



Transforming Lives in the Love of Jesus Christ

September 27th, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

18th Sunday After Pentecost

Choir Dedication 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

Today is Choir Dedication Sunday. We believe that music is a gift from God that can be used to worship God and encourage Christians. Can you draw a picture of one of the choirs sharing their musical gift with the congregation?

MEDITATION

Lao-Tzu

"He who obtains has little. He who scatters has much."

PRELUDE

"Here I Am, Lord"

arr. D.E. Wagner

Gloria Dei Ringers

*CALL TO WORSHIP

UMC Book of Worship No. 453[^]

Leader: Sing praises to God, O you saints and give thanks to God's holy name!

People: We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!

Leader: We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

People: You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.

Leader: You turn our mourning into dancing!

People: Our souls cannot be silent!

All: O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you for ever!

*OPENING HYMN

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

No. 66

OPENING PRAYER

O Lord our God, you are more ready to give than we are to receive. You give us each day as a blessing. Every breath that we have is a precious gift from you. You have given us this space where we can come and worship you with praise and thanksgiving. Bless this time of worship. Renew us in your love. Stir your Spirit within us so that we may serve you better. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior we pray. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNITION OF PERSONS IN MUSIC MINISTRIES

UMC Book of Worship No. 604^{^^}

Response: **O Lord, our God, bless these ministries of music and those who offer them in your service.**

Give to these persons love for you and your people, fullness of heart as they praise you, and diligence that their music may be a worthy offering to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Old Church Choir"

Z. Williams, C. Wedgeworth, E. Hulse

Chancel Choir, Youth Choir, Carol Choir, Grace Notes 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.

Reader: This is the Word of God for us.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Zachary Hopple

Growing in Life Together: "The Promise of Our Gifts"

RESPONSE

HYMN "What Gift Can We Bring" No. 87

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Ephesians 1:7-8a

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us.

*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.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

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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

"Flute Melody"

A. James

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. 365 "**Grace Greater Than Our Sin**", No. 393 (sing 3x) "**Spirit of the Living God**",

No. 557 "**Where He Leads Me**", TFS^{^^} No. 2025 (sing 3x) "**As the Deer**"

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

No. 384

*DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

arr. D. Cherwien

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

Liturgist: 8:30 - Sarah Hamill 11:00 - David Landolt

Nursery Adults: 8:30 - Becky Wagner, Vanessa Blissman

9:45 - Christina Gieske, Vanessa Blissman

11:00 - Justin Krol, Vanessa Blissman

Children's Worship: Carolyn Hadka

[^]Jann C. Weaver, USA, 20th Century ^{^^}© Copyright 1984 by Abingdon Press; Copyright © 1992 UMPH. Introduction to the service altered 2013 by the Discipleship Ministries to include additional genres of worship music. ^{^^}TFS is The Faith We Sing, the small, black songbook found in the pew racks.

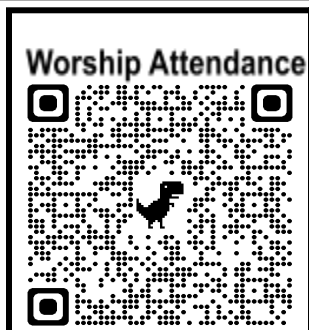
Preparing for Worship Use the week's liturgical scriptures and questions to help prepare you for worship. Next week's are available if you want to look ahead.

This week's: Exod 17:1-7; Ps 78:1-4, 12-16 (UMH 799); Acts 3:1-19; Matt 21:23-32

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

Next week's: Exod 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Ps 19 (UMH 750); Acts 4:5-12; Matt 21:33-46

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



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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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.

- **Manna Food Drive TODAY, Aug. 23rd, 8 AM - 12 PM** - Donations can be dropped in the narthex. Most immediate needs: Granola/Snack/Breakfast bars; Tomato Products (diced, crushed, puree, etc); Tomato/Pasta Sauce (in jars); Asian Noodle (Ramen) in packs not cups; Tuna; Condiments (ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard); Long Pasta (spaghetti, linguine, etc); Canned Chili; Plant-based milks (oat, rice, soy, etc); Sugar, Flour, Baking Powder, Baking Soda; Soups – Beef, Seafood, Bean; Mashed Potatoes; Flavored Instant Mashed Potatoes; Canned Potatoes (sliced, diced, whole, etc); Nuts (Any Kind); Hygiene Products (Body wash, shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc); Instant White Rice, Instant Brown Rice; Rice Sides (Rice A Roni, Knorr products, etc); Pasta Sides (Chef Boyardee, Knorr products, etc)
- **Youth Group Tonight!** - Youth Group gatherings start tonight! Tacos at 5:30, and games (Do You Love Your Neighbor, mystery), intros, and devotions will go from 6:00-7:15! ***If you have not attended the expectations meeting, we will hold one at 4:45 for each youth and a guardian. Please make every effort to be there!***
- **CUMC Women's Tea Oct. 11th, Tickets Available Today!** - You've probably met one of the dogs that worships with us on Sunday mornings, accompanied by Wendy Beatty Burg. They are being trained as service dogs, to enhance life for veterans, law enforcement and emergency personnel who are dealing with a disability. Join us for our annual women's tea on Sunday, October 11th, immediately following the 11 AM service, which will feature a program by Tails of Valor, the organization that was created to help with this training. We'll begin with a tasty lunch, and tea, of course, as we fellowship together. Tickets will be available on September 20th, 27th and October 4th, in the narthex, at 9:30, 10:30 and noon. The cost is \$14 each--when you purchase your ticket, you'll make your sandwich choice. You can pay with cash, a check, or Venmo. This is a great way to introduce a friend or family member or coworker to our church!
- **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, 4:30 PM, at Lehman UMC in Hatboro.
- **Lait Academy Zoom Classes to be Offered in Oct.** - The EPAUMC Lait Academy presents 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: \$1770
September MOTM: L.I.G.H.T. Youth Ministry

Who is in the Lobby: Grocery Gift Card Sales, Women's Tea Ticket Sales, Code Blue Toiletries Collection

Upcoming Events:

Sun 9/27:

Manna Food Drive
Choir Dedication Sunday
Women's Tea Ticket Sales
Youth Group Dinner & Meeting

Wed 9/30:

GriefShare

Thurs 10/1:

Cooking for Manna

Sun 10/4:

Women's Tea Ticket Sales

Tue 9/29:

Staff Mtg
Men's Reading Grp
Short-term Bible Study

66 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to the throne thy
 2. Praise the Lord for grace and fa - vor to all peo - ple
 3. Fa - ther - like, God tends and spares us; well our fee - ble
 4. An - gels in the heights, a - dor - ing, you be - hold God

trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; praise God, still the same as ev - er,
 frame God knows; moth - er - like, God gent - ly bears us,
 face to face; saints tri - um - phant, now a - dor - ing,

ev - er - more God's prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 gath - ered in from ev - ery race. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious now God's faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet God's mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

WORDS: Henry F. Lyte, 1834 (Ps. 103)
 MUSIC: John Goss, 1869

LAUDA ANIMA
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Alt. tune: REGENT SQUARE

What Gift Can We Bring

Unison

1. What gift can we bring, what pres - ent, what to - ken?
 2. Give thanks for the past, for those who had vi - sion,
 3. Give thanks for to - mor - row, full of sur - pris - es,
 4. This gift we now bring, this pres - ent, this to - ken,

What words can con - vey it, the joy of this day?
 who plant - ed and wa - tered so dreams could come true.
 for know - ing what - ev - er to - mor - row may bring,
 these words can con - vey it, the joy of this day!

When grate - ful we come, re - mem - bering, re - joic - ing,
 Give thanks for the now, for stud - y, for wor - ship,
 the Word is our prom - ise al - ways, for - ev - er;
 When grate - ful we come, re - mem - bering, re - joic - ing,

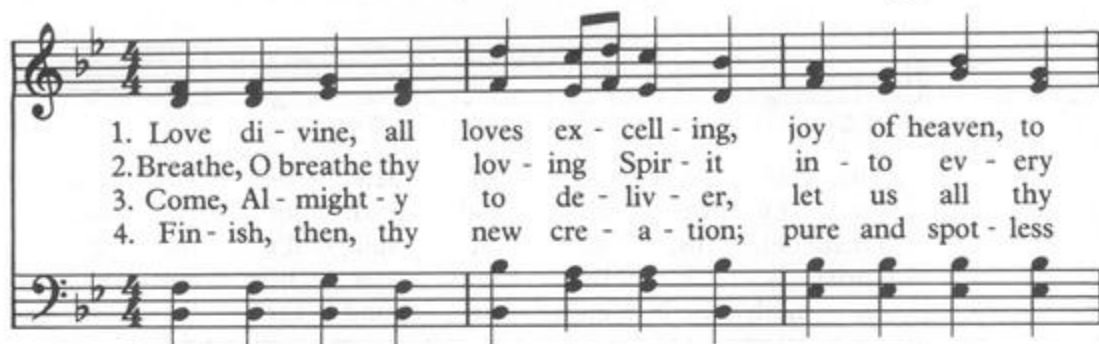
what song can we of - fer in hon - or and praise?
 for mis - sion that bids us turn prayer in - to deed.
 we rest in God's keep - ing and live in God's love.
 this song we now of - fer in hon - or and praise!

WORDS: Jane Marshall, 1980
 MUSIC: Jane Marshall, 1980

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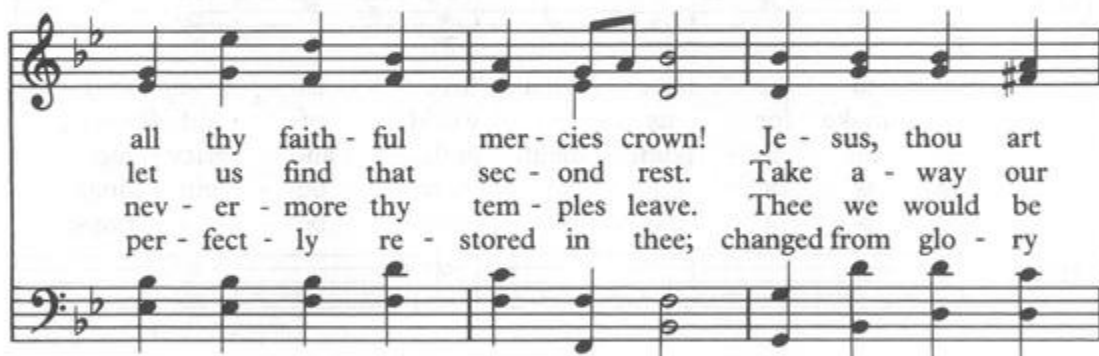
384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



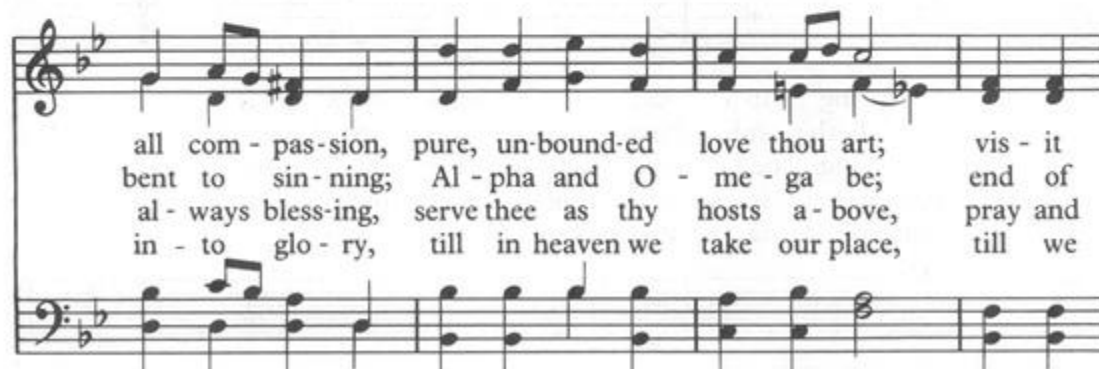
1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down; fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing;
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in thee in - her - it;
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er,
 let us be. Let us see thy great sal - va - tion



all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, thou art
 let us find that sec - ond rest. Take a - way our
 nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be
 per - fect - ly re - stored in thee; changed from glo - ry



all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it
 bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of
 al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray and
 in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1747
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

BEECHER
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Alt. tune: HYFRYDOL

REBIRTH AND THE NEW CREATURE



us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.