Singing Our Faith **# 361** (vs 1 & 2) *“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”*

The Good News ***“Rethinking Cause and Effect”***

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 **# 277** *“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”*

\*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.*





*C* *hestnut Hill*

***United Methodist Church***



*Making disciples of Jesus Christ   
for the transformation of the world.*

*You are welcome at Chestnut Hill UMC.*

4660 Fort Avenue ~ Lynchburg, Virginia 24502

Church: 434-239-8423

Minister’s Cell: 434-944-7723, Minister’s Email: awhite@ves.org

Associate Minister’s Cell: 1-502-489-0200

Associate Minister’s Email: healingsolutions12@gmail.com

Email: [chestnuthillumc@comcast.net](mailto:chestnuthillumc@comcast.net)

On the Web at chestnuthillumc.net

Find us on Facebook: Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church

**

*Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church*

10:30 a.m. ~ March 23, 2025 ~ Third Sunday in Lent

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 moves in a mysterious way,  
**His wonders to perform.**He plants his footsteps in the sea  
**And rides upon the storm.**Deep in the dark and hidden mines,  
**With never-failing skill,**He fashions all his bright designs  
**And works his sovereign will.**

Oh, fearful saints, new courage take:  
**The clouds that you now dread**Are big with mercy and will break  
**In blessings on your head.**Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,  
**But trust him for his grace.**Behind a frowning providence,  
**He hides a smiling face.**

God's purposes will ripen fast,  
**Unfolding every hour.**The bud may have a bitter taste,  
**But sweet will be the flower.**Blind unbelief is sure to error  
**And scan his work in vain.**God is his own interpreter,  
**And he will make it plain.**

So God we trust in you.  
**O God, we trust in you.**When tears are great and comforts few,  
**We hope in mercies ever new.**

\*Singing Our Faith **# 127** *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”*

Opening Prayer

**Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Special Music

Greeting Friends and Neighbors

Prayer of Illumination

**God of infinite goodness, throughout the ages you have persevered in claiming and reclaiming your people. Renew for us your call to repentance, surround us with witnesses to aid us in our journey, and grant us the time to fashion our lives anew, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson Luke 13:1-9

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

***\*\*Calendar \*\****

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Monday, 3/24 | 6:00 p.m. | *Camp Meadowlark Craft Night* |
|  |  | *Article deadline for the April/May/June newsletter.* |
|  |  |  |
| Tuesday, 3/25 | 4:30 p.m. | *Staff-Parish Relations Committee meeting* |
|  |  |  |
| Thursday, 3/27 | 10:30 a.m. | *Merry Martha’s Circle*  Meeting and afterwards lunch at Charley’s. |
|  |  |  |
| Friday, 3/28 | 10:00 a.m. | *Homeschool* |
|  | 4:00 p.m. | *Homeschool Preteen Game Night* |

**For the Grocery Cart:**

**March ~** *“Pop-top cans of food and fruit”*. Place donations in the cart in the Commons.

**Cards for Homebound Members**

Please take a moment to sign the cards for our homebound members/friends that Erin has placed in the Commons.



***DIRECTORY OF CHESTNUT HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH***

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sue Haupert-Johnson | | Richmond Area Resident Bishop | |
| Rev. Dr. Sarah Calvert | | Mountain View District Superintendent | |
| Adam White | | Minister | |
| Erin Long | | Associate Minister | |
| Monica Campbell | | Administrative Assistant | |
| Judy Martin | | Bookkeeper | |
| Judy Robertson  Elizabeth Nichols | | Lay Leader  Missionary in Henry County | |

***\*\*Calendar \*\****

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Monday, 3/24 | 6:00 p.m. | *Camp Meadowlark Craft Night* |
|  |  | *Article deadline for the April/May/June newsletter.* |
|  |  |  |
| Tuesday, 3/25 | 4:30 p.m. | *Staff-Parish Relations Committee meeting* |
|  |  |  |
| Thursday, 3/27 | 10:30 a.m. | *Merry Martha’s Circle*  Meeting and afterwards lunch at Charley’s. |
|  |  |  |
| Friday, 3/28 | 10:00 a.m. | *Homeschool* |
|  | 4:00 p.m. | *Homeschool Preteen Game Night* |

**For the Grocery Cart:**

**March ~** *“Pop-top cans of food and fruit”*. Place donations in the cart in the Commons.

**Cards for Homebound Members**

Please take a moment to sign the cards for our homebound members/friends that Erin has placed in the Commons.



***DIRECTORY OF CHESTNUT HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH***

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Sue Haupert-Johnson | | Richmond Area Resident Bishop | |
| Rev. Dr. Sarah Calvert | | Mountain View District Superintendent | |
| Adam White | | Minister | |
| Erin Long | | Associate Minister | |
| Monica Campbell | | Administrative Assistant | |
| Judy Martin | | Bookkeeper | |
| Judy Robertson  Elizabeth Nichols | | Lay Leader  Missionary in Henry County | |