

Spirit, guide us

Responsive reading

One: When we feel we have lost sight of what is right,

All: Spirit, guide us into your truth.

One: When we feel our focus moving away from all that is good,

All: Spirit, guide us by your wisdom.

One: When we experience suffering and unrest in and around us,

All: Spirit, guide us in our work for peace.

One: When the needs around us are more than we can bear,

All: Spirit, guide us in our work for justice.

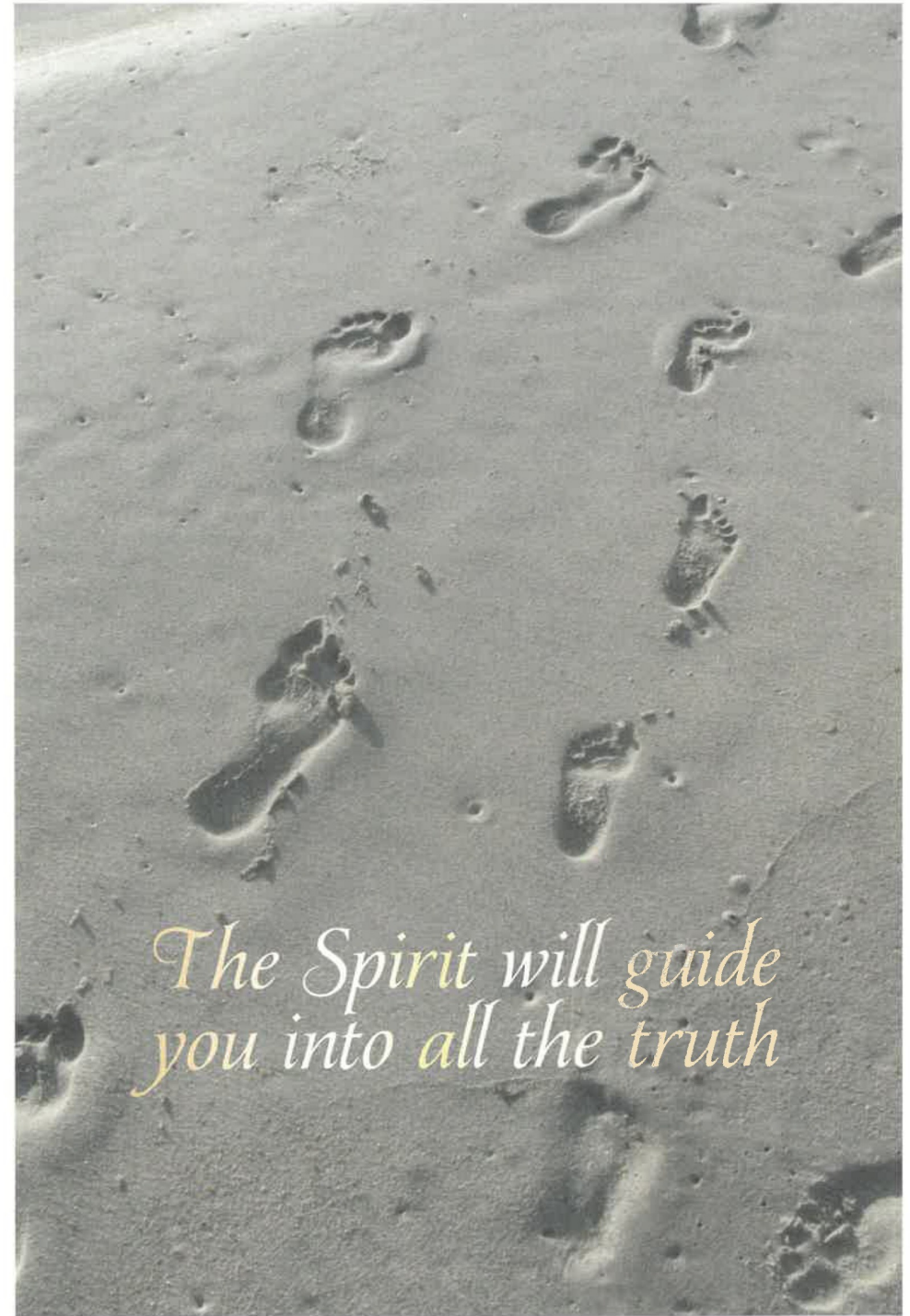
One: When we focus on what we can do, even when it seems small,

All: Spirit, guide us to live, work, and be about your truth.

—Greg Bidgood Enders
Mount Joy, Pennsylvania

“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come” (John 16:13, NRSVue). Today’s Bible readings from the lectionary: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15.

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CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Hagerstown, Maryland

MORNING WORSHIP

10:45 AM

June 15, 2025

Trinity Sunday & Father's Day

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

PRELUDE "This Is My Father's World" (Warriner)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Amy Hardy, Worship Leader

One: Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

All: We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.

One: Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

All: We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

One: Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

All: We long to live lives of holiness and light.

One: God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.

All: Come near, people of God! Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

***HYMN #120** "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God, Almighty"

[Verse 1]

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed trinity!

[Verse 2]

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;*

cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

[Verse 3]

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,*

only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,

perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

[Verse 4]

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!

All Thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

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***OPENING PRAYER**

God of holy wisdom, we are seekers on the way to a deeper wisdom and a wider vision. Our lives are full of information and opinions, but in the midst of it all we long to hear the voice of wisdom – Your wisdom, God – cutting through the noise and teaching us how to live.

God, we have come here this morning to learn wisdom from your Word, from your Holy Spirit, and from one another. We have come so that wisdom may call us out of the darkness and into the light. We have come to have the deeper, richer, wisdom-filled life that you have promised to each of us.

Oh God, make us ready to hear the Words spoken to our hearts this morning. Call us to hear your wisdom and grant us the courage to respond. Amen.

MORNING ANTHEM "All Praise to You, Our God and King" (Larkin)
Temple Choir

A MOMENT TO BECOME LIKE CHILDREN

SERVICE OF GIVING

Call to Giving

Through holy wisdom, the Lord has made the world as a rich dwelling place, giving us dominion over the created order. As God is mindful of us and of our needs, let us now be mindful of our obligation to be good stewards, through our generosity and responsibility for God's gifts.

As we pass the offering plate here in the sanctuary, we also pass a virtual offering plate to those worshiping 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 "Blessed Trinity" (Arr. Blake)

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O Lord, we rejoice with thankful hearts, that you have given us this beautiful world in which to work and play—a world full of your wisdom and majesty; we offer praise with deepest gratitude, that you have blessed us with

your bounty. As we return a portion of your blessing to us, use these offerings and tokens of our devotion: to increase wisdom in the world, to protect the created order, to bless the vulnerable, to heal the sick, and to comfort the afflicted. Amen.

REFLECTION FOR FATHER'S DAY: "The Longing and the Love"

by Brian Lundin

We long for the perfect protection of a father,
for strong arms that encircle us,
hold us tight to a broad chest,
a beating heart.

Arms that toss us into the air,
screaming with laughter and a little fear,
even though we know those arms will always catch us.

From the moment we gasp our first breath of air,
we long for the perfect father.

We long for a father who sacrifices,
who lays down his time to play games,
read our favorite book one more time,
or take a long walk and listen.

Who reaches into his pocket
and pulls out a dollar for ice cream.

Who reaches deeper to provide a good home,
good food, and good gifts.

We long for a father who always protects,
always cheers, and always sacrifices.

Some of us are blessed to find
bits and pieces of these longings
met in human form,

Like sun through stained glass—a brilliant picture,
illuminated by our Father who satisfies these longings.

We thank God for fathers who protect,
who encourage with strong words,
and strong convictions;
fathers willing to sacrifice,
striving to love.

But some of us are grieving.
Grieving the loss of a good father,
or the lack of one.
Some never knew their father's arms,
and some bear scars,
on skin and soul,
dealt from a father's swinging arms.
At some point, all of us are left longing.
Lacking.

No human father can perfectly satisfy.
Look up and know your Father in Heaven
gave you these longings,
and only He can perfectly fulfill them.
His strong arms protect,
His words bring life and light.
His perfect sacrifice draws us to His side,
where we can hear His heart beating with perfect love for us.

We celebrate our fathers on earth,
and our Father in heaven.
We give thanks for the longing,
and give thanks for the love.

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 #70

"Immortal, invisible, God only Wise"

[Verse 1]

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes, most
blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name
we praise.*

[Verse 2]

*Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest
in might, thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are
fountains of goodness and love.*

[Verse 3]

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small. In all life thou livest, the true life of all. We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

[Verse 4]

Great God of all glory, great God of all light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight. All praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

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Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth— when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

MESSAGE

"Listening"

Pastor Twyla Rowe

***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

"Praise Ye the Triune God"

(Hughes)

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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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Happy Father's Day!



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Office: Tuesday—Friday
Flexible hours
(appointments welcome/
call ahead)

Morning Praise Worship
at 8:30 AM
Sunday School at 9:30 AM
Worship and Facebook Live at
10:45 AM

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Twyla Rowe
Pastor

Allyson McPeak
Administrative Assistant

Burton Young
Director of
Music Ministries

Don Rowe
Interior Esthetics
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 15, 2025

Prayer Concerns: Pat Casey, Judy Dahl-
hamer, Paula Dixon, Alice Edmonds, Retta
Fralin, Pamela Frusher, Nicole Forsythe, Bella
Johnson, David Kirby, Debbie Long, Carol
Miller, Nancy Mullinex, Daris Phillips, Eddie
Strawderman (Nancy Gingrich's brother),
Grant Wetzel.

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.

**This week please join us in praying for
members of our congregation.** Please pray
for Eddie & Alice Edmonds; Don & Linda
Ebersole; Paul & Mary Early; Barbara
Duffey; and Tyler Dose.

"Take A Moment" Let this be our daily
"Take a Moment" prayer beginning Sunday,
June 15 - God of all Creation, every day, I
look to you for guidance for my life path.
Sometimes the way seems clear; and other
times it appears confusing. In those less than
clear and overwhelming moments, I ask for
your Holy Spirit to pour wisdom into my heart
and mind. Help me to see the open doors in
my path that lead me to you and your will for
my life. Empower me with courage to use the
gifts you have given me to say and do the
right things that will not only make a differ-
ence in my own life; but, will also bless oth-
ers. I want my life-light to shine for
you...giving you honor and glory...and leading
others to find you. With openness to your
leading, I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Today we celebrate our Fathers. Happy Father's Day!

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 and in lov-
ing memory of Janice Frye, given by John Frye.

Our thanks to Amy Hardy for being our worship leader today and to our Temple
Choir for our morning anthem.

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

The Service & Outreach Team would like to thank all our members and friends
for their help with the Community Picnic. Thanks to all who donated clothing,
made baked beans, helped set up and tear down, and helped to serve our neigh-
bors. We also want to thank Martin's Food Market, Super Shoes, and Sanders
Cookie Jar for their donation. Also, thanks to the service agencies who participat-
ed. We were blessed with good weather. Thanks so much, you are appreciated!!!

HCOB has a YouTube Channel! Moving forward, all service will be uploaded to
YouTube. This change is necessary due to Facebook's updated policy, which now
only retains uploaded videos for 30 days. We have also met our goal of 50 sub-
scribers! More information will be available in the coming weeks when we are
ready to start streaming the services through YouTube. For the time being, we still
encourage you to subscribe to the channel if you haven't done so already and share
it with others and you can do so by going to www.youtube.com/@hagerstowncob

Vacation Bible School will be held June 23rd through the 27th from 6-8PM each
evening. Experience Jesus through music, stories, science activities, games, and
snacks. Please see the VBS insert in the bulletin and feel free to pass it along and
invite a friend!

Fellowship Time — We're in need of volunteers to provide goodies for Fellow-
ship Time, held the first Sunday of each month from 10:20 am—10:40 am. Good-
ies may be your favorite recipe or a delicious store bought treat. Suggestions in-
clude 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 sanctu-
ary) 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!

Annual Conference will be held July 2—6, in Greensboro, North Carolina. The
theme this year is "Faith Working Through Love". Please remember to pray for
your delegates, Ginny Nalley, Kathy Kelsey, and the conference.

The Church Directory. Summer is almost here and that's a great time to update
your information in the church directory. If you have recently changed phone
numbers or emails, please send any changes/updates/additions to the adminis-
trative assistant at secretaryhcob@gmail.com or leave a note in her mailbox.

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.

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.

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.

Church mailboxes. Everyone is welcome to use the mailboxes. If you would like to be added or taken off the list, please contact Mary Means. If you have a mailbox, we ask that you be willing to monitor it. Any mail that is left in the mailboxes after a three-month period will be disposed of. The mailboxes are located in the hallway of the church office.

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!

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!

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!



Between the May 17th Challenge Hike and the May 31st Hike, the events raised more than \$80,000 for Micah's Backpack, the Refugee Welcome Network and other programs of HARC! This was in great part thanks to many participants seeking donations for their hike paired with a 2-1 fundraising match from God's Grace Fund. The top fundraising individuals for this event were Christine Fink and Becky Fritts (Challenge Hike); Mary & John Means (Canal Hike). Top fundraising teams were Hebron Mennonite for Ed Poling (Canal Hike) and Otterbein UMC (Challenge Hike). For more details and photos of the event, you can visit HARC's website harccoalition.org or go to HARC's Facebook page.

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 15

Father's Day/Trinity Sunday

8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall

9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms

10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live

12:00 pm Newsletter Deadline

Monday, June 16

Church office closed

Tuesday, June 17

12:00 pm Mary Martha Group/Altruistic Room or Mullendore Room

6:30 pm CE Meeting/Room 302

Wednesday, June 18

Administrative Assistant/Work from Home

12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

6:30 pm Summer Handbell Ensemble/Choir Room

Thursday, June 19

Juneteenth

5:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall

Friday, June 20

8:00 am Bulletin prep./Church office

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

Saturday, June 21

Pastor Twyla's day off

Sunday, June 22

Junior Church

8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall

9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms

10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live

12:00 pm Summer Handbell Ensemble/Choir Room

Remember our weekday schedule is subject to rapid change.

Directory Update:

Nancy Mullinex
Hagerstown Healthcare Center
750 Dual Highway Room 212-2
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15 S. Mulberry Street,
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OR

you can make a secure offering
donation on our website using
Breeze www.hagerstowncob.org

The church calendar is online at
www.hagerstowncob.org.
Click the calendar tab.

Statistics

General Fund total \$9,690.13

2025 weekly average needed
52 Sundays: \$6,753.35

8:30 AM attendance 24

Sunday School..... 38

10:45 AM attendance..... 99

Facebook views 320

The General Fund offering does not include monies given for any designated fund.
For total offerings, please review the financial statement provided by the Assistant Treasurer.

Pointing the way to fun!

Vacation Bible School

Hagerstown COB

June 23 - 27

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Rising Kindergarten - Grade 6

