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9:00am Worship Service

Welcome

*Opening Prayer - In Unison

O Lord of the Universe, of all creation, we tremble at the thought of the distance between You and us. Yet You create us in Your own image, so that we cannot fulfill our purpose in life until we first discover Your purpose for us. We pray that You will make us aware of Your design for our lives. Let us, from this moment forth, worship and work to give it more perfect shape; through Jesus Christ, God made flesh may it be so. Amen.

*Call to Worship

Leader: Who do we say Jesus is?

People: Jesus is the Christ of God, Son of God.

Leader: Christ summons us to act in ways that displease the crowds.

People: Our actions sometimes contradict our confession.

Leader: Christ calls us to take up our cross, deny ourselves and follow Him.

All: O Lord, let us, this day, pursue You as You pursue us, until what we say about You in worship and what people see in us at work become one.

*Opening Song & Entrance of the Light of Christ

"Where He Leads Me"

#338

Praises, Prayers

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-8

Choir Anthem

Mt. Zion Choir

Scripture Reading

***Matthew 16:13-20**

Blessing for Students, Teachers and Staff

Children's Time

Sermon Song

"Take Up Thy Cross"

#415

Message

"Who Do You Say That I Am?"

Pastor Philip Tocknell

Response to the Word and Offering

Doxology

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

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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.

*Closing Song

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

#703

Benediction

Prayer Concerns

August 23 thru August 30

Brian Bayer - Hodgkin's Lymphoma

Donna Daley - pain management due to her MS

Pastor Hayden - cancer, chemo treatments

Johnny Hines - infection returned, prayers for healing

Allen Kammer - recovering from aortic valve replacement surgery

Lexi Kilpatrick - battling with the effects of POTS

Nancy Lane - South River Healthcare Center, Edgewater

Joanna Mauck - kidney issues; Praise: test results show improvement

Dennis Taylor - Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, finished chemo, prayers for healing

Our Extended Prayer Concerns – Family & Friends

Jessica Abell (Isaacs) - very aggressive breast cancer, upcoming double mastectomy

Cindy Brainerd - (Seibel) - cancer

Mike Davis - joint pain due to autoimmune disorder

Leslie Ellis - successful outcome of surgery on eyelids

Jordan Forrest (Seibel) - fell and broke his arm, surgery needed

James Hawley - successful outcome for his upcoming heart surgery

Melissa Kilpatrick – continued strength

Mike Nicol - passing of his wife, Lauren from a heart attack

Ron - stage 2 bladder cancer, surgery and treatments

Shipley Family (Ellis) - passing of John Shipley

Ben Winter - stage 1 lung cancer

★Please Stand if Able

Announcements

Sunday, September 6 - 9:00am Worship

Sunday, September 6 is Labor Day weekend and we invite everyone to dress in your daily work clothes. There will be a special blessing that morning for all who labor.

Monday, September 7 - Church Office Closed for Labor Day

Saturday, September 19 - Mark Your Calendars

The Anne Arundel County Police will be having their annual Blueline Barbecue Brawl on the Field of Grace. Look for more details soon.

Tuesdays at 6:30pm - Share & Prayer Study

Share & Prayer meets on Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

On Tuesday, September 8 they will begin a new study that you can join in person or by ZOOM. Pastor Phil will facilitate this new study on Philippians and all are welcome to attend. Email Pastor Phil at pastorphil@mzumc.com for more information.

Mark Your Calendars for these Upcoming October Events

October 4 - World Communion Sunday

October 10 - Annual Church Conference

Birthday: 8/27 Ursula Ford