

Ardmore Moravian Church July 20, 2025

WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK: Is anything too wonderful for the Lord?

Genesis 18:14

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 20, 2025

Prelude "The Church's One Foundation" arr. John Purifoy

Call to Worship

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God, creator of all things visible and invisible, powerful beyond measure, good beyond all understanding.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Gathering Songs of Praise

"As We Gather"

As we gather may Your Spirit work within us As we gather may we glorify Your name Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship We'll be blessed because we came We'll be blessed because we came

Chorus: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end, They are new every morning, new every morning Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord Great is Thy faithfulness.

"Shout to the Lord"

My Jesus, my Savior Lord, there is none like You All of my days, I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love My comfort, my shelter tower of refuge and strength Let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship You

Chorus: Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing power and majesty praise to the King Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name I sing for joy at the work of Your hands forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand Nothing compares to the promise I have

Greeting One Another

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgy

Lord, our God, you bring forth and nourish every living being. We lift up our hearts to you. We assemble here celebrating the joys of human life, shared one with the other. We recall the ministry of Jesus, crucified and raised up for our salvation, still present among us through the mystery of the Holy Spirit.

We praise you for new life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Confessing that we have strayed from your holy will, we humbly acknowledge our sins before you.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in many ways, times, and places. We have mishandled this good earth entrusted to our care, and we have misused our personal gifts, hurting both ourselves and others. Forgive our false pride which hides our negligence, and forgive our careless acts which destroy your handiwork. In your mercy correct our faults and restore us to responsible, compassionate living.

SILENT CONFESSION

Hear and know that the Lord is good. God forgives those who are contrite in heart. Live in peace, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

> "How Great Thou Art" MBW # 465 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,

Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee, "How great thou art! How great thou art!" Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee, "How great thou art! How great thou art!"

Let us taste and see that the Lord is good. Let us be grateful for all that God has provided.

Inspire us, God of mercy, to be thankful for what we have received.

Let our lives resound with the wonder and beauty of all that God has been creating from the beginning. As caretakers of creation, may we learn anew to enjoy the land, preserve the water, respect all living creatures, and meditate upon the grandeur of open sea and sky.

Teach us, God of creation, to walk the earth with gratitude and wisdom.

"How Great Thou Art" MBW # 465 When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze, Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee, "How great thou art! How great thou art!" Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee, "How great thou art! How great thou art!" Let our eyes be open to the needs of all people, especially the poor.

Move us, God of justice, to share what we have and to be just and merciful in our nation and the world.

Let us hear God's call to the urgent tasks of our time: studies to pursue, projects to begin, communities to build, individuals to support, damages to restore.

Use us, God of the covenant– use our time, our talent, our treasure.

"How Great Thou Art" MBW # 465

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing he bled and died to take away my sin.
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"

Our Creator God calls us to become the servant body of Christ, ministering to the world, and grants us the blessings of membership in the holy, universal church.

We thank you for our place in the church. The Spirit of the Lord fills this house. God delights in its beauty, and sings through the music of the faithful. God speaks by the reading and proclamation of the word, stirs in the waters of baptism, nourishes through the gifts of bread and wine. God hears the prayers of the people and rejoices in our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

We thank you for your presence and power among us. The Lord gathers us into the fellowship of this congregation. Here we share our spiritual gifts and employ them to build up the body. Some of us teach and proclaim, some shepherd and heal, some lead and administer, some serve, prophesy, and evangelize. All of us dwell in God's love, and all pray for one another in the peace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We offer our gifts to honor your holy name and to strengthen one another in faith.

God calls us to commit our financial resources to the building of the kingdom, to tithe, and to give generously of our wealth in proportion to the blessings we have received.

Search our hearts and try our ways that we might give to your glory, O God.

Jesus leads us onward in the high mission of the church. We proclaim the gospel to all nations by word and deed, that people everywhere may find new life in God.

We hear your call. We pledge the best of our labors that your glory may be known in all the earth.

Let us now rise to serve God. Let us renew our commitment to Christ's call for servanthood, obedience, and sacrifice to establish a world of justice, prosperity, and peace.

We rise as one to love and serve the Lord!

"How Great Thou Art" MBW # 465 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration And there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!" Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee, "How great thou art! How great thou art!" Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee, "How great thou art! How great thou art!"

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Take My Life" Chris Tomlin/Louie Giglio Response "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below, Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer

Scripture Lessons

Colossians 1:15-28 Psalm 15 Luke 10:38-42 "Tiss The Most Blessed And Needful Part" MBW # 768 *Tis the most blessed and needful part to have in Christ a share, and to commit our way and heart unto his faithful care; this done, our steps are safe and sure, our hearts 'desires are rendered pure, and naught can pluck us from his hand, which lead us to the end.*

Naught in this world affords true rest but Christ's atoning blood. This purifies the guilty breast, and reconciles to God. Hence flows unfeigned love to him who came lost sinners to redeem, and Christ our Savior now appears daily to us more dear.

My lasting joy and comfort here is Jesus 'death and blood; I with this passport can appear before the throne of God. Admitted to the realms above, I then shall see the Christ I love, where countless pardoned sinners meet adoring at his feet. Sermon

"I Search for You, Lord" Sides/Newsome I search for you, Lord, in the washing and churning of ocean's tide. I look for your presence in all of the brightness of morning's sky. I wander through fields of clover and flowers that smell so sweet. I feel the brown earth and soft grass under my feet. Lord, I know you're not far away. God, I reach for you each day. You are my life, you are my way.

I stand in the city and notice the people who live and die. I look in their faces and see the nothing of years gone by. I weep for the heartache and all of the dreams that are shattered here. I feel the dark shadows, the loneliness and the fear. Lord, I know you're not far away. God, I reach for you each day. You are my life, you are my way.

Lord, I wonder in all that is, and all of time, will the power of love and peace be known to humankind? Will oceans and skies and fields and flowers ever know that we are here because you love us so? Be pleasing in your sight, O God our Creator.
Through Christ our Lord, and the Holy Spirit,
One God of all, world without end.
Amen!
Postlude "Trumpet Tune" Gordon Young

Lord, I know you're not far away.

God, I reach for you each day.

You are my life, you are my way.

May the words of our lips and the meditations of our hearts-

May the deeds of our hands and the action of our

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Benediction

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The flowers are placed today to the glory of God and in honor of George Butner by his family as he celebrates his birthday on July21st.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today, Sunday, July 20

9:30 AM Sunday School Classes
10:30 AM Worship Service – Rev. Joe Moore
Immediately following the worship service, the Joint Board will meet and then the Board of Elders and Board of Trustees will meet for their monthly meeting.

Wednesday, July 23

| 5:30 PM | Meal |
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| 6:15 PM | Bible Study |
| 7:00 PM | Choir Practice |

Sunday, July 27

| 9:30 AM | Sunday School Classes |
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| 10:30 AM | Worship Service – Rev. Joe Moore |

PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE ARE PRAYING

Members

Cindy Clore Lucille Crouse Beverly Dillon Vic Eckard Fanchon Funk Adam Lefevre

Friends

Dr. Bill J. Beason Lizanne Butner Chris Heckman Dwayne Jones Laura Mabe Larry Mike Meritt Alice Pierce Carolyn Spainhour Polly Story Frances Walker Donna Ebert Williams

Ann M^cCurdy Allison Murray Marlyn Schauss Ray Shelton Steven Starling

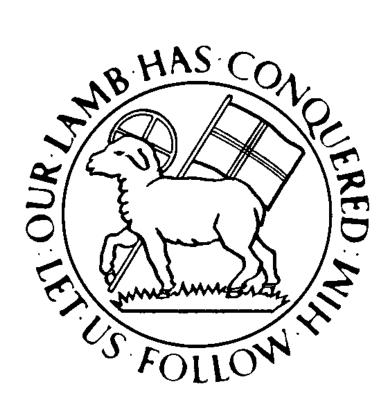
*Please contact the church office to add or remove individuals from the prayer list.

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SERMON NOTES

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