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The Challenge of Forgiving Others

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# 9:00am Worship Service

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Welcome & Opening Prayer

\*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather today as those who have been forgiven and set free by the grace of God.

**People: We come with grateful hearts, remembering the mercy we have received.**

Leader: The Lord calls us not only to receive His forgiveness but to extend it to others.

**People: Help us, O God, to forgive as we have been forgiven, and to love as You have loved us.**

Leader: Let us worship the One who heals broken relationships, mends our hearts, and empowers us to forgive.

**All: We worship You, Lord, for Your grace, mercy, and the freedom You offer us through forgiveness.**

\*Opening Hymn & Entrance of the Light of Christ

*"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"*

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Praises and Prayers

Scripture Readings

**Genesis 45:1-15, Matthew 18:21-35**

Children's Time

Choir Anthem

*"Songs of Forgiveness"*

*arr. Stan Pethel*

**Pastor Heath Wilson**

Message

*"Forgiven and Free: The Challenge of Forgiving Others"*

Response to the Word

**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 Hymn

*"There is A Fountain Filled with Blood"*

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Benediction

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*\*Please Stand if Able*

# Prayer Concerns

## March 23 thru March 30

Brian Bayer - Complete Care at Severna Park, 310 Genesis Way, Severna Park, 21146  
Ginny Beeson - at home recovering, recovering from a stint procedure  
Sherry Bush - fall, small broken bone, at home recovering  
Josh Collins - physical therapy for shoulder pain  
Bruce Hellstern - recovering from heart valve replacement, hospital stay for cellulitis  
Connie Hurlburt & Family - loss of husband Ryan  
Nellie Jones & Family - loss of her daughter, Terri Jones-Marvel  
Allen Kammer - suffered a stroke, hospital stay  
Nancy Lane - South River Healthcare Center, Edgewater  
Vicki Lerch - Acute Lymphoma, chemo treatments have started  
Al MacDonald - at home now under hospice care  
Joanna Mauck - heart issues, heart being monitored  
Pat Minor - in rehab recovering from hip surgery  
Julie Wilson (Pastor Heath's Wife) - medical concerns from mold exposure

## Our Extended Prayer Concerns – Family & Friends

Bill & Lori Carrol - Lori battling dementia and Alzheimer's, Bill is caring for her  
Andrew Cole (Adam's Brother) - suffered a stroke, hospital for tests  
Maggi Davis (Dickerson) - brain surgery  
Leslie Ellis - health and healing  
Steve Ellis - health and healing  
Kathy Harper - recovery from breast cancer, Praise, no chemo needed  
Krissa Harris - cancer  
Melissa Kilpatrick – continued strength  
Kolby Family - loss of Jimmy Kolby, prayers for his wife Jeanie  
Georgianna Morley - (Jessie Cole's Grandmother) - in hospice care with Alzheimer's  
Nancy Reinhard - continued weight gain and strength  
Linda Wright - treatments helping her get stronger

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### **Participants**

Greeters:

Acolyte:

### **Today**

Janet Tucker

Lillie

### **Next Week**

Sherrie Lofton

Bailey

## Announcements

### Wednesday, March 26 - 7:00-8:00pm -Financial Stewardship & Faithfulness Workshop

This workshop will be in person in the Fellowship Hall and also via Zoom. We will be speaking from Proverbs 13:22 & Matthew 25 to highlight biblical financial principles and discuss Insurance, Debt, and Investment strategies to be good stewards of finances and leave an inheritance of the blessings God has given us. Zoom ID: 689321010.

### Holy Week Services

#### **Thursday, April 17 - 6:30pm - Maundy Thursday Service**

The service will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Mt. Zion. Potluck dinner and Communion.

#### **Friday, April 18 - 7:00pm - Good Friday Service**

This service will be here at Mt. Zion. Both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be services held with the Lothian Cooperative Parish Churches

### April 20 - Easter Services - 6:00am - Sunrise & 9:00am Easter Worship

Please join us for our Easter services on Sunday, April 20. We will start with our Sunrise Service on the hill behind the church. This service will be a combined service with the Lothian churches and will start at 6:00am. There will be transportation provided to the benches on the hill. Communion will be served at this service. There will be a continental breakfast in the Fellowship Hall following this service. Join us at 9:00am in the Sanctuary for our Easter Celebration with music and a special message. There will be a light breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. There will be no adult or children's Sunday School. Come and enjoy the celebration of the Risen Christ.

### Prayers for the Appointive Cabinet of the Conference

In this season of Lent, Pastor Heath is calling on our whole church family to pray for each member of the Appointive Cabinet of the Baltimore-Washington Conference. The Conference is in the midst of a restructuring of the districts and also in the midst of appointment season. Let us pray for each member of the cabinet every day:

- **Bishop LaTrelle Easterling**, Washington Area Resident Bishop
- **Johnsie Cogman**, Washington East District Superintendent
- **Wanda Duckett**, Baltimore Metropolitan District Superintendent
- **Ann Laprade**, Baltimore Suburban District Superintendent
- **Sarah Schlieckert**, Annapolis District Superintendent
- **Eliezer Valentín-Castañón**, Frederick District Superintendent
- **John Wunderlich**, Cumberland-Hagerstown District Superintendent
- **Jim Miller**, Central Maryland District Superintendent

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*Birthdays: 3/24 Kase Karpinski 3/25 Allison Balsley 3/26 Ginny Beeson  
3/27 Dan Noell 3/28 Lori McDonald*

*Anniversaries: 3/23 Donna & Rock Catterton; 3/23 Joanna & John Mauck*