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August 13, 2023  
9:15 AM Traditional  
Worship Service



CENTREVILLE

United Methodist Church

## The Service of Worship

(Please silence electronic devices)

- Welcome Rev. Matthew Smith
- Prelude *Voices Raised to You* arr. Biery  
Laura Hesse, organ
- \*Call to Worship Rev. Phil Mohr  
God, who made us from the dust of the earth,  
**How mysterious are Your ways!**  
You who made us from nothing  
**we know these bodies will return to the earth.**  
Until that time, may Your creation continually heal our flesh  
**And bring refreshment to our souls.**
- \*Hymn *To God Be the Glory* Hymnal No. 98
- Opening Prayer  
**Lord Jesus Christ, too often are we blinded to the ways You are at work in our world. Be patient with us as we wade through the mire of our lives, struggling to discern Your voice and misunderstanding Your laws. Cleanse us, we pray, from our own preconceived notions of You so as to see Your face clearly as You call us to life. Amen.**
- Blessing of the Backpacks for Bull Run Elementary School
- Children Dismissed to Kids Quest
- Anthem *Our Hope (O God, Our Help)* Elsey and Sterling  
Brian and Peter Hesse, duet
- First Lesson Proverbs 3:5-6  
Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.
- \*Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* Hymnal No. 451
- \*Gospel Lesson John 9:1-7 Barb Shaiko, Lay Leader  
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on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

- Response  
The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**
- Sermon "Mysterious God - Dry Bones" Rev. Matthew Smith
- Pastoral Prayer Rev. Phil Mohr
- 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.**
- Announcements Rev. Matthew Smith
- Offering of Tithes and Gifts
- Mission Trips Highlight Video
- \*Hymn *O Christ, the Healer* Hymnal No. 265  
Sung to hymntune "Gift of Love" Hymnal No. 408  
Stzs. 1, 2, 5 - all; stz. 3 - high voices; stz. 4 - low voices
- \*Benediction Rev. Matthew Smith
- \*Benediction Response *Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace* Hymnal No. 668
- Postlude *Lord, I Don't Feel Noways Tired (Spiritual)* arr. Hailstork  
Laura Hesse, organ

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\* Please stand as you are able for this act of worship.

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Praise Songs *Our God*  
*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*  
Morning Prayer Dave Brown, Praise Team Leader  
Greeting One Another  
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### GROW

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Message "Mysterious God - Dirt" Rev. Matthew Smith

### RESPOND

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Phil Mohr  
Holy Communion  
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.**

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.**

Breaking the Bread  
Giving the Bread and Cup

Announcements and Giving Rev. Matthew Smith

Mission Trips Highlight Video

Closing Song GO  
*Healer*

Dismissal with Blessing Rev. Matthew Smith