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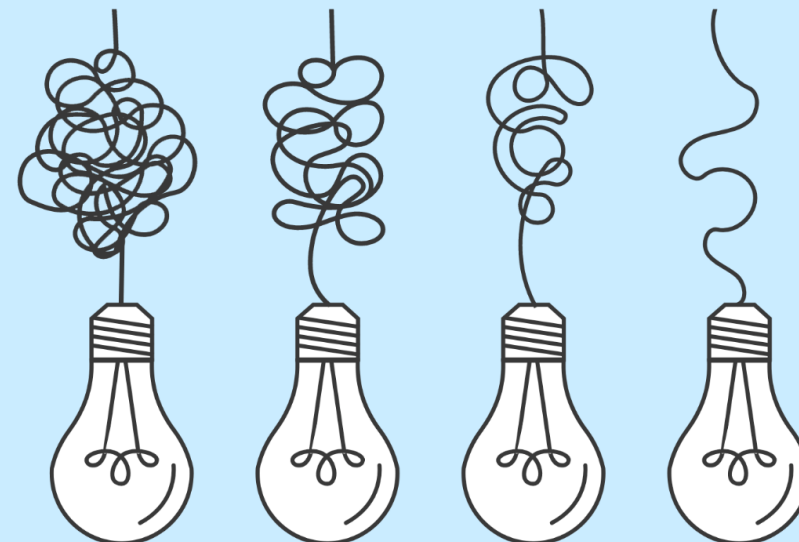
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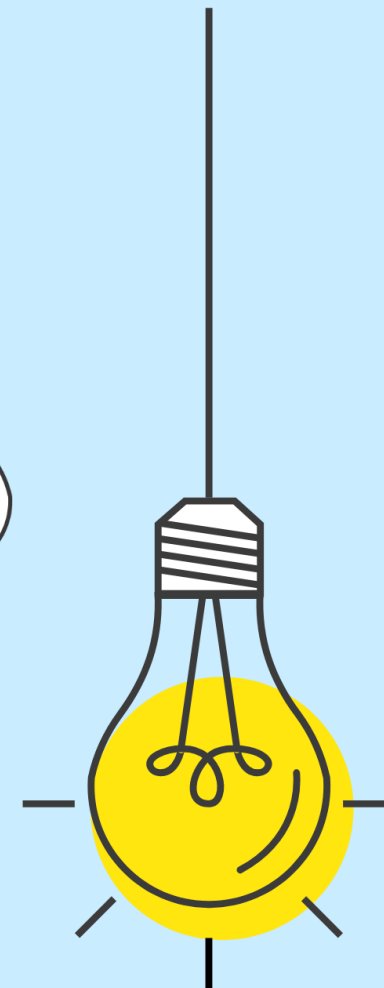
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# A Method to the Madness



## Discerning God's Will



CENTREVILLE  
United Methodist Church

September 8, 2024  
9:30 AM Traditional  
Worship Service

## The Service of Worship

(Please silence electronic devices)

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Matthew Smith

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Prelude arr. by Linker & McFadden  
*Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit*  
Good News Ringers; Anna Tiesler, piano

\*Call to Worship Rev. Phil Mohr

Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

**God's ways are just and merciful.**

Those who follow God's ways are continually nourished in faith.

**In all that they do, they prosper.**

Come, let us open our hearts to God's compassionate love.

**Let us celebrate God's mercy and justice.**

\*Hymn Hymnal No. 108  
*God Hath Spoken by the Prophets*

\*Passing the Peace of Christ Rev. Phil Mohr

Opening Prayer Rev. Geitra Mickelson

**Gracious God, we gather to worship and praise You, and to learn from You in fellowship with others. Help us to know You more fully as we study Your holy Word. May Your truth and grace be revealed to us this day, and may we live in such a way that we share Your blessings with others. For we ask it in Jesus' name, Amen.**

Third Grade Bible Presentation

Congregational Response:

**We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.**

**We pray God will guide you and your family**

**as you use this Holy Bible in your home,**

**in your Kids Quest classes, and in our worship.**

**We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.**

Children Dismissed to Kids Quest

Anthem DeShazo  
*Ancient Words*  
Chanel Choir; Jen Ita, organ

First Lesson Bill Schoonmaker

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy;

do not be grieved." And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

\*Hymn Hymnal No. 405  
*Seek Ye First*

\*Gospel Lesson Matthew 7:7-11 Bill Schoonmaker

Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Matthew Smith  
"The Wesley Quadrilateral"

Pastoral Prayer & 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.**

Celebration of our Giving Rev. Phil Mohr

Offertory arr. Bish  
*Children of the Heavenly Father*  
Laura Hesse, organ

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\*Presentation of Offering/Doxology Hymnal No. 95

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving Rev. Phil Mohr

\*Hymn Hymnal No. 601  
*Thy Word Is a Lamp*

\*Benediction Rev. Matthew Smith

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

Postlude arr. Miller  
*Ebenezer*  
Laura Hesse, organ

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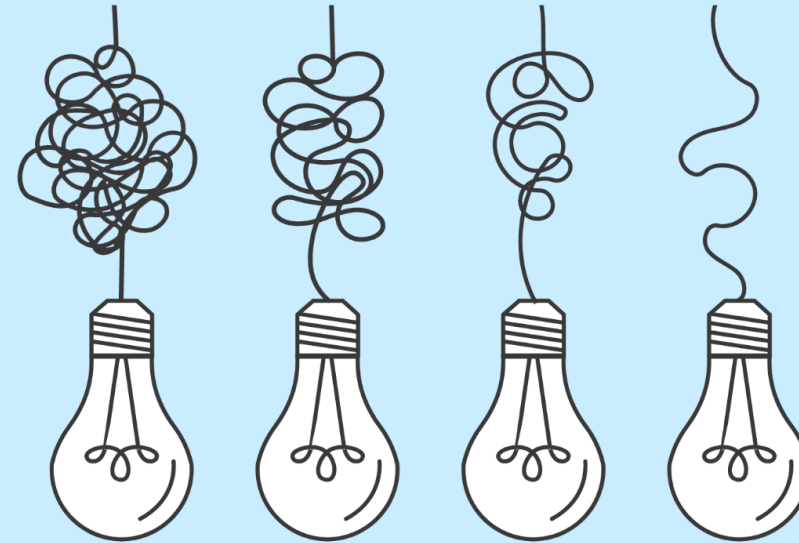
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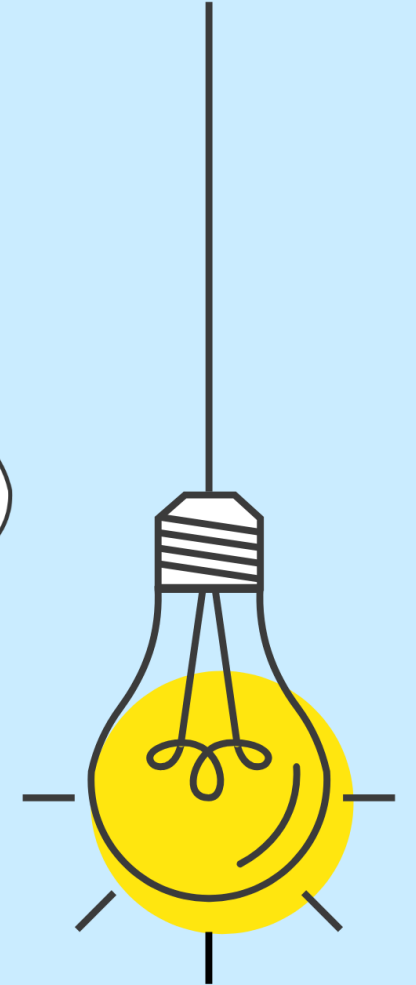
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Welcome and Announcements Rev. Matthew Smith  
Leader: The Lord be with you.  
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\*Opening Hymn *God Hath Spoken by the Prophets* Hymnal No. 108

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Congregational Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Rev. Geitra Mickelson  
Leader: Lord in your mercy  
**People: Hear our prayer**

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Celebration of Our Giving Rev. Phil Mohr

Offertory *"For I Am Persuaded" from Pilgrimage* Floyd  
In-Dal Choi, baritone; Esther Lee, piano  
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First Lesson Nehemiah 8:9-12 Bill Mayall

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

Sermon "The Wesley Quadrilateral" Rev. Matthew Smith

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:  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the  
world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood.*

**Amen.**

Giving the Bread and Cup

Communion Meditation

Blessed Jesus, We Are Here

JS Bach

\*Hymn

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