**to celebrate God’s presence,**

**to love and serve others,**

**to seek justice and resist evil,**

**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,**

 **our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

 **God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Bringing Forward God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

\*Doxology **# 95 Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all Creatures here below;** **praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

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.**

\*Singing Our Faith **# 374** *“Standing on the Promises”*

\*Blessing and Dismissal

\*Postlude

**Scatter to Serve God & Neighbor**

***Welcome to all!*** *We gather to praise God for the innumerable blessings given to us and to grow deeper in the Spirit. Joyfully, let us lift our hearts to God.*



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 *Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church*

 10:30 a.m. ~ February 23, 2025 ~ Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Our ministry vision for the Virginia Annual Conference is ***“to be***

***disciples of Jesus Christ who are lifelong learners, who influence others to serve.”***

***Welcome! Join us in worshiping God!***

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Announcements

*Welcome in the name of Christ our Lord. Please register your attendance, printing your name, address, phone, and email, on the attendance pad provided on your pew. Thank you for silencing cell phones as we gather to worship God.*

Invocation

\*Greeting

God of mercy, God of grace,

**show the brightness of Your face.**

Shine upon us, Savior, shine;

**fill Your world with light divine;**

all Your saving health extend

**unto the earth's remotest end.**

Let the people praise You, Lord;

**by all living things adored.**

Let the nations shout and sing

**glory to their gracious King;**

at Your feet their tribute pay,

**and Your holy will obey.**

Let the people praise you, Lord;

**earth shall then its fruits afford.**

To Your children blessings give;

**we to You devoted live,**

all below and all above,

**one in joy and light and love.**

\*Singing Our Faith **# 297** *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

Opening Prayer

**O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Anthem

Greeting Friends and Neighbors

Prayer of Illumination

**Generous God, as we continue to walk in the light of your revelation, shine your truth upon our hearts and minds this day. Guide us through your Word, opening our eyes to see the depth of your love and the call to live as beacons of compassion in the world, so that through our actions, others may experience the transformative power of Christ; we pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.**

Scripture Lesson Luke 6:27-38, 41-42

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Singing Our Faith **# 2129** (TFWS)*“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”*

The Good News ***“When Jesus Will Not Leave Us Alone”***

A Statement Of Faith Of The United Church Of Canada **# 883**

**We are not alone, we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God:**

 **who has created and is creating,**

 **who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,**

 **to reconcile and make new,**

 **who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

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| Thursday, 2/27 | 10:00 a.m. | *Homeschool Rehearsal* |
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