list. Join with us in prayer as we pray with our Zion siblings and their loved ones: Tess Anderson, Kelly Bedard, Holly Bell, Naomi Bracket, Linda Cantilena, Kim & Bill Cook, Ruth Dwyer, Rusty Guessford, Jim Hatfield, Mike Heyser, Sherry Hockman, Jeanne France Hvidding, Ann Kalinoski, Mike Lorfin, David Ridenour, Betsy Roulette, Norm Schmidt, Diana Shafer, Staci Shafer, Thelma Summers, Janet Taylor, and Robert Yeoman.



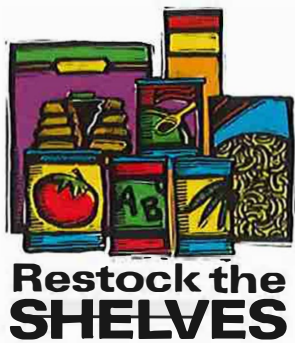
JOIN US FOR A  
**BLOCK PARTY**

All are welcome!!

August 7, 2021  
Starting at 3:00 p.m.

Hotdogs, Games, Crafts, Music and more





**Please help us restock the shelves of our Food Pantry so we can continue with this much needed ministry.**

Here is a list of some of the items we are in need of.

## **Food Items**

Single serving cereal  
Breakfast Bars  
Granola Bars  
Single serving Tuna Creations  
Individual cups of Fruit and Applesauce  
Canned or Dried Fruit  
Canned Vegetables  
Canned Meat  
Hamburger Helper  
Spaghetti  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Brown or White Rice  
Ramen Noodles  
Fruit Juice and Tea Mixes  
Canned Tuna and Salmon  
Canned Chicken  
Canned Soups, Chili, and Stew  
Chef Boyardee

Snack Cakes and Pies  
Dried Fruit  
Peanut Butter  
Oatmeal  
Olive Oil  
Canola Oil  
Crackers  
Dried Spices, Salt and Pepper  
Instant Mashed Potatoes  
Meals in a Box  
Nuts  
Popcorn

Anything else you can think of that does not have to be refrigerated or microwaved. (Some of our neighbors do not have access to these things)

## **Non-Food Items**

Soap  
Shampoo  
Toothpaste  
Toothbrushes  
Razors  
Deodorant  
Individually wrapped toilet paper  
Cleaning supplies  
Laundry detergent  
Small packs of Clorox wipes

Paper Towels  
Diapers  
Baby wipes  
Pull Ups  
Wash cloths  
Feminine products  
Pet Food



Join us for the 9th Annual



Saturday  
**Sept. 11, 2021**

On the C&O Canal Towpath  
in Washington County, MD

Check-in location for all hikers: **Shepherd's Spring Outdoor Retreat Center**

16869 Taylors Landing Road  
Sharpsburg, MD 21782



*You will be shuttled to your start point on the towpath*



**4K (2.5 miles)**

Check-in: 9:30, 10,  
10:30 am.

Ind \$40, Fam \$65

**10K (6.2 miles)**

Check-in: 8 or 9 am

Ind \$50, Fam \$85

**Half-marathon**

(13 miles)

Check-in: 7 am

Ind. 60, Fam \$105

■ **\$10 early-bird discount if you register by August 20**

- Enjoy Snacks & Drink stops along the way
- All hikes conclude at Shepherd's Spring Outdoor Retreat Center
- Post-hike Celebration for all hikers at Shepherd's Spring with food, music & fellowship! (COVID-safe)



Register or learn more at  
[www.harccoalition.org/hike](http://www.harccoalition.org/hike)

*Or register using the back of this form*

## Challenge Hike

Want a more challenging hike? Join us Sat, Sept. 25 for 20 miles on the Appalachian Trail in PA. See website for details.

## Proceeds benefit HARC & Micah's Backpack

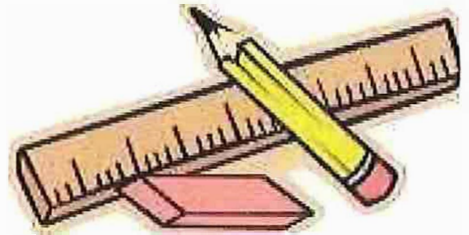
- Micah's Backpack (a program to feed hungry school children on weekends)
- Early childhood education and well-being programs
- Celebrating 20 years of Interfaith Work in Wash. Co.!



**BESTER ELEMENTARY**  
**SCHOOL**

**2021-2022 SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

- #2 Pencils-sharpened
- Colored Pencils
- Crayons
- Coloring books
- Pens-red, blue & black
- Clean Tear Wide-Ruled Paper (not college ruled)
- Child-safe Scissors
- Small bottle of White Glue/Glue Sticks
- Ruler with Metric & US measurements
- Erasers
- Folders
- Kleenex  
single subject Spiral Notebooks  
(Red, Blue & Yellow)
- Highlighters
- Pencil Bag-NO pencil boxes
- Small Pencil Sharpener
- package of 4 Dry Erase Markers
- Washable Markers
- container of Clorox Antibacterial Wipes
- Socks (Cotton)



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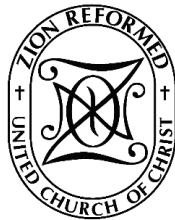
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