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CENTREVILLE  
United Methodist Church

October 8, 2023  
9:30 AM Traditional  
Worship Service

# finding joy



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-Philippians 13b-14

## The Service of Worship

(Please silence electronic devices)

Welcome  
Leader: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

Rev. Matthew Smith

Prelude  
*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* arr. Burkhardt  
Laura Hesse, organ

\*Call to Worship  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
**The Creator of the ends of the earth.**  
God does not faint or grow weary;  
**God's understanding is unsearchable.**  
Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,  
**They shall run and not be weary, walk and not be faint.**  
With joyful hearts we sing God's praise.  
**The Lord is our hope and our salvation.**

Rev. Geitra Mickelson

\*Hymn  
*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Hymnal No. 57  
Stzs. 1-3, 6

\*Passing the Peace of Christ

Opening Prayer  
**Lord, the eyes of all look to You in hope. May the time we spend together in Your presence nourish our hearts and minds; may it strengthen our relationship with You, and renew our commitment to live in this world as Your faithful disciples. For You alone are God, the Source and Sustainer of life. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Rev. Matthew Smith

Anthem  
*All Earth Rejoice with a Gladsome Voice* arr. Hopson  
Chancel Choir

Children Dismissed to Kids Quest

First Lesson  
1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Rev. Geitra Mickelson  
Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable garland, but we an imperishable one. So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

\*Hymn  
*Take Up Thy Cross* Hymnal No. 415

Second Lesson  
Philippians 3:12-14 Dick Formica, Missions Chair  
Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God  
**People: Thanks be to God**

Sermon  
"Finding Joy: Pressing Towards the Goal" Rev. Matthew Smith

\*Apostle's Creed Hymnal No. 881

\*Hymn  
*Glory Be to the Father* Hymnal No. 70

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer Rev. Geitra Mickelson  
**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.**

Announcements Rev. Matthew Smith

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

\*Hymn  
*Forth in Thy Name, O Lord* Hymnal No. 438

\*Benediction Rev. Matthew Smith

\*Benediction Response  
*Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace* Hymnal No. 668

Postlude  
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Reger  
Laura Hesse, organ

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\*Hymn *Cry of My Heart* TFWS No. 2165

Second Lesson Philippians 3:12-14 Kim Noble  
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**People: Thanks be to God**

Sermon "Finding Joy: Pressing Towards the Goal" Rev. Matthew Smith

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A Service of Word and Table

The Great Thanksgiving  
The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:*

And so, with Your people on earth

And all the company of heaven

We praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The pastor continues the thanksgiving and concludes:*

And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,

We offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice,

in union with Christ's offering for us,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*The pastor invokes the work of the Holy Spirit and the Trinity and concludes:*

All honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

Giving the Bread and Cup

Communion Meditation

*On Eagle's Wings*

arr, Carter

Announcements and Giving

Rev. Matthew Smith

\*Hymn

*Forth in Thy Name, O Lord*

Hymnal No. 438

\*Benediction

Rev. Matthew Smith

\*Benediction Response

Sanctuary

TFWS No. 2164

Postlude

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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