

Glory of the Lord

Some years ago, I invited a Catholic sister to present at a district event. Sister Charlotte didn't know much about the Church of the Brethren, so I directed her to www.brethren.org. After looking at the website Charlotte commented that she noticed important aspects of our spirituality. That puzzled me since there wasn't much on the site about prayer practices. She was talking about a much broader understanding of spirituality—all we do that nurtures our relationship with God and how that's expressed in our relationships with others.

Isaiah 58 has something to say about that. "Be like a trumpet fanfare!" God tells Isaiah. What's Isaiah to proclaim so loud and clear? He's to point out the incongruity between the Israelites' religious rituals and their actions in everyday life. The people fast and do the correct rituals. But their hearts have been closed to the prompting of the Spirit to do acts of mercy and justice that are part of true faith. Spiritual practices are important but rather empty if they don't bear fruits like those named in Isaiah 58:4-7.

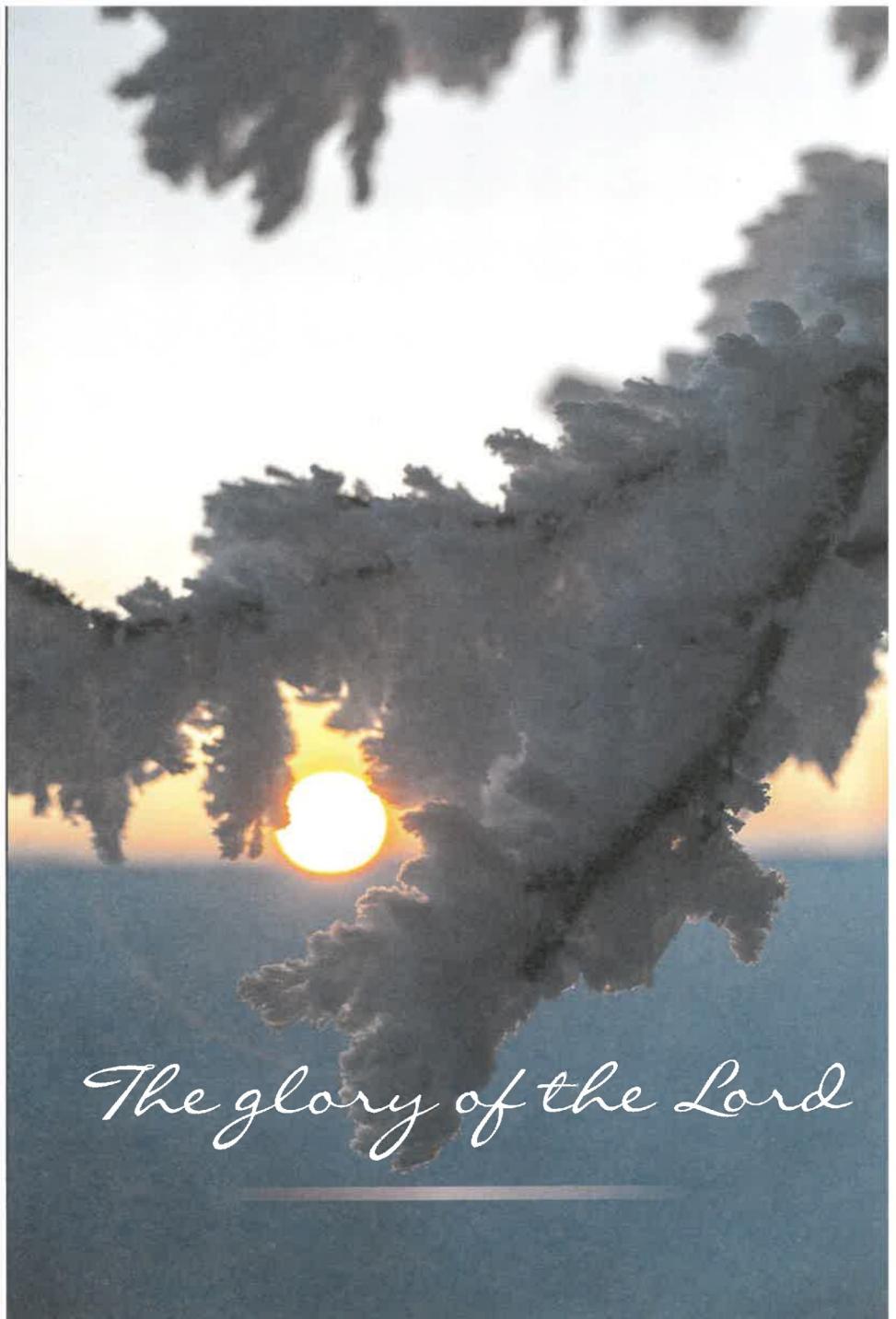
These are the actions God desires: loosen the bonds of injustice, free oppressed people, break yokes that weigh people down, share bread with the hungry, provide shelter for the homeless, clothe the naked, and care for your own family, too.

Through those actions we find true spiritual grounding. Even as the faithful reach out to others, God's healing and redemption will be present in them. And that will show forth God's glory. Our own healing and relationship with God are bound together with our work for peace and justice, with acts of mercy and compassion. Our spiritual well-being is reflected in the way we relate to others. Now that's something to proclaim with a trumpet!

—Connie Burkholder
McPherson, Kansas

"Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; *the glory of the Lord* shall be your rear guard" (Isaiah 58:8, NRSVue). **Today's Bible readings from the lectionary:** Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12); Psalm 112:1-9 (10); 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, (13-16); Matthew 5:13-20.

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CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Hagerstown, Maryland

MORNING WORSHIP

10:45 AM

February 8, 2026

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

PRELUDE "Spirit of Faith, Come Down" (Martin)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Beth Davis-Reinhold, Worship Leader

One: Holy God, we have left our homes and warm beds to be in your presence.

All: *We gather in your name to worship and praise you.*

One: May this first day of the week . . .

All: *be only one of many days in which we sing your praises and worship you.*

***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, unhaesting, 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.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Invisible God, you have revealed yourself to us in Jesus Christ, sharing your own Spirit in communion with our spirit. As we come to worship dis-

close yourself more fully as we hear your written word and pray in the Spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.

A MOMENT TO BECOME LIKE CHILDREN

SERVICE OF GIVING

Call to Giving

How generous are the gifts of God, poured out on us that we might know the joy of giving! The scriptures remind us that it is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice and give to the poor. Our offerings proclaim God's will in word and deed.

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 website.

Offertory "O Bless the Lord My Soul" (Smith)

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Righteous God, accept our gifts of gratitude for the dawning awareness among us of your healing presence. You have satisfied our need in parched places and made our bones strong. Now we wish to offer the world the amazing wonders we have experienced. Let our righteousness and generosity be exceedingly great. Fill us with yearning for the Spirit of Christ that we might become more like him and be empowered for good works, to your honor and glory. Amen.

HYMN #499 "Lord, speak to me"
 [Verse 1]

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone. As thou hast sought, so let me seek thine erring children lost and lone.

[Verse 2]

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet. O feed me, Lord, that I may feed thy hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

[Verse 3]

O strengthen me, that while I stand firm on the Rock, and strong in thee, I may stretch out a loving hand to wrestlers with the trouble sea.

[Verse 4]

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things thou dost impart, and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

[Verse 5]

O fill me with thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'er flow in kindling thought and glowing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

[Verse 6]

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as thou wilt, and when and where, until thy blessed face I see, thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING ANTHEM "More About Jesus" (Shackley)
Temple Choir

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 NT 166

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—

God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

MESSAGE "More of Jesus" Pastor Twyla Rowe

***HYMN #337** "Ask Ye what great thing I know"

[Verse 1]

Ask ye what great thing I know that delights and stirs me so? What the high reward I win? Whose the name I glory in? Jesus Christ, the crucified.

[Verse 2]

Who defeats my fiercest foes? Who consoles my saddest woes? Who revives my fainting heart, healing all its hidden smart? Jesus Christ, the crucified.

[Verse 3]

Who is the life in life to me? Who the death of death will be? Who will place me on his right, with the countless hosts of light? Jesus Christ, the crucified.

[Verse 4]

This is that great thing I know; this delights and stirs me so: faith in him who died to save, him who triumphed o'er the grave. Jesus Christ, the crucified

*BENEDICTION

*After the Benediction, you may be seated.
Please continue in a spirit of worship as we listen to the Postlude music.*

POSTLUDE "Rejoice in the Lord Always" (Callender)

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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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Welcome

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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 YouTube Live at
10:45 AM

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Administrative Assistant

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Director of
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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 February 8, 2026

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, February 8 - Precious Savior, when I awoke this morning, I began almost immediately thinking about what I had planned for today. I put into motion the plans I made for accomplishing everything on my list. I know I don't always...and forgive me when I don't...include you in the planning and the execution of my plans for the day. But now, in the very moments of this prayer, I open myself to your help. Send your Holy Spirit to dwell within me. Guide all that I do and infuse all that I say, so that everyone I meet will see less of me and more of You. For it is You...my Teacher, Friend, and Savior...who the world needs to know. To this purpose, I dedicate the plans for my 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 Beth Davis-Reinhold for being our worship leader today and to the Temple Choir for our morning anthem.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of her parent's, Jack and Muriel, 77th wedding anniversary by Candice Summers.

Junior Church will be held today for children ages Kindergarten through the sixth grade. **We will gather in the Children's Church Room (Room #203).** (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 Tina Mills. **Junior Church is held the second and fourth Sunday of each month.**

Valentine's Bread & Soup Luncheon—The Spiritual Nurture Team invites you to a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall next Sunday, February 15th directly following the late service worship. If you would like to attend, please see the sign up sheet in the west entrance and Fellowship Hall. Sign up to bring a soup, bread, or dessert as well.

Ash Wednesday Service will be held on February 18th at 7PM in the Sanctuary

- Lenten Services will be held on March 4, 11, 18, & 25

Our guest speakers are as follows:

- March 4—Chris Stockslager
- March 11—John Miller
- March 18—Brenda Shane & Becky Jackson
- March 25—Dennis Browne

Cookies are also needed for our Lenten services. Sign-up sheets can be found in the west entrance or fellowship hall closer to March.

Friends in Faith (Widows & Widowers)—Tuesday, March 10th at 12pm we will be having a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share. A sign-up sheet will be in the west entrance and fellowship hall soon. Any questions, please contact Nancy Gingrich, Robin Davies, Suzie Wolfe, Ann Platou, or Mary Means.

 **Volunteers Needed**—The Flower and Altar committee is looking for a volunteer for the month of **January and October**. If you're interested, please contact Cinnamon Shay.

2026 Altar Flowers—If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory, celebration, or honor of a loved one, the Flower and Altar Committee have the following Sunday dates available in 2026: **May 3, August 30, & November 29**. If you are interested, please contact Cinnamon Shay at 301-730-8499 or email cinnamongirl@myactv.net

Our service week at the REACH Cold Weather Shelter is March 8-15, 2026. HCOB needs to cover Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday that week. All meals are covered! Hallelujah! Many in the congregation have already volunteered to cover other roles (Servers, Search, Laundry, Hospitality), but we can always find a place for more volunteers. Starting February 15, and through March 8, we will be collecting donations of items for REACH. Donations will be taken there during our week at the shelter. Please see the list of current REACH needs. Please contact Sandy Clipp at 240-291-8753 if interested in serving at REACH or if you have any questions.

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 Donnie Maas (240-866-1077). We can make arrangements to leave cards in your church mailbox or mail them to you.

Inclement Weather Policy—If inclement weather is forecasted, be sure to:

- * Check your email—we will send out a group email as quickly as possible if the decision to cancel in-person worship is made.
- * Check our Facebook page—Hagerstown Church of the Brethren (facebook.com/hagerstowncob) we will post updates there as well.

If we do hold in-person worship, and if you are uncomfortable driving in bad weather, please join us on YouTube Live. Be safe first and check your email!

We're in the season for high heating costs. We remind everyone to please keep doors closed to the sanctuary, fellowship hall, church entrances, hallways, and church office. All classroom doors (2nd and 3rd floor) should stay open. Thank you for your awareness and cooperation.

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.

Because winter weather is here, we'd like to pass along a gentle reminder to drive slowly in our parking lot, especially when it's snow-covered or icy. Always be on alert for children, pedestrians, dogs, cats, and those less mindful than you are of the pavement surface conditions.

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.

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 8

Junior Church

8:15 am	Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings
8:30 am	Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall
9:30 am	Spiritual Nurture Meeting/Fellowship Hall
9:30 am	Sunday School, individual classrooms
10:15 am	Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings
10:45 am	Worship, Sanctuary & YouTube (www.youtube.com/@hagerstowncob)
12:00 pm	Nominating Committee Meeting/Mullendore Room

Monday, February 9

Church office closed/Pastor Vacation

Tuesday, February 10

Pastor Vacation

Wednesday, February 11

Admin. Assistant/Work from home/Pastor Vacation

12:00 pm	Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions
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Thursday, February 12

Pastor Vacation

5:30 pm	Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm	Brethren Bells/Choir Room
7:30 pm	Temple Choir/Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 13

Pastor Vacation

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

Saturday, February 14

Pastor Vacation/Valentine's Day

Sunday, February 15

Pastor Vacation

8:30 am	Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall
9:30 am	Sunday School, individual classrooms
10:45 am	Worship, Sanctuary & YouTube (www.youtube.com/@hagerstowncob)
12:00 pm	Newsletter Deadline
12:00 pm	Valentine's Bread & Soup Luncheon/Fellowship Hall

Remember our weekday schedule is subject to rapid change.

You may mail your offering to
15 S. Mulberry Street,
Hagerstown MD 21740
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.

2026 Reach's Cold Weather Shelter Needs List

Personal Care

- ◆ Razors
- ◆ Lotion
- ◆ Tampons

Food & Drink

- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Coffee, Regular or Decaf
- ◆ Non-dairy Creamer
- ◆ Paper Plates of any size

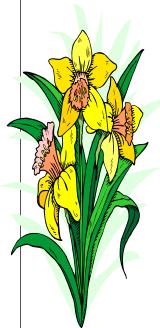
Thank you for your support!

Cleaning Supplies

- ◆ Napkins
- ◆ Paper towels
- ◆ Laundry Pods

Your name: _____

Amount enclosed _____



The Easter season is approaching and it is time to order Easter flowers. Everyone is invited to purchase a flower for Easter morning. Flowers are as priced below and may be purchased as a memorial, tribute, or as a thank you. Return this completed form and your check made out to Hagerstown Church of the Brethren. Form may be either placed in the offering or mailed to: Hagerstown Church of the Brethren, 15 S. Mulberry St., Hagerstown MD 21740.

All orders must be received by or on Sunday, February 22, 2026. Payment must accompany this form. We need to order early so the greenhouse can place the order with its supplier and get our flowers here on time.

Lilies: White only Number of plants \$12.25/each

Mums: Yellow Number of plants \$11.00/each
Purple Number of plants \$11.00/each

Pink Tulips: Number of plants \$11.00/each

“Pansy Gardens” Number of pots @ \$11.75/each
(Mini daffs and pansies in the same planter)

(please print)

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN TRIBUTE TO: _____

THANKS TO: _____



We grieve many things in life, but the loss of a loved one is probably the most devastating. As a result, the grief journey is a painful and lonely one. GriefShare is an international faith-based ministry that provides valuable tools to anyone who has lost a spouse, parent, child, sibling or other family member or friend, even if that loss is not recent. Our HCOB team offers a safe, welcoming space where people understand the heavy emotions of grief and where participants can find support in the company of others also on their grief journeys. If you or someone you know has lost a loved one, please share this information and consider attending. We encourage you to bring a family member or friend so they can better understand your loss and become an even greater support for you.

Our spring session of GriefShare will begin on Monday, Feb. 16, and continue each Monday afternoon through May 11, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Mullendore Room. Cost of the session is free, but we gladly will accept a \$10 donation toward materials. You may join the group at any time during the 13 weeks, but we ask that you commit to attending at least 3 consecutive weeks. GriefShare recommends repeating the 13-week course a second time to absorb even more of the content, so if you have participated in GriefShare before and wish to attend again, we welcome you.

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