

Our soul waits

Responsive prayer

One: God of our lives, steadfast love,

All: You in whom we live and move and have our being,

(Acts 17:28a)

One: Our lives are full of waiting.

All: We wait for the birth of children, and for the passing of those close to death.

One: We wait for the birth of a new sense of call, or for a difficult season to end.

All: We wait for clarity in discernments we are making, or for celebrations coming that will mark meaningful milestones.

One: With a deep yearning, together, we await the dawning of a new day, where greater peace and justice are known throughout creation—for all creation may God's kingdom come into fuller view.

All: In all our waiting, our souls wait for the Lord, who is our help and shield. *(Psalm 33:20)*

One: May our hearts be glad in him, because we trust in his holy name. *(Psalm 33:21)*

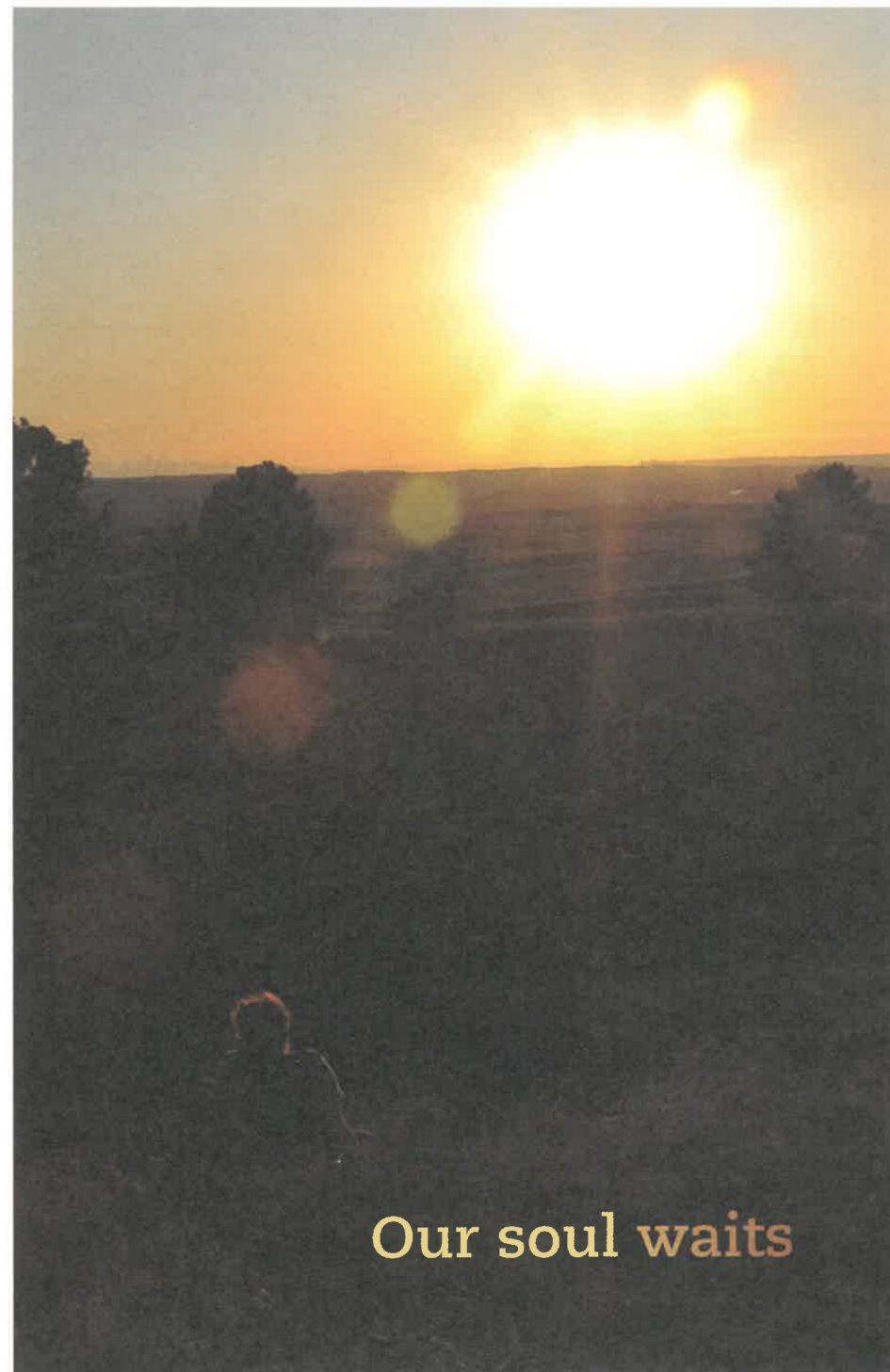
All: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you. *(Psalm 33:22)*

Prayer hymn: "Veni Sancte Spiritus" (*Hymnal: A Worship Book* No. 298) or "Oyenos, Mi Dios" (*Hymnal: A Worship Book* No. 358) or "While We Are Waiting, Come" (*Hymnal Supplement* No. 1032)

—Erin Matteson
Modesto, California

"Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield" (Psalm 33:20, NRSVue).
Today's Bible readings from the lectionary: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40.

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CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Hagerstown, Maryland

MORNING WORSHIP

10:45 AM

August 10, 2025

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Eunice Plank, Worship Leader

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

PRELUDE "Humbly I Adore Thee" (Arr. Lau)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sometimes God gets angry.

All: *People and nations don't do what they should.*

One: Today, God reminds us of our covenant,

All: *asking us to wash and make ourselves clean.*

One: Learn to do good. Seek justice.

All: *Remind us, O God, and show us the right way to go!*

HYMN #110 "Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing"

[Verse 1]

*Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my
God and King, the triumphs of his grace.*

[Verse 2]

*Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease, 'tis music to the
sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.*

[Verse 3]

*He speaks, and list'ning to his voice new life the dead receive, the mournful, broken
hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.*

[Verse 4]

*My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the
earth abroad the honors of thy name.*

[Verse 5]

*Glory to God and praise and love be ever, ever giv'n by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.*

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, thank you for seeking us out, for gathering us before you,
for not keeping silent in the face of our need. Thank you for calling us into

account, and for challenging us with strong words to be a people of covenant
and justice. Thank you for assuring us that we need not be afraid, for it is your
good pleasure to give us your kingdom. In courage and hope, we come before
you this hour, to hear your Word and prepare our hearts for the unexpected
hour of your coming. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A MOMENT TO BECOME LIKE A CHILD

SPECIAL MUSIC "How Great Thou Art" (Hine)
Women's Ensemble

SERVICE OF GIVING

Call to Giving

Worshiping our Gracious God includes bringing to him our offer-
ings. It is an outward sign of our intent to be obedient to his will. But for
our giving to be sincere, we recognize it is not a once and done practice.
Our giving continues beyond putting something in the offering plate. In a
variety of ways, our giving continues as an act of obedience everyday as
we faithfully attend to the needs of those around us. Let us give joyfully
now and may we look forward with anticipation to the opportunities we
will have to give in the week ahead.

As we pass the offering plate here in the sanctuary, we also pass a
virtual offering plate to those worshiping with us on YouTube 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 "Cleansing Fountain" (Broughton)
***Doxology #119** "Praise God from whom"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray. Hearing the witness of your prophet Isaiah, O Lord, help us
"cease to do evil," but rather "learn to do good." Lead us to "seek justice, res-
cue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow." Teach us the
wise use of the resources you provide, both personally and as a congregation.
We dedicate these offerings to your glory and our neighbor's good. In Jesus'
name. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS, CONCERNS, AND HOPES

Please remember our worship is also on YouTube 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN #409

“What does the Lord require”

[Verse 1]

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?

What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?

Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.

[Verse 2]

People of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know?

Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?

Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.

[Verse 3]

Still down the ages ring the prophet’s stern commands.

To merchant, worker, king, he brings God’s high demands.

Do justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God.

[Verse 4]

How shall our life fulfill God’s law so hard and high?

Let Christ endue our will with grace to fortify.

Then justly, in mercy, we’ll humbly walk with God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

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The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation— I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedi-

ent, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

MESSAGE

“Stain Removal”

Pastor Twyla Rowe

HYMN #523

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

[Verse 1]

*Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways. Reclothe us in our
rightful mind, in purer lives they service find, in deeper rev’rence praise.*

[Verse 2]

*In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling
of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word rise up and follow thee*

[Verse 3]

*O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above, where Jesus knelt to share with
thee the silence of eternity, interpreted by love;*

[Verse 4]

*drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease. Take from our souls
the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.*

[Verse 5]

*Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm. Let sense be
dumb, let flesh retire, speak through the earthquake, wind and fire, O still small
voice of calm!*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

We believe

in the grace freely offered in Jesus Christ,
in the atoning work of Christ's death on the cross,
in the power of forgiveness to change lives.
in the redemption that turns sinners into saints,
in the wholeness that mercy brings,
in the freedom that liberates us from sin's hold,
in the new life that is ours, now and for eternity. Amen.

BENEDICTION

After the Benediction, you may be seated.

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

POSTLUDE

“Lord of Our Life”

(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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*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 August 10, 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 Sunday, August 10 - It's a new day...and I'm looking to you, O God, with anticipation for where you will lead me. How will I be challenged? Who will I meet? How will I handle any difficult people I encounter? I want all of my words, actions...and even my thoughts to be pure...to reflect your word living in me. Forgive me if I fail. I will seek to bless others with kind encouraging words. I will seek to share your love...even with those who are hard to love. Let me be an instrument of your love not just today but every day. Amen.

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.

Our thanks to Eunice Plank for being our worship leader today and to the Women's Ensemble for special music this morning.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Joe and Catherine Johnson on their upcoming wedding anniversary from JoEllen and Larry Wisherd.

Fellowship Time—We are in *need of volunteers* to provide goodies for Fellowship Time, held the first Sunday of each month. 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!

We are now streaming our services through YouTube! If you have not done so already, subscribe to HCOB's YouTube Channel and share it with others. You can do so by going to: www.youtube.com/@hagerstowncob

Non-Delegate Registration forms can be found on the credenza in the wing of the sanctuary or in the fellowship hall for those wishing to attend the 2025 District Conference on October 10th & 11th. The church office does not register non-delegates. The deadline to submit your registration form is September 17th.

We will be welcoming new members to our congregation during the late service on Sunday, August 24th. If you have taken the class and are interested in joining, please let Pastor Twyla know by Sunday, August 17th.

Susan Hughes and Jeremy Springer are going to have cantaloupes again this year in the west entrance on Sunday, August 24th starting at 9:30 am. She gets them in Shippensburg, PA at a Mennonite farm and they are very tasty. Once again she will be taking donations for the cantaloupes and all proceeds will go to the Good Samaritan Fund.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace—Jenny Ferguson is collecting used or new children's books for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far, please keep them coming. The box will stay under the table in the west entrance. If you could only see their faces when they get a bed and pick a book. Thank you!

MUSIC PROGRAM – Music rehearsals will begin on September 4th with Praise Band at 5:30, Brethren Bells at 6:30 and Temple Choir at 7:30. If you're thinking about joining, or have a musical gift to share, this would be a great time to get started! See Burt with any questions.

The 55th Annual Dunker Church Service will be held Sunday, September 14, 2025 at 3:00 pm. The Dunker Church is located on the Antietam National Battlefield in Sharpsburg, Maryland.

Widows/Widowers Luncheon—You are invited to attend a luncheon for the Widows/Widowers at Hagerstown COB. The luncheon will take place on Thursday, September 18, 2025 in the Fellowship Hall. We ask ALL that attend to bring a pot luck dish to share. We will provide paper goods and drinks. A sign up sheet will be placed in the west entrance for everyone to please sign up so we can get a head count. If you have questions, please contact Robin Davies, Ann Platou, Suzie Wolfe or Mary Means.

The Service & Outreach Team will once again be having our large community event—Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat—on Saturday, October 18th from 1 to 4PM. We need many helpers. We will have bingo, children’s games, and crafts for the children. We will have hotdogs, baked beans, chips, popcorn, water, snow cones, and cotton candy. There will be a cake walk. We will have a costume parade for the kids and of course, Trunk or Treat. Do you love to meet new people and share the good news about our Lord and Savior? Here’s your opportunity. We also need adult and children’s prizes for bingo. If you have any appropriate items, you no longer use, please donate them for this event. We also need cakes for the cake walk, and cookies and candy. If you would like to participate in the Trunk or Treat, let us know. There are sign-up sheets available in the west entrance. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Service & Outreach Team.

Our fall session of GriefShare will begin on Wednesday, September 17, and continue each Wednesday evening through December 17, from 6:30—8:30 in the Mullendore Room. There will be no class on November 26 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. You may join at any time during the 13 weeks, but we ask that you commit to attending at least 3 consecutive weeks. Cost is free, but we gladly will accept a \$10 donation towards materials.



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The grief journey after losing a loved one is very painful, difficult, and lonely. Since everyone grieves differently, there is no magic endpoint to the grieving process. Fortunately, HCOB offers GriefShare, an international, faith-based 13-week seminar offering support after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend, no matter how recent. The GriefShare ministry team provides a safe, welcoming space where people understand the heavy emotions of grief. As a participant, you will receive valuable tools to help you navigate your personal path, as well as gain support from others also in their grief journeys. If you or someone you know has lost a loved one, please share this information with them and consider attending. We encourage you to bring a family member or friend so they can better understand your loss and become a greater support for you.

Register at www.griefshare.org. If you have any questions about the program, see Pastor Twyla or Debbie Nycum.

*We also will offer two special 2-hr evening seminars:

1. *Loss of a Spouse*—Wednesday, August 13, 6:30—8:30 pm (see separate listing)
2. *Surviving the Holidays*— Monday, November 3, 6:30—8:30 pm

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.

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 10

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 & YouTube
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Monday, August 11

Church office closed

Tuesday, August 12

5:30 pm Service&Outreach Meeting/Mullendore Room
 6:30 pm Christian Ed. Meeting/Room 302

Wednesday, August 13

Administrative Assistant/Work from home
 12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions
 6:30 pm GriefShare Loss of a Spouse/Mullendore Room

Friday, August 15

Assumption of Mary
 8:00 am Bulletin prep/Church office
 12:00 pm Newsletter deadline
 1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3pm)

Saturday, August 16

Pastor Twyla’s day off

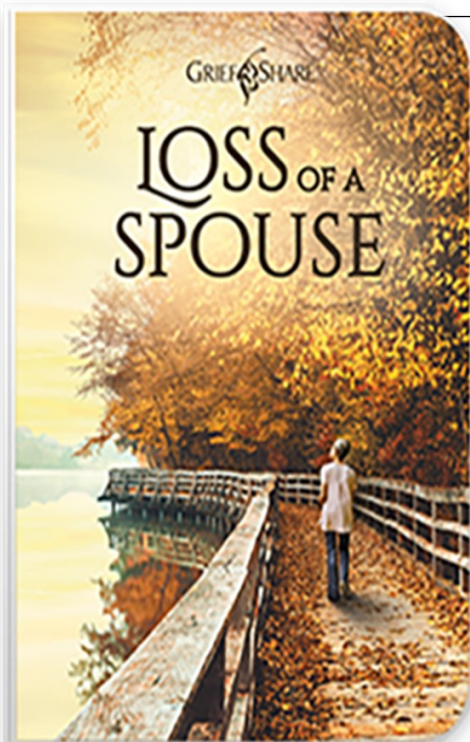
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Grieving the death of a spouse?
Or do you know someone who is?

The death of a spouse brings a unique kind of pain. People who are widowed haven't just lost a loved one—they've lost an entire lifestyle once enjoyed with that special person.

We hope you will consider joining the HCOB GriefShare Team for a special 2-hr seminar which will address the challenges of this type of loss.

You may wish to bring a family member or friend so they can better understand your loss and become a greater support for you. If you have questions, please see Pastor Twyla or Debbie Nycum.

Date: Wednesday, August 13
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Place: Mullendore Room

Register at www.GriefShare.org