



Transforming Lives in the Love of Jesus Christ

September 13th, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

16th Sunday After Pentecost

Kick Off Sunday

The asterisk() indicates for you to stand, only if you are able.*

GATHERING

(As we gather, please take this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

GATHERING WORSHIP

Praise Band

PASTORAL GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRIST KIDS' ARTWORK CORNER

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MEDITATION

John Onwuchekwa

"Just because prayer is necessary doesn't mean it comes naturally to us."

PRELUDE

"Lord, Listen to Your Children"

arr. J. Schrader

Katie Campbell, organ

*CALL TO WORSHIP[^]

Adapted from Psalm 8:1,3,9

Leader: Welcome! Welcome to the baggage we carry, the joys we share, the griefs we bear, and the worries we hold.

People: Come! Let us worship!

Leader: The voice of God is calling us to come with all that we are and all that we carry to worship.

People: Come! Let us worship!

Leader: God calls us to gather, to receive grace in our gathering, and to reorient us again to the ways of God.

People: Come! Let us worship!

Leader: So, come, members of the family of God! Bring all that you are to be molded by grace, refocused toward Love, and woven together as community in Christ.

All: Come! Let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"O God Our Help in Ages Past"

No. 117

OPENING PRAYER

UMC Book of Worship No. 482^{^^}

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM

"Many Gifts, One Spirit"

A. Pote

Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (11:00)

For children 4 years to 5th grade. At this time, they can exit through the back of the sanctuary where they will participate in scripture, a children's sermon, prayers, and offering together. Children will return to the sanctuary before the end of the service.

SCRIPTURE LESSON - 1 Thessalonians 5:12-25 (NT p. 205)

readers, Anna Shelton (8:30) & Nicholas Hill (11:00)

Reader: This is the Word of God for us.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

HYMN **"Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire"** No. 492
 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
 WORDS OF ASSURANCE Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of his possession? He does not retain his anger forever because he delights in showing steadfast love. He will again have compassion upon us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

*THE PEACE - *Let us offer signs of peace, reconciliation, and love with one another.*

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN KICK OFF AND BLESSING

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND PRAYERS TO GOD+

Tithes, offerings, and gifts can be made electronically or mailed to the church office. If you are joining us virtually, please take this opportunity to sign-in on our website.

OFFERTORY "Contemplation" R.I. Purvis/T. Tallis
 Katie Campbell, organ

Please use this time for personal reflection as we consider how we can give of ourselves back to God.

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*OFFERING PRAYER

*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.

HOLY COMMUNION (8:30) No. 15

In the tradition of Wesley's "singing communion", we invite you to sing the following hymns:

No. 462 **"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"**, No. 381 **"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"**,
 W&S^{^^} No. 3096 (sing 3x) **"Gentle Shepherd"**, W&S No. 3101 **"Love Lifted Me"**

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN **"Great is Thy Faithfulness"** No. 140

*DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE "Welcome, Happy Morning!" arr. J. Sciveyner
 Katie Campbell, organ

Use this time to reflect on the service as you prepare your heart for a week with Jesus, or take this time to exit the sanctuary and take the love of Jesus wherever you go.

Please Be In Prayer For...(*indicates newly added):

Dale Nice	Barb Tibbits	Carol Wynne	Fred Wynne	Warren Shuey
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Liturgist: 8:30 - Jill Benchouk 11:00 - Kristen Hunter

Nursery Adults: 8:30 - Iain Campbell, Vanessa Blissman

9:45 - Kristen Dolan, Vanessa Blissman

11:00 - Alice Neil, Vanessa Blissman

Children's Worship: Dana Ripley

[^]Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2024 ^{^^}Ruth Duck, USA, 20th Century

^{^^}W&S is Worship & Song, the small, green songbook found in the pew racks.

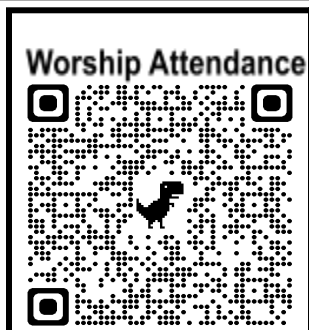
Preparing for Worship Use the week's liturgical scriptures and questions to help prepare you for worship. Next week's are available if you want to look ahead.

This week's: Exod 14:19-31 and Ps 114; Exod 15:1b-11, 20-21 (UMH 135); Rom 14:1-12; Matt 18:21-35

Worship Question: How do we support the work and worship of this church through our prayers?

Next week's: Exod 16:2-25; Ps 105:1-6, 37-45, or Ps 78 (UMH 799); Acts 1:14-21, 33-35; Matt 20:1-16

Worship Question: How do we support the work and worship of this church with our presence?



Welcome to Worship

Members, Regular Attendees, and Visitors: please scan the QR code or fill out the attendance slip to record your attendance. Slips may be placed in the offering plates or the basket by the Sanctuary entrance.

First Time Visitors: Please complete a blue "CONNECT" card in the pew rack in front of you; it may be given to the usher or placed in the offertory plates. We invite you to pick up a Welcome Packet at the Welcome Table before you leave.

Children are welcome to stay in worship with you. Additionally, Christ UMC offers a **staffed nursery** for children ages birth through 4 years old during the 8:30 and 11 AM worship services in room 130, in the preschool hallway. An **unstaffed space**, in rooms 120-122 across from the cafe, is available in case you need a quiet place to rock your child or some space to move around. The worship service is broadcasted through a speaker. If you need special accommodations or need help locating any of these spaces, please see one of our ushers.

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Contact Us!

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See our full staff list on our website under "I'm New Here > Our Staff"

A special thank you to all who help make the worship services possible!!

+Electronic Giving is an easy way to ensure that your gifts are reaching the church even when you cannot be present yourself. Visit our church website (www.cumclansdale.org) and click the "Donate" tab in the left column to set up your online giving. You are also welcome to mail your offering to the church.

++If you have a prayer request you can email it to the prayer chain (prayers@cumclansdale.org) or directly to the pastor.

+++To hear the sermon again, please visit our website and under "Get Involved > Worship". To hear any sermons you may have missed in the past, visit our YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/@ChristUMCLansdale).

Sign up for Weekly Emails: Visit our website and fill out the "Weekly Email Sign Up" form on our homepage.

Announcements

For more detailed information of each event check out our weekly emails or www.cumclansdale.org under Events/Sign Ups and Upcoming Events. The QR code will take you directly to the page.

- **See you at the church picnic this afternoon!** - Join us in Fellowship Hall immediately following the second service for food, fun, church family, and great tunes! We are all looking forward to spending time together in fellowship as we celebrate all that we do here at CUMC and all that we will do this coming year!
- **Men's Reading Group** - Join our group of men as we gather each week to discuss various religion-themed books which are read ahead of time. We meet in the lounge with online options, Tuesdays at 9:00 AM. For more information on this group, or to join us, contact Pastor Zach.
- **Family Promise Meals** - Family Promise is coming to Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale, and we will be a Buddy Church. We will be providing meals to the guests for the second half of the month of September. You prepare the meal and drop it off at Trinity Lutheran. Sign up on the website or contact Jean Davis, 267-218-2569.
- **Friendly Seniors September Meeting** - Friendly Seniors will meet on Wed., September 16th at the one room school house in Chalfont on County Line and Folly Roads at 1 PM for a tour. Please call Jean Davis, 267-218-2569. Admission is free.
- **Are You Interested in Joining CUMC or Learning More About Our Church?** - Starting Sept. 20th, we will have a 3-week Getting to Know CUMC class following the 11 AM service. If you're interested, please register on the church website or contact Pastor Zach. Lunch will be provided for each of the meeting dates (Sept. 20, Sept. 27, Oct. 4). There is no commitment to join our church if you take this class.
- **Susanna Wesley Circle Fall Kick Off Dinner** - All Women of the church, You are invited to attend the Susanna Wesley Circle fall kick off dinner on Sept 24 at 6 PMt Giuseppe's Pizza and Family Restaurant, 101 Cowpath Rd., Lansdale. Please use the SignUp Genius on the Church website to sign up by Sept. 20 Any questions please call Linda Parnell, 267-337-4553. Hope to see you there!
- **Bishop's Day on the District: Sept. 27th** - Bishop Moore-Koikoi will be joining us for the Bishop's Day on the District on Sunday, September 27th. More information to come!
- **Laitiy Academy Zoom Classes to be Offered in Oct.** - The EPAUMC Laitiy Academy present two virtual classes this fall: "Preaching CAREfully" on October 9, 10 and 17 with Rev. Lloyd Speer and "Healing Communities" on October 20, 22, 27 and 27 presented by Linda Van Til. More info on the church website.
- **Worm Project Banquet** - You Are Invited to a Free Benefit Banquet for The Worm Project to be held at 6 PM, Sat., Oct. 17th, at the Franconia Heritage Restaurant. The banquet is free but reservations are required by October 11th. Hear inspiring stories from our keynote speaker, Ana Cespedes, CEO of Vitamin Angels. Leave the names of your attendees by sending email to info@wormproject.org or call/text 215-272-5305.
- **College Box Address** - If you are, or have, a college student or military person who will be living away from home or commuting from home this school year, please contact the church office with mailing address information by the end of September so we can send them a goodie box from our church family. Contact Lucinda Gunn, lac335@gmail.com with questions.
- **Mission of the Month** - August MOTM: International Ministries - Rev. Dr. Rodney Ragwan: \$TBA
September MOTM: L.I.G.H.T. Youth Ministry

Who is in the Lobby: Grocery Gift Card Sales, Jack Weatherwax Popcorn Sales

Upcoming Events:

Sun 9/13: Kick Off Sunday
Annual Church Picnic
Mon 9/14: Deborah Circle
Tues 9/15: Staff Mtg
Finance Mtg
Evening Fellowship

Wed 9/16: Loss of a Spouse
Friendly Seniors
Sat 9/19: Fellowship Hall Closed for Perky Promenaders
Sun 9/20: Children's Ensembles Begin
GTKCUMC Class Begins

1. O God, our help in a - ges past,
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne,
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood,
 4. A thou - sand a - ges, in thy sight,

our hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 still may we dwell se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 or earth re - ceived her frame, from ev - er - last - ing,
 are like an eve - ning gone; short as the watch that

6 storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night, be - fore the ris - ing sun.

United Methodist Hymnal 117
 WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Ps. 90)
 MUSIC (ST. ANNE, CM): Attr. to William Croft, 1708; harm. by W. H. Monk, 1861

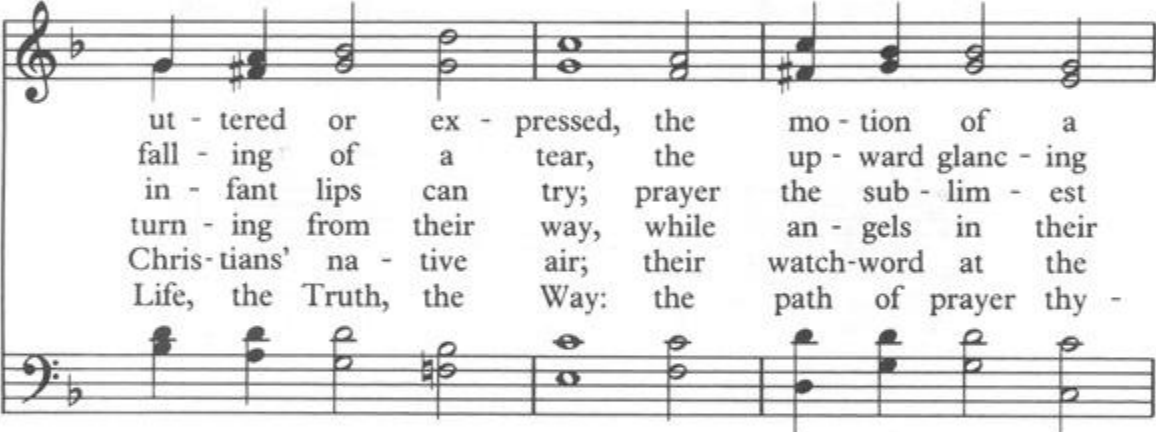
5. Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all who breathe away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.

6. O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come;
 be thou our guide while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

492 Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire



1. Prayer is the soul's sin - cere de - sire, un -
 2. Prayer is the bur - den of a sigh, the
 3. Prayer is the sim - plest form of speech that
 4. Prayer is the con - trite sin - ners' voice, re -
 5. Prayer is the Chris - tians' vi - tal breath, the
 6. O Thou, by whom we come to God, the



ut - tered or ex - pressed, the mo - tion of a
 fall - ing of a tear, the up - ward glanc - ing
 in - fant lips can try; prayer the sub - lim - est
 turn - ing from their way, while an - gels in their
 Chris - tians' na - tive air; their watch - word at the
 Life, the Truth, the Way: the path of prayer thy -



hid - den fire that trem - bles in the breast.
 of an eye, when none but God is near.
 strains that reach the Maj - es - ty on high.
 songs re - joice and cry, "Be - hold, they pray!"
 gates of death; they en - ter heaven with prayer.
 self hast trod; Lord, teach us how to pray!

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

WORDS: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923 (Lam. 3:22-23)
 MUSIC: William M. Runyan, 1923

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FAITHFULNESS
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The image shows a musical score for a hymn titled "PROVIDENCE". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

System 1:
 Treble staff: morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy
 Bass staff: Accompanying chords and bass line.

System 2:
 Treble staff: hand hath pro - vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!
 Bass staff: Accompanying chords and bass line.