

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome to Church Hill United Methodist Church!
We pray that you will feel the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit
as you worship with us this day.

We respectfully ask that all worshippers refrain from talking
once the prelude begins to play.

PRELUDE

There Is Something About That Name

CALL TO WORSHIP *

Pastor: O God of Abraham and Sarah, you have led your people in the past; lead us now.

People: Grant us the courage of Ruth to leave behind the old and familiar, the courage of Noah to risk laughter and scorn, the hope of Jeremiah to invest in the future, and the unselfishness of Esther to take risks on behalf of others.

Pastor: O God of Moses and Miriam, you delivered your people and led them through the wilderness, giving them food, protection, and guidance.

People: In the words of Miriam, we praise you: "I will sing to Yahweh, who has triumphed gloriously!"

Pastor: O God of James and John and Mary Magdalene, you have called us to follow Jesus.

People: Teach us how to work together in mutual responsibility, side-by-side, neither tagging behind nor shoving to the front.

Pastor: O God of Paul and Priscilla and Aquilla, who risked their lives for the sake of spreading your church, fill us with enthusiasm for your church.

People: Use us in the spreading of the church, in the building up of its parts, in the joining together of its various congregations, and in ministry to the whole world.

Pastor: O God of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself in love for the whole world, teach us so to love.

People: Grant us the spirit of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus UMH #526

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PASTORAL PRAYER ~ *If you have a prayer request, please wait for the usher to hand you the microphone so that persons watching from home can clearly hear your request.*

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. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

UMH #71

Listening to God's Story

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, 12:1-2 (NRSVue)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

GOOD NEWS

Rev. Nicholas Perez

Sharing Our Lives with God in Thanksgiving

OFFERTORY *Isn't He* Dan Spahn

DOXOLOGY UMH #94

OFFERTORY PRAYER

HYMN *Guide My Feet* TFWS #2208

SENDING FORTH WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *All Hail King Jesus*

All are invited to quietly remain and enjoy the postlude. If you leave before the music ends, please do so quietly.

Pastor Nicholas' Contact Information

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Office Hours: Tuesday from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm or by appointment.

Monday is my personal Sabbath and I try to refrain from working on this day.

I will still be available by phone on Mondays in case you have an emergency need.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, October 1 at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary.

At this meeting, important information concerning the future of the church will be shared.

World Communion Sunday

October 6 during worship. Please see the Chimes for details about our special offering for the Clergy Immigration Support Fund.

Conversations at the Cross

October 2, 9, 16, & 24 at 7:00 pm. Our theme is "Texts of Terror".

We meet in the Church Hill parlor on the 2nd & 16th and at Harbor on the 9th and 24th.

* Church Council Chair: Harriet Loring

* Organist: Dan Spahn

* Scripture Reader: TBD

* Usher: Nancy O'Donnell

* Preacher: Rev. Nicholas Perez

WELCOME

CHURCH HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ 10:00 AM



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