

A Prayer for Waiting

We wait, Lord.

We wait and wonder and pray.

We cry out like the songwriters of scripture.

When will there be an end to wars that treat people as collateral damage, crushing lives and dreams and hopes?

When will there be an end to violence in our schools, neighborhoods, and homes?

When will there be leaders who care about the common good rather than selfish gains?

When will there be a groundswell of people taking action to protect and restore the earth you created?

We hope, Lord. Our whole being hopes and waits for your faithful love, redemption, and restoration.

And while we wait, we will bear your gifts of love in our hands.

We will carry compassion to those who have fled their homes, who are hungry, who are caught in the nightmare of violence.

We will lift up the vulnerable, wrapping our arms around those whose rights, voices, and lives are threatened.

We will build and rebuild homes and lives as best we can.

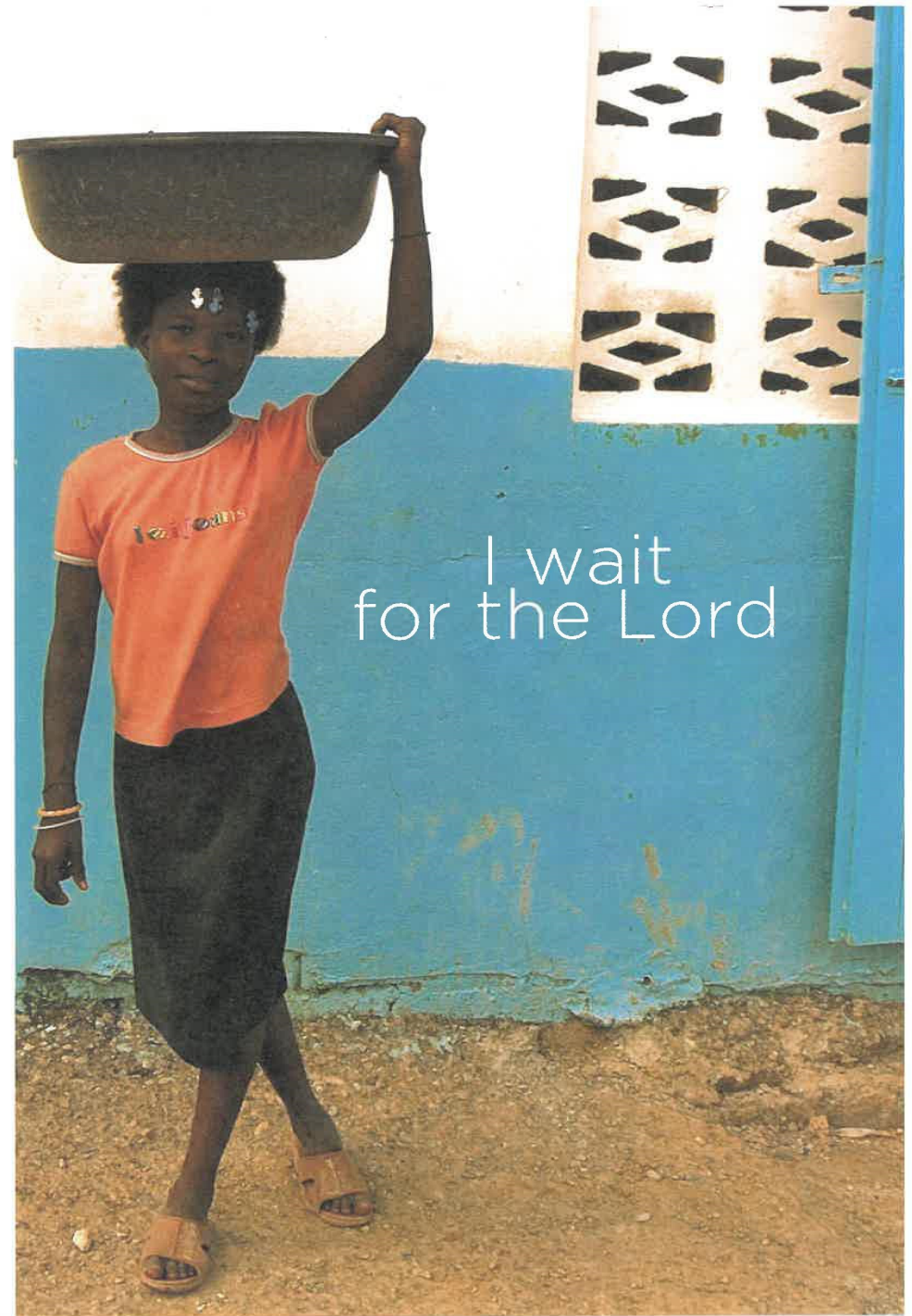
We wait, Lord, like a person who cannot sleep, longing for the morning star to rise.

We wonder and trust and pray in the name of the One who is our Morning Star, Amen.

—Paula Ziegler Ulrich
Fort Wayne, Indiana

"I wait for the LORD; my soul waits, and in his word I hope;" Psalm 130:5, *NRSVue*.
Today's Bible readings from the lectionary: 1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)
and Psalm 138; Genesis 3:8-15 and Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35.

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CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Hagerstown, Maryland

MORNING WORSHIP

10:45 AM

June 9, 2024

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Jack Finniff, Worship Leader

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

PRELUDE "Out of the Depths" (Smith)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Comforting God, we come together today to worship you within this shared fellowship, and to help support each other.

All: Through God's forgiving mercy, we know we do not stand alone.

One: Nurturing God, within the beauty of your holiness and peace, we find the hope and strength to try lifting the weight of our darkness.

All: Through God's sustaining grace, we know we do not stand alone.

One: Our God, who is the fountain of Love, we gather to be cleansed of all that drags us down, and separates us from your presence.

All: Through God's generous love, we know we do not stand alone. Amen.

***HYMN #5** "There is a place of quiet rest"
[Verse 1]

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God, a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.

[Refrain]

O Jesus, bless'd Redeemer, sent from the heart of God, hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.

[Verse 2]

There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God, a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.

[Refrain]

O Jesus, bless'd Redeemer, sent from the heart of God, hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.

[Verse 3]

There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God, a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

[Refrain]

O Jesus, bless'd Redeemer, sent from the heart of God, hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God.

***OPENING PRAYER**

God of life, present and promised, you are the One to whom we call: for you are the One who hears, and you are the One who acts, bringing us new life with your grace and love and power. Lead us in our time of worship, that we may be prepared to follow your lead in places where life is at risk — places where hope seems far away, places where dreams die during sleep. When we leave these walls, help us live the teachings we proclaim within this place of worship, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A MOMENT TO BECOME LIKE CHILDREN

SERVICE OF GIVING

Call to Giving

Freely we have received. Thus, we freely give: grace upon grace. Let us express our love and appreciation to God, by extending the grace and mercy of God to a hungry world.

We joyfully give as one body, both gathered in his house of worship and gathered through virtual technology. We give by placing our offerings in the plate, mailing to or dropping off at the church, or using Paypal. Together, as we give, we declare our dedication to Jesus and our obedience to serve him.

Offertory "Abide With Me" (DeCou)

***Doxology** "Praise God from whom"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! We bow before you and thank you for the privilege to participate in your acts of kindness and love here on earth. May these gifts truly become instruments of your purposes here in our church, our community, and around the world. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS, CONCERNS, AND HOPES

Please remember our worship is also on Facebook Live and our website.

Please do not share any personal information you do not want to be made public.

An usher will hold the microphone for you while you share.

CALL TO PRAYER #348 “O Lord, hear my prayer” (sing twice)
O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me. O Lord hear my prayer.
O Lord hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 130 OT 573

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

MESSAGE “Rising Out of Darkness” Pastor Twyla Rowe

MORNING ANTHEM “If We Truly Believe” (Besig)
Temple Choir

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of day and God of darkness, all our time belongs to you. Yet how often we fail to notice your nearness, feel your presence, trust your guidance. We desire only good times, happy moments, and miss your work in the shadows. We avoid conflict with others and fear looking deep within ourselves. Sometimes it feels we have no place left to run, no place left to hide. Loving God, hold us close, so we can look at ourselves, our relationships, our openness to you. In brightness or darkness, let us always know your healing, freeing, guiding presence. Amen.

STATEMENTS OF FAITH

The bread affirmation sentence in unison:

“The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.”

The cup affirmation sentence in unison:

“The cup which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***HYMN #577** “O Love that will not let me go”

[Verse 1]

*O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee.
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer,
fuller be.*

[Verse 2]

*O Light that follows all my way, I yield my flick’ring torch to thee.
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine’s blaze its day may
brighter, fairer be.*

[Verse 3]

*O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee.
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, that morn
shall tearless be.*

[Verse 4]

*O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee.
I lay in dust, life’s glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red, life that
shall endless be.*

*BENEDICTION

After the Benediction, you may be seated.

Please continue in a spirit of worship as we listen to the Postlude music.

***POSTLUDE** “The Promise of Salvation” (Smith)

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*\*Please rise — in body or spirit — as an act of worship  
Thank you for joining us in worship today.*

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at 10:45 AM

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Technician

*We welcome you to our church and
Rejoice in your participation with us in
worship. It is our prayer that you will
experience the presence of God's Spirit and
that it will equip you for service and ministry
in the week ahead. Our Pastor, Deacons, and
Cluster Leaders are available after worship
and during the week to listen and assist you in
your Christian pilgrimage.*

THE ANNOUNCER June 9, 2024

If you placed someone on the prayer list and they are now celebrating a recovery and would like their name taken off the list, please contact the church office.

If you or a loved one has surgery scheduled, is hospitalized, or would like a visit from the pastor, please notify the church.

"Take a Moment" Let this be our daily "Take a Moment" prayer beginning the week of Sunday, June 9 - Creator of Light, How rich are the blessings that you've given me. You provide for all my needs, and you walk with me through the storms of my life. You point the way when I get lost. You build me up when those around me are unkind. When the dark side of society, both near and far, leads to feelings of despair and anxiety...your light shines through your Word and through glimpses of human kindness...and gives me hope for the future. So, I have many reasons to be thankful; and I have confidence that you will always be there for me. I wish everyone knew of your goodness and care. That being said, I know I need to take some responsibility in sharing the Good News through my words, my attitude and my actions. Pour out your Spirit upon me to motivate me, to guide me and to fill me with wisdom so that I will be faithful to your call to love my neighbor and spread the Good News. It's in Jesus' name that I pray. Amen.

Our thanks to Jack Finniff for being our worship leader today and to our Temple Choir for our morning anthem.

Attendance. Please sign the attendance rosters found at the end of your pew, or possibly in the hymnal rack, and pass it down the row so everyone can sign.

Today we will have a Bread & Cup Communion during both worship services. All are welcome at the Lord's table.

Fellowship Time. We're in need of volunteers to provide goodies for Fellowship Time, held the first Sunday of each month from 10:20 am—10:40 am. Goodies may be your favorite recipe or a delicious store bought treat. Suggestions include cookies, muffins, or doughnuts (3-4 dozen of whatever you choose) and may be dropped off in the Mullendore Room (the room behind the wing of the sanctuary) that morning. Beverages and paper products are provided. Please sign up on the sheet located in the west entrance, or contact Kristal Bricker or Amy Hardy. Thank you for helping to make Fellowship Time possible!

Junior Church will be held today for children ages Kindergarten through the sixth grade. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a special time together. (Parents may, of course, opt to keep their child in worship with them especially if the child is uncertain about going.) If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Brenda Shane. **Junior Church is held the second and fourth Sunday of each month.**

Shepherd's Spring is still in need of Camp Counselors. They also need a nurse or nurses who will cover a week or a few of camp. If you are interested in making a difference in a child's life by going to camp, contact Shepherd's Spring at 301-223-8193.

The Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings will be held today. The screenings will take place in the Fellowship Hall before the 8:30 AM Morning Praise Worship Service and in the Mullendore Room before the 10:45 AM worship.

Vacation Bible School Skit Practice will be held tomorrow, Monday, June 10th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Means.

Our VBS this year from Brethren Press is **Seekers in Sneakers**. All children from **age 4 through those who have completed Grade 5** are invited. Invite your children, grandchildren, their friends or the children in your neighborhood to join us from **June 24 - June 28 beginning at 6 pm and ending at 8 pm**. The children will use investigative skills to discover Jesus. The Bible stories provide a model for asking hard questions, working together to solve problems, reaching across differences, caring for all people, imagining a better world, and trusting Jesus when things go wrong. The children will learn that everyone can make a difference. Through worship and drama, Bible Study, art and science activities, and active games, the children will learn how to follow Jesus' example in every part of life. Creative snacks will be provided, too! Questions? Contact Ann Platou at 301-790-3498.

Field of Hope/Growing Project. Field of Hope pledge forms can be found on the credenza in the wing of the sanctuary or in the fellowship hall for anyone desiring to make a pledge.



Annual Conference will be held July 3 - 7 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The theme this year is “Welcome + Worthy” *Romans 16:2*. The June Tidings includes a message from conference moderator Madalyn Metzger.

Our next Community Breakfast will be held July 13th from 9:00—10:30am at Hagerstown Church of the Brethren. Our Breakfasts are held the second Saturday of each month, unless stated otherwise. All are welcome!

Cash for Causes/Martin’s Gift Card Program. Purchase Martin’s gift cards to take to the store to pay for your groceries or gas, and 5% of the face value of the gift card is a donation to the church and goes toward your yearly charitable contribution. To purchase a card, please contact Larry Kees, Jr. (301-331-0107). We can make arrangements to leave cards in your church mailbox or mail them to you.

The Church Directory. Now is a good time to update your information in the church directory. Please send any changes/updates/additions to secretaryhcob@gmail.com, or leave a note in Allyson’s mailbox. Also, if you’re not on the birthday and anniversary lists, please email that information, too! Please include the year, even though it is not published. If we don’t have the year, that piece of software defaults to the year 1900. Thank you!

Printed copies of Leadership and Ministry team meeting minutes are available in the west entrance. The holders are located on the wall beside the bulletin board.

Deadline for bulletins and newsletters. Announcements for the weekly bulletin need to be given to the administrative assistant before noon on Wednesday. Announcements for the monthly newsletters need to be given to the administrative assistant before the 15th of each month. Let’s help her out by meeting deadlines, and also by not asking for special exceptions. Announcements should continue to be emailed to secretaryhcob@gmail.com. Thank you!

When you leave items at the mailboxes for someone else to retrieve, please call or email them to alert them the item is there. Remember you may need to follow up with them to make sure they’ve gotten the item. Thank you!

The HCOB softball schedule is posted on the website calendar. You can go to <http://www.hagerstowncob.org> and click on the calendar tab.

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 9

Bread & Cup Communion (During both worship services)
Junior Church
8:15 am Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screening
8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms
10:15 am Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screening
10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Monday, June 10

Church Office Closed
6:00 pm VBS Skit Practice/Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, June 11

5:30 pm Spiritual Nurture Meeting/Mullendore Room

Wednesday, June 12

Administrative Assistant/Work from home
12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

Thursday, June 13

6:30 pm HCOB Softball/Field 2
8:00 pm HCOB Softball/Lights Field 2

Friday, June 14

8:00 am Bulletin preparation time/Church office
1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3pm)

Saturday, June 15

Pastor Twyla's day off
12:00 pm Newsletter deadline

Sunday, June 16

Father’s Day
Burt Vacation
8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms
10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Remember our weekday schedule is subject to rapid change.

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15 S. Mulberry Street,
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SEEKERS *in* SNEAKERS Discover Jesus!

Age 4 – Grade 5

Date: June 24 – 28

Time: 6 – 8 pm

Location: Hagerstown Church of the Brethren

Corner of Washington and Mulberry Streets

Hagerstown, MD

Entrance on the side of the parking lot –

Look for VBS signs

Your child will make new friends, sing fun songs, do art projects, explore science, and play active games to learn about Jesus as a learner, their companion, teacher, example and helper.

They will also get creative snacks each evening.

This week we have Jesus' example of helping others! We are collecting money to benefit Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

Contact Information: Ann Platou, 301-790-3498