

Salvation belongs to our God

Prayer

O God of all things great and amazing, mindblowing, and
incomprehensible;
You are the whole of the heavens, the grandeur of sacred
mystery,
yet you tend to the tiniest human tear,
the sharp pangs of hunger, offering shade that saves in the heat
of our living.
Indeed, salvation belongs to you, and you gift it to us.
Incomprehensible.
Let us, your people, invite everyone into your steadfast love.
Let us, your children, be looking for those on the outskirts of care
to bring them in.
Let us, as individuals, be your hands to provide food, shelter,
water, and a comforting presence to strangers and
neighbors, as if they are our own family.
You, O God of all things, mother us with a kindness so grand, so
plentiful, so full of wonder that we hardly know what to do
with it.
Help us receive your salvation. Help us to then offer your
salvation.
In the name of Jesus, the Lamb and the Way. Amen.

—Amy Gall Ritchie
North Manchester, Indiana

"They cried out in a loud voice, saying, '*Salvation belongs to our God* who is seated
on the throne and to the Lamb!'" (Revelation 7:10, *NRSVue*). **Today's Bible readings**
from the lectionary: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30.

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CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Hagerstown, Maryland

MORNING WORSHIP **10:45 AM**

May 11, 2025
Mother's Day

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Awake! The Dawn Appears!" (Scott)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Eileen Smith, Worship Leader

One: Arise, people of God, to greet one who calls us; come alive to the Spirit's energy among us.

All: God awakens us and restores our souls. Surely God's goodness and mercy are with us here.

One: The shepherd is calling us to new ventures. We are invited to a higher quality of life

All: We will not fear to walk through shadowed valleys. God's love in Christ is with us everywhere.

One: Come to drink from the springs of living water. Gather to find comfort and blessing here.

All: Surely God will guide our search for truth. We seek eternal values within our daily walks.

***HYMN #106** "All hail the power of Jesus' name"
[Verse 1]

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall.

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

[Verse 2]

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed of the fall,

hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

[Verse 3]

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,

to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

[Verse 4]

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Draw us together, Eternal One, from paths of aimless wandering. Lead us today toward the community you intend. Draw the fragments of our lives together into some meaningful whole. Help us deal with present concerns in constructive ways yet point us beyond ourselves to engage with you in larger issues. Help us feel the hunger and thirst of others; then lead your church to make a caring response. May your love fill us and overflow into other lives. Amen.

MORNING ANTHEM "Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother" (Martin)
Temple Choir

SERVICE OF GIVING

Call to Giving

Surely the goodness of God overflows in our lives. Take time to count your blessings. The works of God are all around us. In these moments, we have the opportunity to offer ourselves and our substance to extend God's work on earth.

As we pass the offering plate here in the sanctuary, we also pass a virtual offering plate to those worshipping with us on Facebook Live. We invite you to give by mailing your offering to the church or dropping it off at the church during the week, or by going to the Hagerstowncob webpage.

Offertory "A Mother's Prayer" (Ritter)

***Doxology #119** "Praise God from whom"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray. Make these moments a feast of dedication to your purposes among us, loving God. May we serve you night and day, wherever we are, in all we do. Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.

A MOMENT TO BECOME LIKE CHILDREN

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN

"Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult"

[Verse 1]

*Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice
soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me!"*

[Verse 2]

*As of old the apostles heard it by the Galilean lake, turned from home and toil and
kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.*

[Verse 3]

*Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that
would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more!"*

[Verse 4]

*In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these!"*

[Verse 5]

*Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine
obedience, serve and love thee best of all.*

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:22-30

NT 115

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

MESSAGE

"To Whom Do You Belong?"

Pastor Steve Robison

*HYMN #366

"God of grace and God of glory"

[Verse 1]

*God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy pow'r. Crown thine
ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flow'r. Grant us wisdom, grant
us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

[Verse 2]

*Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! From the fears
that long have bound us, free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom,
grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.*

[Verse 3]

*Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control. Shame our
wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.*

[Verse 4]

*Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore. Let the search for thy
salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.*

*BENEDICTION

After the Benediction, you may be seated.

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

POSTLUDE

"God of Grace"

(Arr. Kerr)

(worship resources used from, "Gathered By Love", Year C,
written by Lavon Bayler.)

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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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*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 **May 11, 2025**

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 on Sunday, May 11 - I arise each day to follow you, my Gentle Shepherd. Safe within your flock, I learn to know the sound of your voice better. Hearing your voice, I will obey your commands giving me direction for my life. No one...no temptation...no superficial glamorized earthly thing will snatch me from you as I faithfully follow you. Gentle Shepherd...come to those who need your healing, comfort, peace and guidance. Show me how I can help those around me in need...and in love respond. As the sheep within your flock, may your church be filled with your Spirit, bravely follow your example so that all may know you. Amen.

Our thanks to Eileen Smith for being our worship leader today and to the 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.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God.

Junior Church will be held today for children ages Kindergarten through the sixth grade. **We will gather in the Rainbow Room (Room #205).** (Parents may, of course, opt to keep their child in worship with them especially if the child is uncertain about going.) Parents/grandparents should pick up their children afterward at the stair/elevator area outside the sanctuary in the west entrance. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Brenda Shane. **Junior Church is held the second and fourth Sunday of each month.**

Newsletter Deadline! All articles should be submitted to the Administrative Assistant **on or before May 15th.** You can submit articles by email or leaving a note in Allyson's mailbox. Thank you!

The Novel Bunch Presents... Looking for Salvation at the Dairy Queen by Susan Gregg Gilmore. Saturday, May 17th from 10:00 AM—12:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments will be served. If you would like to attend, please see the insert in the latest Tidings or you can find copies of the sign up sheet on the credenza in the wing of the sanctuary or in the Fellowship Hall.

All Music Sunday will be held May 18th. There will be no Morning Praise Worship Service. Sunday School starts at regular time and we will have a combined worship at 10:45 am in the sanctuary.

It's time for Messenger Magazine renewals! Renewal is \$14.50 for one year, or \$27.00 for two years. Never before subscribers - \$10.00 for the first year only. Should you choose to subscribe (or renew) to Messenger, your check should be made out to Hagerstown Church of the Brethren and should be placed in the offering or forwarded to the Church Office no later than **May 21, 2025.** Be sure to write "Messenger" on the memo line of your check. This deadline is firm. The paperwork has to be mailed to the Messenger office before their deadline. **CURRENT SUBSCRIBERS:** Check your email for a note! Messenger now offers an online option. If you would like more details on this, please contact the church office at secretaryhcob@gmail.com or call 301-733-3565.

The HARC Hike will be on Saturday, May 31, and the Challenge Hike on Saturday, May 17. More information can be found at <https://harccoalition.org/hike/>

The Community Picnic will be held on Saturday, June 7th. We need a lot of help from our members and friends to help us with this event. We also need baked beans. A sign-up sheet will be available beginning May 4th. The Service & Outreach Team thanks you in advance.

The Service & Outreach Team will be giving away clothes at our upcoming June Community Picnic. If you have spring or summer clothes you would like to donate, we would appreciate them.

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!

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!

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.

Please remember to keep the administrative assistant updated on when and where meetings/events are being held. Please email or call the Administrative Assistant with information that needs added to the church calendar. **301-733-3565 or secretaryhcob@gmail.com.** Thank you!

Warm, sunny weather is here! We want to take this opportunity to remind you that in the warm weather many of the neighborhood children ride bikes, trikes, skateboards, and scooters, on our parking lot. They're often low to the ground and moving fast so please be on the lookout for them when you visit the church. When on foot, please also be on the lookout for cars speeding through the parking lot to "beat the light" at the corner.

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.

Offering drop-off box is located in the west entrance by the double doors. This box can be used to drop off your offering or order forms. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Offering envelopes are located in the pew racks and at other convenient locations around the church. To assist our financial secretary, we ask that you use an envelope and please put your name and envelope number on the outside. Here's a tip - take a few envelopes home and stick one of those return address labels we all get on the outside. Then all you need to add is your number. Having your name and number on the outside of the envelope is a huge help to our offering counters. Thank you!

If you have changed your email address, and would like to continue to receive the bulletins, eTidings, and other church related news as it happens please send the change to secretaryhcob@gmail.com.

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 11

Pastor Twyla Vacation/Junior Church/Mother's Day

Pastor Steve Robinson Guest Preacher

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, May 12

Church office closed

6:00 pm Betty Jane Hutzal Viewing/Coffman Funeral Home

6:30 pm GriefShare/Mullendore Room

Tuesday, May 13

11:00 am Celebration of Life Service for Betty Jane Hutzal/HCOB

7:00 pm Hag. Choral Arts/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 14

Administrative Assistant/Work from Home

12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

12:30 pm Hag. Choral Arts Women's Ensemble/Fellowship Hall

5:30 pm Spiritual Nurture Meeting/Mullendore Room

Thursday, May 15

12:00 pm Newsletter Deadline

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Brethren Bells/Choir Room

7:30 pm Temple Choir/Fellowship Hall

Friday, May 16

Book Club Set Up/Fellowship Hall – All Day

8:00 am Bulletin prep./Church office

1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3pm)

Saturday, May 17

Pastor Twyla's day off

10:00 am Book Club/Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 18

Music Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms

10:45 am Combined Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live

2:30 am Growing Hope Globally's Blessing of the Seed/Near Grossnickle COB

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